# The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

# **Parish News**

Sunday 1st December 2024

Advent Sunday

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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

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

1st December	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Luke 21:25-36
8th December	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
15th December	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
22nd December	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:39-45
29th December	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52

• Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them:

Heath Park Drive, Heathbrook Drive, Heather Drive, Hednesford Road, Hednesford Street, High Bank

#### 1st Reading Jeremiah 33.14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this **is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'** 

#### 2nd Reading Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, <sup>35</sup>and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to **stand before the Son of Man.'**  An invitation to join us for prayer as we pray together for God's blessing and empowerment for ministry and witness in our communities.

Every **Tuesday Morning Prayer** at 9.00 in the Centre unless otherwise announced.

Thursday Prayer Group 3.00pm

Our JustGiving Page can be found on the St Luke's Church website <u>https://www.stlukescannock.org.uk/</u> for people to be able to make a donation towards the Fabric of our church. Or type "St Luke's Church Cannock" into the search box on the JustGiving Website <u>https://www.justgiving.com</u> We really appreciate your donations.

St. Luke's Friendship Group are having their Carol

service followed by an afternoon tea on

Monday 9th December at 2.00pm.

If you would like to come, please put your name on the list at the back of church, for catering purposes.





We are God's Family and like other families it would be good to celebrate birthdays and the milestones of life.

Don't be shy or embarrassed—we won't give your age away! We want to thank God for



you, and ask him to bless you as you. Why not give permission to the Parish Office to put your special days in the Pews News or at least give the Ministry Team the details so that we can pray for you in church?

Many Happy returns to Raymond Myatt who will be 81 on December 2nd.

May God Bless you

From your Church Family.





St Luke's wardens ask, if anyone is able to make a donation to the church fund to provide flowers in Church at Christmas, they would very much appreciate it.







St Thomas' Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December 11.00am until 2.00pm



Visit from Santa Please come and join us Everyone welcome



Chase Choral Society Concert Friday 13th December 7.30pm start £1 at the door Raffle & Refreshments Everyone Welcome



#### St Thomas' Church Christmas Cards

There will be a special board in church from Sunday 24th November. Please write one card instead of cards to all at Church.

Give a donation in lieu of cards to Kathryn House Hospice.

There will be a donations tin in Church

Thank you

This Week'	s Diary		
Tue 3rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	9.00am	Church Boiler Service	St Luke's
Wed 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
	10.00am	Christmas Unwrapped	St Lukes'
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 6th	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 7th	11.00am	Christmas Fayre	St Thomas'
Sun 8th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

### Sunday 15th December 2024

Rev Steve Reynolds will be commissioned as Interim Minister of Cannock & Huntington and also Hatherton.

By The Venerable Dr Susan Weller, Archdeacon of Lichfield Please come and join us at the 9.30am service to welcome **Steve to the Parishes'.** 

#### **Services Week Beginning 8th December**

### Advent 2

## St. Luke's

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Together in Worship

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

St. Thomas'

Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you

Please be generous and help those who have less than yourself

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF: SOUP, BEANS AND PASTA. WEEKLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.

\*\*NB: THE FOOD BANK ARE DESPERATE FOR CARRIER BAGS\*\*

