

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

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10th Sunday after Trinity

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**** notice** Parish Office holidays Monday Tuesday and Wednesdays between 10th August and 19th.**

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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Romans 10.5-15*

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is

no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Second Reading Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, ²²Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Message from Andy Brittle

Following our recent Quinquennial Inspection, we have been asked to start weekly routine checks with regards to movement, which may be associated with the nearby town centre demolition.

You may notice strategically placed red card which says 'do not move' and cloth around the pulpit area which looks out of place.

At the moment Andy and Donna have placed these 'dust/mortar traps' where we think the issues are, and these will be checked weekly in order for us to monitor and document any possible movement in the Church building. The architect has stated that as the Church's appointed architect, his priority is keeping St Luke's fully open and functional, this monitoring will help him ensure that any early signs of movement will be picked up. To that end we need your assistance. In your visits to Church, we ask that if you see any large particles of plaster and excess dust (particularly near walls and windows), you inform Donna, Andy or Janice/Teresa.

These items should not be touched or moved and remain in situ until we can take photographic evidence and document on our Structural Monitoring sheets. Please ensure that children near the carpeted area do not remove the red card dust traps and the fabric placed around the pulpit area. In addition, should anyone experience difficulties in the opening or closing of doors then please pass on this information as soon as possible again to Donna Andy Janice or Teresa. Please be assured that St Luke's is perfectly safe to visit at present, however, we do need to be mindful that things change quickly. If you do see something or hear vibrations etc then please report immediately to one of the above. Andy Brittle

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

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.

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

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

Morning Prayer

Please note there will be no Morning Prayer until Tuesday 8th September.

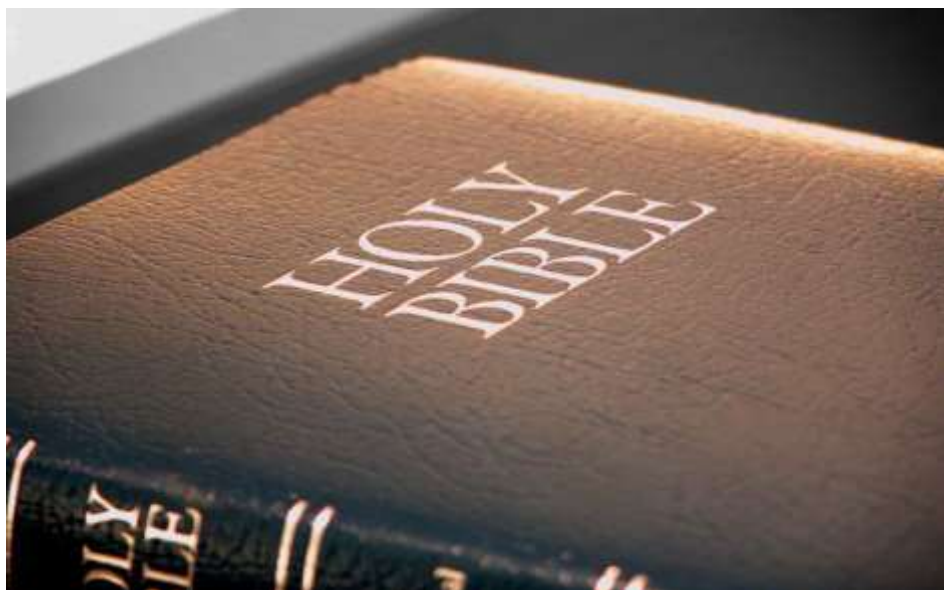
**Please come along and join us
Every Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.30am in the Centre unless
otherwise announced. Next Prayer Group at
85 Dartmouth Avenue will be announced shortly
Everyone Welcome.**



This weeks diary

Tue 11th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00am	Funeral	St Luke's
Wed 12th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 14th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke'
Sat15th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun16th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Lukes
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours
	2.00pm	Civic Service	St Luke's

Everyone Welcome



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 18th

~~9.30am Morning Prayer~~

Wednesday 19th

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd

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



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