

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 30th March 2025

Mothing Sunday

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Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

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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

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

30th March	1 Samuel 1:20-end	Luke 2: 33-35
6th April	Isaiah 43:16-21	John 12:1-8
13th April	Psalms 118:19-end	Luke 19:28-40
17th April	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17 31b-35

Reading 1 Samuel 1:20-end

²⁰Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she **said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'**

²¹The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not **go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'** ²³Her husband Elkanah said to her, **'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.'** So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him.

²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young.

²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.

²⁶**And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.'** She left him there for the LORD.

Reading 2 Luke 2.33-35

³³**The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'**

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them: Poplar Lane, Portland Place, Price Street, Progress Drive, Pye Green Road, Queen Street

Lent Course 2025 – Cannock and Huntington
I Believe ...

As the bishop reads at every licensing of clergy, 'The Church of England is part of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.'

This year we are taking a look at the Nicene Creed with reflections and readings to study together illustrating the heart of Christian faith, with a time of prayer for the churches through the Vacancy. Course booklet will be provided.

Thursdays 27th March, and 3rd and 10th April 2:30pm – 4:00pm
in St Luke's Church Centre

Volunteers wanted

To join the rota for Church Opening .

This year the Church will be open on
Friday and Saturday mornings from June to October.

If you could join the team to
welcome visitors to our church please contact
Gill Winter or David Gethin.





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

Don't be shy or embarrassed—we won't give your age away! We want to thank God for you, and ask him to bless you as you. Why not give permission to the Parish Office to put your special days in the Pews News or at least give the Ministry

Team the details so that we can pray for you in church?

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 1st 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 Road will be on Thursday 10th April at 3pm

Everyone Welcome

Easter Flowers at St Thomas' Church

From Sunday 9th March until Easter.

Donations please to help purchase some lilies and white carnations, to decorate the Church for Easter.

A donation tin has been placed in the Church.

Many thanks, Doreen Shaw



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. Amen.

Easter Lilies

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 then be displayed on the noticeboard at Easter.



This weeks diary

Tue 1st	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	10.00am	Chase Grammar	St Luke's
	7.00pm	LMT	TBC
Wed 2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Pastoral Care Mtg	Centre
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 3rd	2.30pm	Lent Course	Centre
Fri 4th	9.00am	Easter Cracked	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 5th	3.30pm	Wedding	St Thomas'
Sun 6th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Together in Worship	St Thomas'

Everyone Welcome

It has been agreed that St. Luke's will take part in the VE Day Celebrations
in the town centre on Saturday May 10th, from 12.00 – 5.00pm.

This will be our main fund-raising event this year. We will be opening the café and will have various stalls, to include a bottle tombola, handbags and scarves, jewellery, crafts and jigsaws.

We are therefore asking for donations of bottles of alcohol, sauces, water, and beauty products, plus handbags, scarves, jewellery and jigsaws.

Cakes and scones will be needed on the day.

Please see Jane Coxon or Linda Hopley for further information.

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 8th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 9th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Together in Worship

St Thomas'

11.00 am 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 NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE
PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.**

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

