

Parish News

Sunday 18th July 2021

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Vicky will endeavour to be in her study every evening except Fridays and Sundays between 6pm and 7pm so that you can be sure of speaking to her. You are welcome to ring at other times but you may have to leave a message!

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.

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

First Reading *Ephesians 2.11-22*

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’ – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is

joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Second Reading *Mark 6.30-34,53-56*

The apostles returned from their mission. ³⁰They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹**He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.'** For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Just like other families, it is wonderful when the church family can celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. We want to thank God for you, and ask him to bless you as you celebrate the milestones of life. Why not give permission to the Parish Office to publicize your special days? Just send a note or an email.



To Linda Laing and Jack Middlehurst who celebrated their Birthday yesterday, we hope you had a great day and to Barbara Battersby who celebrates on 23rd July.

Best wishes from your Church Family.

St Luke's Friendship Group Day Trip

Monday 20th September to Bakewell Market

Including 2 course carvery lunch

Coach will leave from Church Street, Cannock at 8am
returning about 6pm

Cost Members £27.50 Non Members £32.50

£5 deposit per person to book Linda 01543 503369 or

Margaret 01543 505860

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- SOUP
- BEANS
- PASTA



WEEKLY NEEDED FOOD

ITEMS:

- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED FRUIT
 - JAM
 - SQUASH
- UHT MILK CARRIER BAGS

Covid Precautions:

Please note that in order to be cautious and care for one another we would like everyone to continue wearing masks and social distancing. We are still waiting for guidance from the Church of England.

The rise in infections is a real cause for concern. For the clinically vulnerable, even if they are vaccinated, it is important that we continue to be ultra careful.

Confirmation

St. Luke's will be hosting the Deanery Confirmation

on 17th October 2021 at 3.30pm.

Have you ever looked at the Christian faith through adult eyes? So many of us were confirmed as **youngsters but as adults we don't give our faith any** further thought. If you have not been confirmed or would welcome the opportunity to look again at your faith please contact Revd. Vicky to discuss this. If you know of a young person who would like to be confirmed there will be classes starting on Tuesday 27th July at 10am in the Parish Centre.

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Everyone is important and everyone has a part to play

Let's give thanks for our Wardens who give of their time freely to serve as trustees of our Parish. Our four wardens do so much to make sure the churches are open and safe, clean and tidy. We pray for them,

Heavenly Father thank you for Janice, Janet, Margaret and Tricia. We pray that you will bless them as they serve you in this role. Guide and protect them and fill their homes with your peace. Amen.

Dear Friends,

In our garden we have a variety of plants which ensure that we have a continuous show of flowers from early spring to late summer. The roses have been good this year but they are now on the wane and the next in line are our hemerocallis plants. The variety we have got produce lovely pale yellow flowers five inches across and at the last count there were over a hundred buds waiting to burst into flower. Each flower however only lasts for one day before it withers and dies. This gives rise to the more popular **name for hemerocallis, which is the “day lily”**. **But for that one day they are truly gorgeous so we try to enjoy each and every one as they bloom and appreciate the beauty that they bring to the garden and to our lives.**

This got me thinking that perhaps the “day lily” approach could be transferred to our everyday lives. Like a day lily each day is a precious gift, a unique one off event which will never be repeated. It’s so easy to look at the negative aspects of life, especially in the challenges that covid19 has brought to our lives. The “day lily” approach encourages us each day to look out for and appreciate the beautiful things that are often part of our daily experience. Not just the beauty of nature but also the things for which we need to be thankful and which bring us joy and lift our spirits.

During the pandemic people have discovered that some things that are really important in their lives, family, friends, the natural world, all of which **are so easy to take for granted. The “day lily” attitude says let us constantly try to be aware of things we encounter each day which bring us joy, happiness, peace, a sense of loving and being loved, things which touch our hearts and our souls. Let us all be “day lily advocates”, searching out beauty and joy wherever we can find it.**

Jesus said,

“ I came that you might have life, life in all its fullness.” John 10:10

David Gethin

PLEASE NOTE

remember HANDS, FACE AND SPACE

If you take risks you are not caring for others!

St Luke's

Wednesday 21st 10.00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th 8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Morning Prayer

St Thomas'

25th July No Service

Morning Services and Wednesday Morning Prayer will continue to be on our website, Facebook page and on our



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



CONNECTIONS