

# The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## Parish News

Sunday 17th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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### Office hours

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

**Thursday—Friday 9.30am—12.30pm**

**\*\*Advanced notice\*\* Office Closed W/B 25th May**

**Cut off for pew news items Tuesday 26th 3.00pm**

The Church takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to report it immediately to our Safeguarding Coordinator,

Teresa Atherton

## Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *First Reading Acts 1.6-14*

**<sup>6</sup>When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ <sup>7</sup>He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.**

**<sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken**

up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go **into heaven.**'

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is **near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.** <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

<sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### *Second Reading John 17.1-11*

<sup>1</sup>**Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify** your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

<sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>**I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the** world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your **name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'**

## Prayer for our next Vicar

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your loving presence within our churches and for your constant love for the communities of Cannock, Huntington and Hatherton. We thank you Father for all those people, past and present, who have been **part of the witnessing life of St Luke's, St Thomas' and St Saviour's and have** answered the call to serve you and your church.

Now as we look to the future, we pray for someone to come and serve as the vicar of our parish. Father, scripture reminds us that you have always called people into your service. We pray that you have already chosen the person who will be our new vicar. We pray that at the right time, prompted by your Spirit, that person will respond to the advertisement and be drawn to the parish to share with us, the challenges outlined in our Parish Profile. Father, we put our trust in you to send the right person to be our vicar and to lead us on to where you would have us be. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

## Parish Office

**Please be advised that Leigh will be having a minor operation on her hand on Tuesday 19th May.**

**She is unable to drive for 2 weeks and has been advised recovery is approx. 6 weeks.**

**During this time the office may not be open on Thursdays and Fridays.**

**Donna will produce pew news on Wednesday afternoons and so can all items be in Tuesday pm.**

**Good luck to Leigh for Tuesday.**



Calling all parents!!!! We run a local Brownie group which comprises of three sixes....elves, leprechauns and pixies. We are in urgent need of a leprechaun and a pixie to make our sixes complete. Any parent whose daughters would love to become a leprechaun or a pixie.... please register your interest below!



Do you want to make lots of friends?  
Do you want to try new things inside and outdoors?  
Do you want others to try out your fun ideas?  
Do you want to find out about the world around you?  
Do you want to go on trips, sleepovers and holidays?  
Are you aged between 7-10?

## **Brownies is for you!**

Brownies is for girls aged between 7-10 who want to have fun!

Our meetings are full of challenges and games, both inside and outside.  
The activities are suggested by the brownies themselves.

We go on trips, sleepovers, camps, holidays and do things for the community.  
Brownies can earn really cool and exciting badges.

If you want to try something new and fun then brownies is for you!

We meet Tuesdays @ St Lukes Church,  
Cannock between 6pm and 7.30pm.  
Why not get your parents/ carers to go onto the girlguiding website and register for our unit:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/finding-your-nearest-unit/>

## St Luke's Church

Teresa is looking to set up a Welcome Team to welcome people to the 9.30am Sunday service.

Full training on how to set up Church and the equipment will be provided.

Please come and offer to help us welcome people to our Church. Many thanks, Teresa

The Confirmation service will take place at St. **Luke's on Sunday 24th May at 5.00pm. A couple of** volunteers are required to make tea/coffee after the service in the Church Centre. Please speak to/contact Janice if you can help.

*Please be generous and help those who have less than yourself* **WEEKLY REQUIRED FOOD ITEMS:**

*Tinned Meat meals, Tinned tuna*

*Tinned Fruit, Pasta sauces*

*Squash, UHT Milk*

*Teabags, Treats*



## This weeks diary

Tue 19th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 20th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 22nd	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sat 23rd	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Centre
	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours



**Everyone Welcome**

**An invitation to join us for prayer as we pray together for God's blessing and empowerment for ministry and witness in our communities.**

**Next Morning Prayer will be **Tuesday 26th May** at 9.30am. Please come along and join us**

**Every Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.30am in the Centre unless otherwise announced. Next Prayer Group at 85 Dartmouth Avenue will be on **28th May** Everyone Welcome.**



## **Future Services**

### **St. Luke's**

**Tuesday 26th**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

### **Wednesday 27th May**

10.00am Holy Communion

### **Sunday 31st May**

10.00am Joint Service

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### **St Thomas'**

11.00am No Service

### **St Saviours**

11.00am No Service

*We look forward to welcoming you*



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