

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 8th December 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

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### **Office hours**

**Mon—Wed 9.30—3pm**

**Thur—Fri 9.30—12.30pm**

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,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

## Post Communion

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
    in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings

8th December	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
15th December	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
22nd December	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:39-45
29th December	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52

- Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them:

High Green, Highland Road, Holder Drive, Hollies Avenue,  
Holly Lane, Hunter Road

### ***1st Reading Philipians 1.3-11***

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and **confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can** testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

### ***2nd Reading Luke 3.1-6***

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, **'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."** <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see **the salvation of God."**

**An invitation to join us for prayer as we pray together for  
God's blessing and empowerment for ministry and witness in  
our communities.**

Every **Tuesday Morning Prayer** at 9.00 in the Centre unless  
otherwise announced.

**Thursday Prayer Group 3.00pm**

**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  
<https://www.justgiving.com>**

**We really appreciate your donations.**

St. Luke's Friendship Group are having their Carol  
service followed by an afternoon tea on  
Monday 9th December at 2.00pm.

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Chadsmoor Ecumenical Bible Study Advent 2024

Tuesdays 7.15pm—9.00pm

**St Aidan's Church Hall**

See noticeboard for details.

Everyone welcome.

**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?

St Luke's wardens ask, if anyone is able to make a donation to the church fund to provide flowers in Church at Christmas, they would very much appreciate it.





Chase Choral Society Concert

Friday 13th December

7.30pm start £1 at the door

Raffle & Refreshments

Everyone Welcome



### **St Thomas' Church Christmas Cards**

There will be a special board in church from Sunday 24th November. Please write one card instead of cards to all at Church.

Give a donation in lieu of cards to Kathryn House Hospice.



## **This Week's Diary**

Mon 9th	2.00pm	Friendship Group	St Luke's
		Carol Service	
Tue 10th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	10.00am	Chase Grammar Rehearsal	St Luke's
Wed 11th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	2.00pm	Chase Grammar	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 13th	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Chase Choral	St Thomas'
Sun 15th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Carol Service	St Thomas'
	6.00pm	St Giles LUAL	St Luke's

**Everyone welcome**



# Services Week Beginning 15th December

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

### St. Luke's

Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm St Giles LUAL

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

### St. Thomas'

Sunday 11.00am Carol Service

*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\*\***

