

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 20th September 2026

16th Sunday after Trinity

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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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Philippians 1.21-30*

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by

your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Second Reading Matthew 20.1-16

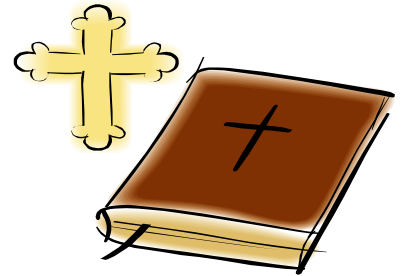
Jesus said to his disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE

Following the success of the Lent Course the Ministry Team intend to run another course during October. We will follow another book in the Pilgrim course based on the Lord's Prayer. It will be a six week course running on **Thursday's, from October 1st to November 5th**, with an afternoon session at **2.30pm** and an evening session at **7.00pm**. You don't have to attend every week but please join us for as many of the sessions as you can.

To sign up, please add your name to the form at the back of Church or in the Parish Office.

Steve, Gill, David and Di.



Car Park Payments

Please be advised that the Parish Office will take payments for the car park passes on

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's.

(Not Thursday or Friday mornings) 9.30am—2.30pm

Fee payable will be the same as last year.



Appointment of Vicar

I am pleased to inform you that the Reverend Graham Bowkett has accepted the position of Vicar of the Parishes of Cannock and Huntington and Hatherton.

It is envisaged that Graham will take up the post in the new year.

Please pray for Graham and his family as they prepare to move to Cannock.



Janice



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

Morning Prayer

Please note Morning Prayer will be on Tuesday 22nd September.

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 24th September .

Everyone Welcome.

St Luke's Church Table Top Fayre

Saturday 3rd October

10.00am – 1.00pm

Raising funds for St Luke's

To include sale of handbags and scarves, crafts, jewellery, gifts and cosmetics also good pre-loved clothing.

The café will be open for refreshments including sausage and bacon sandwiches or baps.

We would be grateful for any donations for the above i.e. jewellery, unwanted gifts etc and good quality clothing to be brought in a week before the event.

See Linda Hopley or Jane Coxon or leave in the Parish Office for collection.



Donation to Bishop Michael's Leaving Gift

As most of you are aware, Bishop Michael will be leaving at the end of September. If you would like to donation towards his leaving gift, please see Janice or John Skurr.

Thank you.

This weeks diary

Tue 22nd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	6.30pm	Wedding rehearsal	St Luke's
	7.00pm	PCC	St Thomas'
Wed 23rd	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 25th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
	12.00pm	Chase Recovery	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 26th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
	2.00pm	Wedding	St Luke's
Sun 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Lukes
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Saviours
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

St Thomas' Church

Saturday 3rd October 10.00—1.00pm

Come in for

Coffee/Tea/Squash Cake and a chat Plus raffle



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 29th September

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 30th

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Together in Worship Harvest

St Saviours

11am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you



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reflections and prayers



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