

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

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****Advance notification Office closed**

Thur 27th & Friday 28th November.

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

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

23rd November Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

30th November Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 24:36-44

Reading 1 - Colossians 1.11-20

Brothers and sisters: ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, ¹²while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reading 2— Luke 23.33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, **‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’** And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, **‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’** ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, **‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’** ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, **‘This is the King of the Jews.’** ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, **‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’** ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, **‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’** ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but **this man has done nothing wrong.’** ⁴²Then he said, **‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’** ⁴³Jesus replied, **‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’**

Christingle Services

St Luke's - Christingle Service this year will be held on
Sunday 14th December at 9.30am.

Please come and support our ministry team at this joyous
celebration of the coming of Christ The Light of the World.

St Thomas' - 7th December 11.00am



You are all most welcome to attend.



Christmas Fayre St Thomas' Church

Saturday 29th November

11.00am till 2.00pm

A variety of stalls including chocolate, jams, crafts,
books etc and also raffle, tombola and bottle stall.

Refreshments and visit from Santa.



St Thomas' Carol Service

Sunday 21st December 11.00am





Do you have a nativity scene that could be displayed for the Christmas Tree Festival?

Please see Janice or Janet.

St Thomas' Church

A Christmas Card Board will be in Church from Sunday 16th November. Please write one card and give a donation in lieu of sending everyone a card. The donation tin is in Church. Please help raise much needed funds for Kathryn House Hospice, Stafford.

Thank you Doreen Shaw



Cakes/Mince Pies Wanted

Cakes and mince pies are required for the Christmas Tree Festival. If you could bake or donate to the festival café and musical evening, it would be much appreciated.

Volunteers are required to help out at the Christmas Tree Festival

Please see Janice or Janet.

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.

St. Luke's Church

Cannock

Friday 28th November 7.30pm

An evening of music and readings with St Luke's Choir

Tickets available from the Parish Office, Wardens or on the door.

Light refreshments; mulled wine, orange juice and mince pies

Doors Open 7pm—Tickets £5



This weeks diary

Mon 24th	11.30am	Funeral	St Saviour's
Tue 25th	7.00pm	Standing Committee	Centre
Wed 26th	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St Luke's
Thur 27th	10.00am	Christmas Tree Fes	St Luke's
Fri 28th	10.00am	Christmas Tree Fes	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Music Concert	St Luke's
Sat 29th	10.00am	Christmas Tree Fes	St Luke's
Sun 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	10.00am	Joint Service	St Thomas'

Everyone Welcome

**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 9th December
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
Thursday 20th November at 3pm
Everyone Welcome.**



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 2nd December

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 3rd December

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th December

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Christingle

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****

