

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 6th April 2025

Lent 5

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### **Office hours**

**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

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## Readings

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
20th April	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18
27th April	Acts 5:27-32	John 20:19-end

## Reading 1 Isaiah 43: 16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

## Reading 2 John 12: 1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary **took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet,** and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>**'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?'** <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>**Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'**

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them: Railway Street, Railway Walk, Raven Close, Redwing Drive, Redwood Drive, Remmington Drive

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 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.

**Bishop Michael's Lenten Pilgrimage - 3rd - 12th April 2025**

Everybody is invited to join Bishop Michael for a short

**Service of Prayer at St Luke's church next**

Saturday 12th April at 9.00am  
This is the last leg of his pilgrimage around the  
Diocese.



**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.

Many Happy Returns to Linda Pick on the 9th April

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday!



**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 8th 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**

Mon 7th	1.15pm	Sherbrook Visit	St Luke's
Tue 8th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	1.15pm	Sherbrook Visit	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Standing Cttee	St Thomas'
Wed 9th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 10th	10.00am	St Luke's School	St Luke's
	2.30pm	Lent Course	Centre
Fri 11th	10.00am	St Luke's School	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 12th	9.00am	Bishop Michael	St Luke's
	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Centre
	10.00am	Coffee Morning	St Thomas'
Sun 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

**It has been agreed that St. Luke's will take part in the VE Day Celebrations**  
in the town centre on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 15th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 16th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th

9.30am Holy Communion –Easter Day

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\*\***

