

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 23rd August 2026

12th Sunday after Trinity

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Office hours

Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

Thursday—Friday 9.30am—12.30pm

**** notice** Parish Office holidays Monday Tuesday and Wednesdays between 10th August and 19th.**

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 everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Romans 12.1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but
be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern
what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For
by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of
yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober
judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Second Reading Matthew 16.13-20

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

A message from the Pastoral Care Group

If you are able to offer a lift to church, even if it is only one Sunday a month, please could let the Pastoral Care Group know your availability.

Many thanks Gill, Di and Sue.

Message from Andy Brittle

Following our recent Quinquennial Inspection, we have been asked to start weekly routine checks with regards to movement, which may be associated with the nearby town centre demolition.

You may notice strategically placed red card which says 'do not move' and cloth around the pulpit area which looks out of place.

At the moment Andy and Donna have placed these 'dust/mortar traps' where we think the issues are, and these will be checked weekly in order for us to monitor and document any possible movement in the Church building. The architect has stated that as the Church's appointed architect, his priority is keeping St Luke's fully open and functional, this monitoring will help him ensure that any early signs of movement will be picked up. To that end we need your assistance. In your visits to Church, we ask that if you see any large particles of plaster and excess dust (particularly near walls and windows), you inform Donna, Andy or Janice/Teresa.

These items should not be touched or moved and remain in situ until we can take photographic evidence and document on our Structural Monitoring sheets. Please ensure that children near the carpeted area do not remove the red card dust traps and the fabric placed around the pulpit area. In addition, should anyone experience difficulties in the opening or closing of doors then please pass on this information as soon as possible again to Donna Andy Janice or Teresa. Please be assured that St Luke's is perfectly safe to visit at present, however, we do need to be mindful that things change quickly. If you do see something or hear vibrations etc then please report immediately to one of the above. Andy Brittle

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



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

St Thomas' Church

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5th September

10.00am - 12.00pm



**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 there will be no Morning Prayer until Tuesday 8th
September.**

Please come along and join us

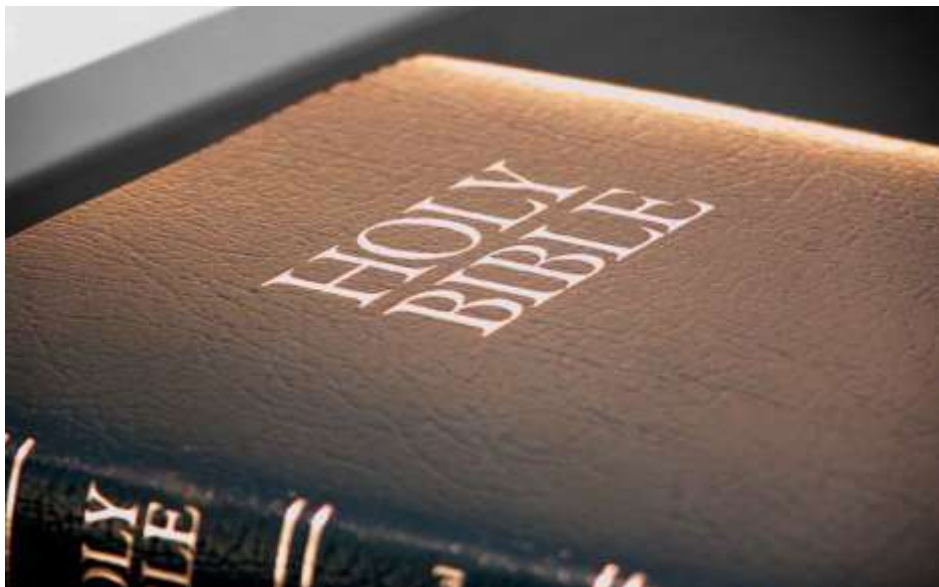
**Every Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.30am in the Centre unless
otherwise announced. Next Prayer Group at
85 Dartmouth Avenue will be on Thursday 27th August at 3pm.
Everyone Welcome.**



This weeks diary

Tue 25th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
Wed 26th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 28th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sat 29th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Lukes
	11am	Joint Service	
		Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Everyone Welcome



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 1st September

~~9.30am Morning Prayer~~

Wednesday 2nd

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 6th September

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Together in Worship

St Saviours

11am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you



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