

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 1st February 2026

Candlemas

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### **Office hours**

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

**Thursday—Friday 9.30am—12.30pm**

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 and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## ***First Reading*** *Malachi 3.1-5*

Thus says the Lord God: <sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? **For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;** <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants

of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

***Second Reading*** Luke 2.22-40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him **to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”**.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that **he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit**, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

**“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,**  
you now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
**and for glory to your people Israel.”**

**The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."**

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

**A message from Deanery Synod inviting people to attend an evening with Greg Bakker continuing to explore Pioneering.**

**Parishes in the Rugeley Deanery. Anyone can attend you don't have to be a member of Deanery Synod or the PCC.**

### **Developing an adaptive church and leadership team**

Drawing on stories from Scripture and our own experience, we will consider ways we can practice an adaptive ethos within our church and leadership teams. We will also explore the mindset needed to hold together established and new expressions of church.

**Date:** Tuesday 10th February

**Time:** 7pm (6.30pm for refreshments) - 9pm

**Venue:** St Peter's Church, Church Hill, Hednesford, WS12 1BD.

**It would be helpful to let Di Holt know if you intend to go.**

## **St Luke's Memorial Chapel**

**A clear out of St Luke's Memorial Chapel will take place shortly, and as such we need your assistance.** If you own or can identify any items that need to be kept please can you label the items (for storage) or take them home with you. Any items still in the Chapel after the 15th February (which have not been claimed or identified as belonging to someone) will be removed and stored/sorted or donated.

Your support with this important tidy up of our Church would be greatly appreciated.

The Fabric Team

## **Do You Turn to Christ?**

The Ministry team will be running a 6 week course during Lent, exploring the questions candidates are asked when they come for baptism or Confirmation. This is an opportunity to find out more about what we as Christians believe and perhaps reaffirm your faith.

The sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm – 4.00pm in St Luke's Church Centre starting on 26th February and running until 26th March with the final one on 16th April.

If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of Church, so we know how many books to order.

Steve, Gill, David and Di

## PRAYER DURING A VACANCY

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for our parishes and the congregations of St. Luke, St. Thomas and St Saviour. Give us discernment to recognise the gifts and ministries you have given to us together with the grace to exercise them in harmony with one another and for the good of all. May we have patience in awaiting the appointment and arrival of a new leader for our parish, and give support to those responsible for choosing that person. Finally, may we trust you, the God of faithfulness and generosity, to guide us through this time of transition and change, so that we are ready to enter a new chapter in the life of our parish for the glory of your Name and the furtherance of your kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 3rd February** 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  
26th February  
Everyone Welcome.**



## **This weeks diary**

Tue 3rd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	11.30am	Funeral	St Luke's
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting	Centre
Wed 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Fri 6th	11.00am	Funeral	St Luke's
Sat 7th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	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'
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Saviours

**Everyone Welcome**

### **ST LUKE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP.**

Day Trip to Trentham Gardens including entry to gardens

Tuesday 28th April

Depart Hednesford (bus stop by Tesco) &

Church Street, Cannock.

Cost £42.50    Deposit £10

Balance no later than 31 March

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by  
mail [margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk) Payment by bank transfer, cash  
or cheque payable to Margaret Walker

Coach seats will be allocated on receipt of deposit.

## **Future Services**

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

**Tuesday 10th February**

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

### **Wednesday 11th February**

10.00am Holy Communion

### **Sunday 15th February**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **St Thomas'**

11.00am Morning Prayer

### **St Saviours**

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 REQUIRED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE  
PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.**

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

