

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter 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

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Post Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

20th April	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18
27th April	Acts 5:27-32	John 20:19-end

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will
bless them: Rowan Road, Rummer Hill Road, Salcombe Close,
Salop Drive, Sandy Lane, Sherbrook Road

Reading 1 - Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak:“I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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 22nd April
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
Road will be on Thursday 8th May at 3pm
Everyone Welcome**

Reading 2 - John 20.1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the **one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'** ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the **cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.** ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³**They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'** ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵**Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'** ¹⁶Jesus said to her, **'Mary!'** She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. ¹⁷**Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."**

¹⁸**Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.**



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.



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. Amen.

Calling all Volunteers

More readers are required to help out with readings at 9.30am services on Sundays, please don't be shy if you are even a little bit interested please speak with Janet Bolton.

Parish Office Holidays



Please be advised the Parish Office will be closed over the next few weeks for holidays

Mon 21st April-Bank Holiday

Tue 22nd April - Office Closed

Wed 23rd April—Office Closed

Thur 24th April—9.30am—12.30pm

Fri 25th April –9.30am –12.30pm

Mon 28th April 9.30am-3.00pm

Tue 29th 9.30am-3.00pm

Wed 30th 9.30am –3.00pm

Thur 1st May—Closed

Fri 2nd May—Closed

Mon 5th May—Bank Holiday

St Thomas' Church Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Easter Flower fund.

A total of £75.10 was raised and will be used to decorate the church this Easter

Thank You Doreen Shaw

This weeks diary

Tue 22nd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 23rd	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 25th	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sun 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	2.30pm	Cannock Scouts	St Luke's

It has been agreed that St. Luke's will take part in the VE Day Celebrations in the town centre on Saturday May 10th, from 12.00 – 5.00pm.

This will be our main fund-raising event this year. We will be opening the café and will have various stalls, to include a bottle tombola, handbags and scarves, jewellery, crafts and jigsaws.

We are therefore asking for donations of bottles of alcohol, sauces, water, and beauty products, plus handbags, scarves, jewellery and jigsaws.

Cakes and scones will be needed on the day.

Please see Jane Coxon or Linda Hopley for further information.

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 29th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 30th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00 am Together in Worship

We look forward to welcoming you

A note from Peter Linford

Mum (Romola) and wife of Rev John Linford, who was Rector here from 1978-1990, has died. She died on Monday 24 March, aged 91.

It may be that there are still members of the church there who remember Mum, so perhaps you would be kind enough to pass this on.

Anyone wishing to attend the funeral in Aylesbury please contact the Parish Office for details.