

# The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## Parish News

Sunday 7th June

1st Sunday after Trinity

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### Office hours

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

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**\*\* notice\*\* Leigh's recovery is taking a while and so the office may be closed on Thursdays and Fridays for a few more 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

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ***First Reading*** *Romans 4.13-25*

<sup>13</sup>The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>**as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'**). **Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.** <sup>18</sup>**Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'** <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or **when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.** <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>**Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'** <sup>23</sup>**Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone,** <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Our JustGiving Page can be found on the St Luke's Church website <https://www.stlukescannock.org.uk/> for people to be able to make a donation towards the Fabric of our church. Or type "St Luke's Church Cannock" into the search box on the JustGiving Website**  
**We really appreciate your donations.**

**Second Reading** *Matthew 9.9-13,18-26*

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the **tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.'** **And he got up and followed him.**

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees **saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'** <sup>12</sup>**But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."** **For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'**

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, **'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.'** <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>**for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.'** <sup>22</sup>**Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.'** And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>**When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.'** **And they laughed at him.** <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

## 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

## **St Thomas' Afternoon Tea**

Saturday 4th July 2026

2.00pm—4.00pm

Tickets £15 (ticket only event)

40 Tickets only will be available from 8th June see

Margaret or Tricia or The Parish Office.



## 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

*Please be generous and help those who have less than yourself* **WEEKLY REQUIRED FOOD ITEMS:**

*Tinned Meat meals, Tinned tuna*

*Tinned Fruit, Pasta sauces*

*Squash, UHT Milk Teabags, Treats*



## *Songs of Praise*

*For our Together in Worship Service at St Luke's on*

*12 July this will be a Songs of Praise Service. We would like the congregation to choose the songs that they like and let us know why the song they have chosen is special for them. There will be a form at the back of church for you to complete and hand to members of the Welcome / Leadership team or hand into the Parish office by no later than Sunday 28 June so that we can get song words printed. Do come along on 12th July and be prepared to sing! David and Di*

## This weeks diary

Tue 9th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	7.00pm	Standing Cttee	St Thomas'
Wed 10th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 12th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sat 13th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Saviours



**Everyone Welcome**

**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 9th June**  
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 advised  
Everyone Welcome.**



## **Future Services**

### **St. Luke's**

**Tuesday 16th**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday 17th**

10.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 21st**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Thomas'**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**St Saviours**

11.00am Holy Communion

*We look forward to welcoming you*



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