

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 26th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

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Advance notice Darren holidays - w/b 27th April

Leigh 30th April & 1st May

****Cut off for Pew News 12pm Wednesdays** for next 2 weeks**

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 Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Acts 2.42-47

Many were baptized and were added to the community.⁴² They devoted **themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.**

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading John 10.1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹**‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’** ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷**So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’**

**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 28th April
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.**



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

Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

This will be held in the **Church Centre on Tuesday 12th May 2026**. We are required to display the Electoral Roll for each church, on the appropriate noticeboard, from Sunday 12th April to Sunday 26th April. Please will you take the time to check the list. If your name doesn't appear but you wish to be placed on the Roll, or if you wish your name to be removed, please see Janice Middleton (St. Luke's) or the Electoral Roll Officer at St. Thomas'.

Calling all parents!!!! We run a local Brownie group which comprises of three sixes....elves, leprechauns and pixies. We are in urgent need of a leprechaun and a pixie to make our sixes complete. Any parent whose daughters would love to become a leprechaun or a pixie.... please register your interest below!



Do you want to make lots of friends?
Do you want to try new things inside and outdoors?
Do you want others to try out your fun ideas?
Do you want to find out about the world around you?
Do you want to go on trips, sleepovers and holidays?
Are you aged between 7-10?

Brownies is for you!

Brownies is for girls aged between 7-10 who want to have fun!

Our meetings are full of challenges and games, both inside and outside. The activities are suggested by the brownies themselves.

We go on trips, sleepovers, camps, holidays and do things for the community.

Brownies can earn really cool and exciting badges.

If you want to try something new and fun then brownies is for you!

We meet Tuesdays @ St Lukes Church, Cannock between 6pm and 7.30pm.

Why not get your parents/ carers to go onto the girlguiding website and register for our unit:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/finding-your-nearest-unit/>

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!

As some of you may know, Janet and I are standing down as Wardens at the APCM in May – Janice after 15 years as Deputy and Warden and Janet after 6 years as Warden. Therefore, there will be two vacancies for the post of Warden.

If you feel called to undertake this important post for St. Luke's Church, please speak to me or Janet. If you feel that you would be prepared to become part of a larger team to share the responsibilities of Warden, we would also love to hear from you. Many thanks, Janice Middleton.

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

Church Opening 2026

The Church will be open for visitors and private prayer from the beginning of May until the end of October. In order that we can keep it open every Friday and Saturday morning we need 2 volunteers to be in church to welcome visitors. Could you help out with this important work? Please get in touch with Gill Winter or give your name to the Parish Office if you are able to join the group of church openers this year.

Thank you Gill

This weeks diary

Darren & Leigh Off this week

Tue 28th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 29th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Sun 3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Together in Worship	St Thomas
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome



St Thomas' Cheese and Wine Evening

Saturday 9th May 7.00pm

Cheese and wine evening with a quiz. Tickets £10 available

from St Luke's Parish Office and St Thomas' Church



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 5th

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 6th May

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th May

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Together in Worship

St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion

St Saviours

11.00am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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