

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

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Lent 3

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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,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Revision of Electoral Roll

Please be aware that a new electoral roll is being prepared. All members of the current roll must complete a new form if they wish to be included on the new roll. Forms will be available from the Wardens from Saturday 15th February.

Readings

23rd March	Isaiah 55:1-9	Luke 13:1-9
30th March	1 Samuel 1:20-end	Luke 2: 33-35
6th April	Isaiah 43:16-21	John 12:1-8
13th April	Psalms 118:19-end	Luke 19:28-40

Reading 1 Isaiah 55.1-9

The LORD says this: ¹Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reading 2 Luke 13:1-9

¹There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²**He asked them, 'Do you think that** because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish **just as they did.'** ⁶**Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in** his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said **to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on** this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the **soil?"** ⁸**He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and** put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can **cut it down."**

Lent Course 2025 – Cannock and Huntington
I Believe ...

As the bishop reads at every licensing of clergy, 'The Church of England is part of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.'

This year we are taking a look at the Nicene Creed with reflections and readings to study together illustrating the heart of Christian faith, with a time of prayer for the churches through the Vacancy. Course booklet will be provided.

Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th March, and 3rd and 10th April
2:30pm – 4:00pm

in St Luke's Church Centre

ST LUKE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Day Trip to Bakewell on market day followed by 2 course carvery lunch

Monday 7th April Depart Hednesford (bus stop by Tesco) & Church Street, Cannock.

Cost £42.50

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by email

margaretgwalker@hotmail.co.uk

Payment by bank transfer, cash or cheque payable to Margaret Walker

Coach seats will be allocated on receipt of payment.

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them: Peartree Close, Pebble Mill Close, Pebble Mill Drive, Pennine Drive, Pentalver Way, Pillaton Drive.



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

Tony Dean on the 27th March

And to

Sandra Davies on the 28th March

Wishing you a Happy Birthday, from your Church Family.



Easter Flowers at St Thomas' Church

From Sunday 9th March until Easter.

Donations please to help purchase some lilies and white carnations, to decorate the Church for Easter.

A donation tin has been placed in the Church.

Many thanks, Doreen Shaw



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.

Parish Profile

**To the congregations of St Luke's, St Thomas' and
St Saviours.**

We are in the process of creating our Parish profile and we would like to include some of your thoughts about our new vicar, what do you want to see in the new vicar? For example; their priorities?, interests? character?, and what important issues are to be addressed in our parishes?

Please write down any ideas/thoughts you have and hand them into the Parish Office or give them to a Warden.

Thank you in advance—your contributions will be most welcome.

Tue 25th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	12.00pm	Chase Grammar	St Luke's
Wed 26th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Funeral Tisma	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
Thur 27th	2.30pm	Lent Course	Centre
Fri 28th	9.30am	Easter Unwrapped	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sun 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Joint Service	St Saviours

Mothering Sunday

This year's Mothering Sunday service, on 30th March, will be a joint service of Holy Communion with congregations from St Thomas' and St Saviour's and will be held at

St Saviours Church at 11.00am. The service will be conducted by Rev Steve Reynolds.

A service of Holy Communion will also be held at St Luke's at 8.00am on that day. Please join us for this special service.



Wanted

For our 10th May Market

Pre-loved handbags and scarves

Costume jewellery, bottles for tombola i.e. water, sauces, alcohol, and beauty products

For further information please speak to Jane Coxon or Linda Hopley



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 1st

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 2nd

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 6th

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00 am Together in Worship

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

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

