

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

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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 and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦

'His mercy endures for ever.'

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 **This is the Lord's doing,** ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦
you are my God and I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

A message from Teresa Atherton

Teresa will be emptying the Children's Society boxes very soon.
Please arrange to drop into the Parish Office or to Teresa in
Church. Thanks

Second Reading Matthew 21:1-11

1When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'** 4This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 5**'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,**

humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

10When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, **'Who is this?'** 11**The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'**

**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 31st March
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 April due to Lent Course in the
Church Centre**

Everyone Welcome.

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.

A Walk Down The Aisle Through Time

Thank you to everyone who has already offered to loan photographs. The plan is to scan them and put them on a loop on the screens during the event. To this end, please send in via email any photos you can supply for the event. Anyone unable to send via email can bring them into the office. Please ensure they are labelled with your name so they can be returned to you. As we wish to show the changes in wedding attire over time, any photos are greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, please place your donation and name of your loved one(s) in an envelope and pass it to one of the Wardens, or hand it in to the Parish Office.

The name of your loved one(s) will be displayed on the noticeboard at Easter. Many thanks, Janice



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 Thomas' coffee Morning

Saturday 11th April 10.00am

(later date due to Easter)

Everyone Welcome!



Allan Jones—St Luke's Warden

Allan's funeral will take place at St Luke's on Tuesday 14th April 11.30am at St Luke's, followed by a private family cremation.

Everyone welcome to St Luke's to remember Allan



St Thomas' Church - Easter Lilies

There will be a collection tin at the back of Church if you would like to donate towards the flowers for Easter. With thanks, Doreen Shaw.



This weeks diary

Tue 31st	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 1st	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 2nd	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Luke's
Fri 3rd	2.00pm	Hour round the Cross	St Luke's
Sun 5th	8.00am	Easter Day Service	St Luke's
	9.30am	Easter Day Service	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome

ST LUKE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Day Trip to Trentham Gardens including entry to gardens

Tuesday 28th April - Depart Hednesford (bus stop by Tesco) and Church Street, Cannock.

Cost: £42.50 (with admission to gardens)

£32.50 (without admission) **Deposit:** £10 Balance no later than 31st March.

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by email

margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk - Payment by bank transfer, cash or cheque payable to Margaret Walker. Seats will be allocated on receipt of deposit.



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 7th

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8th April

~~10.00am Holy Communion~~

Cancelled

Sunday 12th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Morning Prayer

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

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