

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

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Conversion of St Paul

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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,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
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,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Acts 9.1-22

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and **heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'**

⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what **you are to do.** ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, '**Ananias.**' He answered, '**Here I am, Lord.**' ¹¹The Lord said to him, '**Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,** ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, '**Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;** ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, '**Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;** ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, '**Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here,** has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, '**He is the Son of God.**' ²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, '**Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?**' ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Second Reading Matthew 19.27-30

²⁷Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' ²⁸Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

We are God's Family and like other families it would be good to celebrate birthdays and the milestones of life.

Please let the Parish office know if you are celebrating.



St Luke's Memorial Chapel

A clear out of St Luke's Memorial Chapel will take place
shortly, and as such we need your assistance.

If you own or can identify any items that need to be kept
please can you label the items (for storage)

or take them home with you.

Any items still in the Chapel after the 15th February
(which have not been claimed or identified as belonging
to someone) will be removed and
stored/sorted or donated.

Your support with this important tidy up of our Church
would be greatly appreciated.

The Fabric Team



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.

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 27th January 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
26th February
Everyone Welcome.**



This weeks diary

Tue 27th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting	Centre
Wed 28th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sun 1st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Together in Worship	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome

St Thomas' Church

We collect used postage stamps to raise money for Kathryn House Hospice, Stafford. The stamps are taken to the charity shop in Hednesford.

Thank you!

Sandra Davis



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 3rd February

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 4th February

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30 Together in Worship

St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion

St Saviours

11.00am Morning Prayer

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****

