

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 12th April

Second Sunday of Easter

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### **Office hours**

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

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**Advance notice Darren holidays - w/b 27th April**

**Leigh 30th April & 1st May**

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 Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## *First Reading Acts 2.14a,22-32*

On the day of Pentecost, <sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: <sup>22</sup>**You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say:** Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because

it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, **“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.**

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; **you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, **“He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’****

### *Second Reading John 20.19-31*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them **and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.** The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, **“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”** Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. **So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. **Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”**

**Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**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 14th 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 Avenue will be confirmed shortly. Everyone Welcome.**

### 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.

## A Walk Down the Aisle Through Time

As part of this event there will be a café in church on Thursday and Friday 23rd and 24th April.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes and scones to sell at the café. Please speak to Janice or Janet if you need more information.

The Centre Café will be held in the Church Centre on Saturday 25th April from 10am to 4pm

Thank you.



## Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

This will be held in the **Church Centre on Tuesday 12th May 2026**. We are required to display the Electoral Roll for each church, on the appropriate noticeboard, from Sunday 12th April to Sunday 26th April. Please will you take the time to check the list. If your name doesn't appear but you wish to be placed on the Roll, or if you wish your name to be removed, please see Janice Middleton (St. Luke's) or the Electoral Roll Officer at St. Thomas'.



## St Thomas' Cheese and Wine Evening

Saturday 9th May 7.00pm

Cheese and wine evening with a quiz

Tickets £10 available from St Luke's Parish Office and

St Thomas' Church



## **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!**

As some of you may know, Janet and I are standing down as Wardens at the APCM in May – Janice after 15 years as Deputy and Warden and Janet after 6 years as Warden. Therefore, there will be two vacancies for the post of Warden.

If you feel called to undertake this important post for St. Luke's Church, please speak to me or Janet. If you feel that you would be prepared to become part of a larger team to share the responsibilities of Warden, we would also love to hear from you. Many thanks, Janice Middleton.

### **Allan Jones - St Luke's Warden**

Allan's funeral will take place at St Luke's on Tuesday 14th April 11.30am at St Luke's, followed by a private family cremation.

Everyone welcome to St Luke's to remember Allan



### **St Thomas' Church**

Thank you for all the donations received to purchase Easter Flowers for the church. Amount raised was £71.35

Many thanks, Doreen Shaw



## This weeks diary

Tue 14th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	11.30am	Allan Jones Funeral	St Luke's
Wed 15th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	12.15pm	E Thomas Funeral	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 16th	7.00am	Car Park Marking	Centre
Fri 17th	2.15pm	I Hibbert Funeral	St Luke's
Sun 19th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	2.00pm	Scout Service	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

**Everyone Welcome**



*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\*\***



## **Future Services**

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

**Tuesday 21st**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday 22nd April**

10.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 26th**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Joint Service

**St Thomas'**

11.00am No service

**St Saviours**

11.00am No service

*We look forward to welcoming you*



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reflections and prayers



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