

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 8th February 2026

2nd Sunday before Lent

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### **Office hours**

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

**Thursday—Friday 9.30am—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,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

## Post Communion

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
**be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross**  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ***First Reading*** *Romans 8.18-25*

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, <sup>21</sup>in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we

ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

***Second Reading*** *Matthew 6.25-34*

**Jesus said:** “I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

**“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow.** They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? **So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things,** and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will **worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”**

A message from Deanery Synod inviting people to attend an evening with Greg Bakker continuing to explore Pioneering.

Parishes in the Rugeley Deanery. Anyone can attend you don't have to be a member of Deanery Synod or the PCC.

### **Developing an adaptive church and leadership team**

Drawing on stories from Scripture and our own experience, we will consider ways we can practice an adaptive ethos within our church and leadership teams. We will also explore the mindset needed to hold together established and new expressions of church.

**Date:** Tuesday 10th February

**Time:** 7pm (6.30pm for refreshments) - 9pm

**Venue:** St Peter's Church, Church Hill, Hednesford, WS12 1BD.

It would be helpful to let Di Holt know if you intend to go.

### **Do You Turn to Christ?**

The Ministry team will be running a 6 week course during Lent, exploring the questions candidates are asked when they come for baptism or Confirmation. This is an opportunity to find out more about what we as Christians believe and perhaps reaffirm your faith.

The sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm – 4.00pm in St Luke's Church Centre starting on 26th February and running until 26th March with the final one on 16th April.

If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of Church, so we know how many books to order.

Steve, Gill, David and Di

## **St Luke's Memorial Chapel**

**A clear out of St Luke's Memorial Chapel will take place shortly, and as such we need your assistance.** If you own or can identify any items that need to be kept please can you label the items (for storage) or take them home with you. Any items still in the Chapel after the 15th February (which have not been claimed or identified as belonging to someone) will be removed and stored/sorted or donated.

Your support with this important tidy up of our Church would be greatly appreciated.

The Fabric Team



## **A message from the Pastoral Care Group**

If you are able to offer a lift to church, even if it is only one Sunday a month, please could let the Pastoral Care Group know your availability.

Many thanks Gill, Di and Sue.

## 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.

**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 10th February** 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 on 26th February Everyone Welcome.**



## **This weeks diary**

Tue 10th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 11th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sun 15th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	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) &

Church Street, Cannock.

Cost £42.50    Deposit £10

Balance no later than 31 March

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by  
mail [margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk) Payment by bank transfer, cash  
or cheque payable to Margaret Walker

Coach seats will be allocated on receipt of deposit.

## **Future Services**

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

**Tuesday 17th February**

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

### **Ash Wednesday - 18th February**

10.00am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion

### **Sunday 22nd February**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

### **St Thomas'**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **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\*\***

