

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

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****Advanced notice** Office Closed W/B 25th May**

Cut off for pew news items Tuesday 26th 3.00pm

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

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Acts 2.1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,

because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: **‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:**

¹⁷**“In the last days it will be, God declares,**
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹**Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

Second Reading John 20.19-23

¹⁹It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came **and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'** ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹**Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'** ²²When he had said this, he breathed **on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'** ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Parish Office

Please be advised that Leigh will be having a minor operation on her hand on Tuesday 19th May.

She is unable to drive for 2 weeks and has been advised recovery is approx. 6 weeks.

During this time the office may not be open on Thursdays and Fridays.



Donna will produce pew news on Wednesday afternoons and so can all items be in Tuesday pm.

Message from Margaret Walker

Toni's funeral will take place at St Luke's Church on Thursday 4th June at 11.15am followed by a cremation service at 12.30pm and then refreshments at the Barns afterwards. No flowers by request of the family, instead donations to Katharine House Hospice.

Thanks Margaret

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 Thomas' Church

Our next Coffee Morning is on
Saturday 6th June, 10.00 till 12.00
everyone welcome.



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

Please be generous and help those who have less than yourself **WEEKLY REQUIRED FOOD ITEMS:**

Tinned Meat meals, Tinned tuna

Tinned Fruit, Pasta sauces

Squash, UHT Milk Teabags , Treats



On May 6th 1976 David Gethin was licensed as a Lay Reader by Bishop Kenneth Skelton in Lichfield Cathedral, so this year sees the 50th anniversary of that licensing. To celebrate this occasion David is leading Choral Evensong in

St. Luke's on Sunday May 31st at 6.30pm.

He invites you all to join him for an evening of worship with a sprinkling of nostalgia.



This weeks diary

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| Mon 25th | | Bank Holiday Office Closed | |
| Tue 26th | 9.30am | Morning Prayer | Church |
| | | Office Closed for Holidays | |
| Wed 27th | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Centre |
| | 1.30pm | Place of Welcome | St Thomas' |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Practice | St Luke's |
| Thur 28th | 11.00am | Interment of Ashes | St Saviours |
| | 3.00pm | Prayer Meeting | Dartmouth |
| Fri 29th | 10.30am | Church Opening | St Luke's |
| Sat 30th | 10.30am | Church Opening | St Luke's |
| Sun 31st | 10.00am | Joint Communion | St Luke's |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong | St Luke's |



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 26th May (in Church) 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 **28th May**

Everyone Welcome.



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 2nd

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 3rd

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th June

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Together in Worship

St Saviours

11.00am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you



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reflections and prayers

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