

Friday 1st

Father you have called your Church to share in your mission to the world, and you have invited us who belong to the churches of St. Luke and St. Thomas, to go out in your service proclaiming the gospel. Bless all that we do in mission and outreach, keep us faithful in worship and prayer and give to us such belief in the gospel and such faithfulness in service, that we may reflect into our town something of Your grace and your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Saturday 2nd

Pray today for all the ministers, ordained and lay, who have worked together to ensure that Sunday worship has continued to be available to our congregations. Give thanks that their devotion has enabled Baptism, Wedding and Funeral services to take place as normal.

Sunday 3rd

Father in heaven, our loving Father, you invite us to come to you in the name of Jesus our saviour. We cannot see you but we feel your presence. We know how near you are because your love is in our hearts and our minds are lifted up above the ordinary and the material to know things heavenly and eternal. Give us we pray your strength and guidance. Give us faith to believe that you are always near at hand to help us. Grant us the joy of sharing our hopes and fears with you so that we may find a way to do your will. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Monday 4th St. Francis of Assisi 1182-1226AD

We give you thanks because, as you created us through your Son, so by the holy love with which you loved us you willed your Son to be born true God and true man of the glorious and holy Virgin Mary, and through his cross and blood and death it was your will to set us free from our captivity. Amen
Prayer by St. Francis.

Tuesday 5th UNESCO World Teachers Day

Pray for the work of UNESCO which has made the supply of well-trained, supported and qualified teachers one of its top priorities. Teachers are seen as one of the most influential and powerful forces for equity, access and quality in education, and as the key to sustainable worldwide global development.

Wednesday 6th

Pray for all the doctors' surgeries in Cannock, giving thanks that they are freely available whenever we have health problems. Pray for the chemists who are responsible for dispensing the medicines we often need to tackle our health problems. Give thanks for scientists constantly working to develop new medicines and treatments.

Thursday 7th

Every day, seven young people aged 13-24 hear the words "you have cancer". They will each need specialised nursing care and support to get them through it. Pray for the Teenage Cancer Trust the only UK charity dedicated to meeting this vital need, providing world-class cancer services for young people in the UK and life-changing care and support so young people don't have to face cancer alone. Pray for all those raising money to support the Trust. Pray for young people with cancer.

Friday 8th

Pray for Save the Children movement operated in 118 countries around the world, providing unique care and attention to each child encountered based on their specific needs. Give thanks for its work in creating safe spaces for children as a result of warfare and its efforts to reunite children with families from whom they have been separated.

Saturday 9th World Mental Health Day

Pray for the World Federation for Mental Health and its aim to advance, among all people and nations, the prevention of mental and emotional disorders, and the proper treatment and care of those with such disorders. Mental health is a vital national issue at the best of times, but the need for meaningful support in the community has become even more relevant because of the challenges of the pandemic. Pray for anyone suffering from mental health issues.

Sunday 10th Harvest Sunday

Creator God, provider of all we bring our thanks today. And we bless each other that the beauty of this world and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others, now and always. We pray for those whose harvest is poor, whose crops have withered, whose water is tainted, and whose children starve. We pray your blessing and help to those who bring relief to the poor and starving of your world. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

Monday 11th Prisons week prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Support with your love, prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another. To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

Tuesday 12th Elizabeth Fry 1780-1845 Prison reformer

Give thanks for the life of Elizabeth Fry who, concerned at the plight of women in Newgate Prison, began working to reform prisons. This led to a reform of the entire Prison System across the civilized world. She later took steps to help in the rehabilitation of discharged prisoners. Pray for the Elizabeth Fry Society supporting young women involved in the justice system.

Wednesday 13th Praying with prisoners

Spirit of grace and truth, we ask for your constant presence through the days, weeks, months and years of imprisonment. For your steady refusal to be shut out by cell walls, steel doors or reluctant and stubborn hearts. Break through the fear and isolation, shatter all pretence and deceit, guide our thoughts and actions, setting before us the example of Jesus the prisoner. Bring us face to face with the unlimited and sacrificial love of God for all his children, so that we can know we are not alone.

Thursday 14th Praying for those who administer justice

God of all wisdom and grace, give to those who administer justice, wisdom and grace to meet the needs of all those who come before them. May they recognise their dependence on you, and their need of you in all their work. Amen

Friday 15th

12th Praying for those working in prisons

Spirit of refuge and renewal, be alongside all who are called to work in prisons. Give daily strength to serve courageously and faithfully through the continuing constraints of lockdown. Be present in the bringing of order, compassion, food, comfort, and humanity to all held in custody. Sustain and enable us in times of exhaustion and weariness through the sureness of your love and power. Amen

Saturday 16th Praying for Chaplains

Father God, thank you for the work of all Prison Chaplains. During this past year many have gone well beyond what had been expected of them. Sustain and strengthen them, bless their families and may they be encouraged in their service to you. In the name of Jesus our saviour.

Sunday 17th

Pray for the confirmation service taking place at St. Luke's this afternoon. Pray for the candidates being confirmed who are taking the next step in their Christian pilgrimage as they affirm their decision to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Look back on your own confirmation.

Monday 18th St. Luke the Evangelist

On St. Luke's Day pray the Parish Prayer on the front of the diary.

Tuesday 19th

Pray today for young people who left school in July but still have not found any employment. Pray for groups like Employability UK provided training for schools and businesses to improve the skill young people need to get on the employment ladder.

Wednesday 20th

Hold all the Christian communities in Cannock before God. Pray his blessing on them as they face a challenging and uncertain future. Pray for their ministers, leaders and congregation.

Thursday 21st

Pray for Sight Savers dedicated to helping people in the poorest parts of the world suffering from sight defects by providing eye operations for people who need them, and training eye care workers and surgeons to provide sight-saving treatment.

Friday 22nd

As you look forward to attending church at the weekend, give thanks for the freedom we have in the UK to meet for worship and to practise our faith openly. Pray for Christians throughout the world who meet fearfully or in secret because of the opposition and persecution that being Christian in their home country brings.

Saturday 23rd St. James of Jerusalem

Father, James, the brother of Jesus, was changed from unbelief to an acceptance that Jesus was Messiah and Lord. We pray that, through the ministry and witness of your faithful followers at St. Luke's, and through the power of your Spirit, others in the community of Cannock will be brought to the same life changing decision.

Sunday 24th

Father You are our rock, and we run to you today, believing that you will lift us up, that you will fuel us for the tasks you've given us and that your joy will consume the weakness of our lives and make us strong again. Renew our strength, Lord. Fill us with your power to overcome each obstacle in our path. With our eyes on you, Lord, with you walking beside us we can make it. Thank you, Lord!
In Jesus' name. **Amen**

Monday 25th

Spend a little time thinking of the many blessings in your life. The provision of food, clothing, warmth and shelter. The beauty of the flora and fauna of nature. The joy of family and friends. The joy of knowing that you are known and loved by God.

Tuesday 26th

Pray today for all who are suffering from Dementia and Alzheimers disease. Pray for anyone you know and for their families living with the consequences of this disease. Pray for MASE group meeting today in the church centre supporting sufferers and cares.

Wednesday 27th

Pray for our town, for all who live and work here. Pray for the businesses struggling because of the covid epidemic. Pray for those in our hospitals suffering from coronavirus. Pray for those who remain housebound because they are fearful of catching Covid19.

Thursday 28th Simon and Jude Apostles

Almighty God, You gave Your people an assignment to fulfil here on earth. You said to them "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Lord we pray that this will be the mission of our church. We ask that You keep our hearts and minds open so that we willingly seek to touch those outside the four walls of the church who do not know You. Amen.

Friday 29th

Pray for the foodbanks operating in and around Cannock. Give thanks that the food donated at St. Luke's Harvest Service was used to top up foodbank supplies. Give thanks for all the volunteers who operate and serve in the foodbanks. Pray for those who need to use the foodbanks.

Saturday 30th

Pray today for the churches of St. Luke and St. Thomas. Pray for the life and witness of both churches to their communities. Pray for all those who hold office in the church organisation and pray for their congregations. Give thanks for all those who give their time, talents and energy in maintaining the spiritual and social life of the church.

Sunday 31st Martin Luther 1483-1546

Lord God, heavenly Father, we most heartily thank you that by your Word you have brought us out of the darkness of error into the light of your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light, guard us from all error and false doctrine and grant that we may not become ungrateful and despise and persecute your Word, as your people did long ago, but receive it with all our heart, govern our lives according to it and put all our trust in your grace through the merit of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

Prayer by Martin Luther

Parish of St. Luke Cannock and St. Thomas Huntington

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Parish Prayer

Almighty God we thank you for calling Luke the physician to be an evangelist and we thank you for this church that bears his name. We remember and give thanks for all those men and women of faith who down the ages have worshipped in this place, and borne witness to Jesus by giving freely their time and talents in his service.

We pray that we may follow in the footsteps of St Luke, building on the foundation of those who have gone before us, as we worship God our Father, through faith in Jesus as Lord and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen