

Friday 1st

Pray the parish prayer on the front page.

Use the photograph of St. Luke's church to bring before God the people who worship at St. Luke's. Hold before Him 5 members of the congregation and pray God's blessing on them.

Saturday 2nd

Pray for everyone supporting our ministers as they lead the worship tomorrow. Pray for the organists and the choir. Pray for the wardens and welcomers greeting people as they arrive. Pray for the screen operator and those leading the prayers. Pray also for anyone you know who cannot attend church tomorrow.

Sunday 3rd St. Thomas Apostle

Risen master help us, like your apostle Thomas, to be honest enough to admit doubts and not to effect a faith we do not have. Help us, like him, so to experience your living power and presence that our doubts may be dissolved and we may inherit the blessing promised to those who have not seen you and yet believe and trust in you, our Lord and our God. Amen

Monday 4th

Pray for the chemists in Cannock, giving thanks for the vital work they do in providing and dispensing the medicines that people need. Give thanks for the co-operation between doctors and chemists and also for the advice and guidance chemists also dispense.

Tuesday 5th Tuesday blessings

Heavenly Father we take upon ourselves the authority of Jesus delegated to us and in his name we speak a blessing on our local doctors, nurses, district nurses, midwives, carers and the staff of Cannock hospital as they all minister to people. We pray that they may have wisdom, guidance, gentleness and understanding for their patients.

Wednesday 6th

Setting aside the problems and difficulties facing the church, the nation and world at present and consider what blessings you have enjoyed this week.

Share them with God and give thanks for them.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

Thursday 7th

Pray for all who are employed by, and work in the NHS and who find themselves under pressure today. Pray for the causes of that pressure, the backlog of cases waiting to be dealt with, shortage of doctors and nurses and hospital staff and the rapid turnover of all of these, and lack of adequate funding. These factors all lead to stress, fatigue and burnout as well as a decline in mental health and wellbeing.

Friday 8th

Pray for the Summer Fete taking place tomorrow. Give thanks for all who have worked hard to organise event, for all who have given or collected goods for the stalls and for the stall holders. Pray that the fete will be a success socially as church members work together to make the day equally successful financially.

Saturday 9th

As we look forward to worship tomorrow give thanks for the freedom we have in the UK to worship without fear of hindrance. Pray for those who are members of different Christian traditions or who follow a different faith. Give thanks that the population of the UK are generally tolerant towards people who have different beliefs.

Sunday 10th

O God of love, make us more thankful for all the boundless mercies of our daily life. Forgive us when we are ungrateful, complaining and discontented. We thank you for the blessings of health, for the comforts of home and family life and for the beauty of the world around us. Fill our lives with gratitude and teach us each day to number our blessings. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Monday 11th World Population Day

World Population Day highlights the growing problems that come with a growing global population. Pray for people worldwide who are suffering as a result of overpopulation. The day highlights the effect on world resources depleting at an unsustainable rate and the health problems faced by women during pregnancy and childbirth, making the need for family planning, gender equality, and maternal health more important than ever. Pray also for those affected by the strain overpopulation puts on society. Crimes are happening more than ever in the areas of gender inequality and human rights, especially in developing countries. As more people come into the world, violations such as human trafficking and child labour are increasingly becoming normal.

Tuesday 12th Tuesday Blessings

Heavenly Father we take upon ourselves the authority of Jesus delegated to us and in his name we speak a blessing to every household in our parish. We bless you in the name of the Lord. We bless your marriages that they may be strong and whole. We bless the relationship between each marriage partner that it may be loving. Forgiving, merciful and strong. We bless each intergenerational relationship in each household that there may be peace and love and understanding flowing between each one.

On the next 4 days we shall pray for nations who for various reasons are suffering extreme difficulties.

Wednesday 13th The world's poorest countries.

Of the world's 736 million extreme poor half of the total lived in just 5 countries. The 5 countries with the highest number of extreme poor are India, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, and Bangladesh. Pray for those living in those nations. Pray for their governments, that they will seek to ensure that all in their nation share equally the generated wealth and its benefits. Pray for all agencies seeking to relieve poverty in the world.

Thursday 14th Ukraine

Pray for Ukraine and its people suffering the fastest growing refugee crisis since World War II. An additional 7.7 million people have been displaced internally within Ukraine and over 12 million more have been affected in the areas hardest hit by the war. Humanitarian needs are increasing exponentially. Pray for the war to end. Pray for all nations and governments and agencies sending aid to Ukraine.

Friday 15th Afghanistan

Pray for the people of Afghanistan where drought and economic collapse have pushed millions of people in Afghanistan to the brink of famine. World food prices have risen sharply as vital grain exports from Ukraine and Russia are affected by the conflict there. Meanwhile, the harvest in many regions of Afghanistan looks set to fail yet again. For people already struggling to afford food in Afghanistan, this crisis is getting worse.

Saturday 16th

Pray for all the Christian churches in Cannock. Pray for the churches ministers and their people. Pray God's blessing on all the preparations being made for the acts of worship which will take place tomorrow. Pray for all those who will play an active role in the worship service.

Sunday 17th

Lord Jesus Christ, when we are uncertain about what to do, show us your ways. When we don't know which way to turn, teach us your paths. Help us to be attentive to your voice as you guide us through life. Shine the light of your love into our confusions and bring clarity to our minds and actions. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday 18th

Pray for yourself today. Bring to God something that is lying heavily on your heart today. Pray for God's blessing of Peace.

Tuesday 19th Tuesday blessings

Heavenly Father we take upon ourselves the authority of Jesus delegated to us and in his name we speak a blessing on all Christians in our parish and say that we bless you in the name of the Lord that the Holy Spirit and the Word of God will flow out from you in power. We bless the hearts of all who live in our parish that they may be quickened to hear and respond to the voice of the living God.

Wednesday 20th Mary Magdalene Day

As we give thanks for the important role Mary Magdalene played in the early church, today we give thanks for the important contributions women of God have made in the life of God's church throughout history. Give thanks for all that women have contributed to today's church, in scholarship, in the writing hymns and songs and in the leadership of the church.

Thursday 21st

Today pray for the street or the neighbourhood where you live. Bring to mind as many of your neighbours that can think of. Pray God's blessing on them, their homes and their livelihood.

Friday 22nd Samaritans Awareness Day

Samaritans Awareness Day raises awareness for the important work that The Samaritans carry out. Every six seconds, somebody contacts the Samaritans. In 2018 there were 6,500 suicides in the UK. One third of British employees are dealing with anxiety, depression, or stress. Pray for those who feel the need to contact the Samaritans and for those answering the telephone calls.

Saturday 23rd

In a spirit of thankfulness hold before God five things which are positives in your life giving thanks especially for the people who bring that positivity.

Sunday 24th

Meditate on this prayer

Day by day dear Lord, three things we pray:
to see You more clearly, love You more dearly,
and follow You more nearly, day by day. **Amen**

Monday 25th St. James Apostle

Gracious God, we remember before You today Your servant and Apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ. We give thanks for his life and we pray that You will pour out upon us that spirit of self-denying service to which you call all of your people. This we pray through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Tuesday 26th Tuesday blessings

Heavenly Father we take upon ourselves the authority of Jesus delegated to us and in his name we speak a blessing on all the businesses in the parish. We pray that they will flourish and that employee, employer relationships will be wholesome, fair and full of integrity.

Wednesday 27th

Pray for the many families in Cannock who are reliant on foodbanks to provide for their families in a time of financial uncertainty. Last year foodbanks provided 4572 seven day supplies of food. Pray for the Pye Green Christian Centre which organises the foodbanks in Cannock.

Thursday 28th

Pray today for the Anglican Church Housing Trust helping homeless people regain their independence and resettle in the community. Each year the trust helps more than 4,500 people in more than 80 schemes across England. Pray for all who work in the organisation and for the homeless. Give thanks for your own home.

Friday 28th

Pray God's blessing today on an area of church life which is giving you concern. Hold up to God those whom you believe are affected by this problem and ponder on what the solution to it might be. Is God calling you to be part of the solution?

Saturday 30th William Wilberforce d1883

Today we give thanks for the role Wilberforce played in abolishing slavery in his time. We pray for those trapped in modern slavery throughout the world estimated to be over 40.3 million including 24million in forced labour and 15 million in forced marriage. Many are exploited in domestic work, construction or agriculture or in forced sexual exploitation. One in four victims are children.

Sunday 31st

Pray the parish prayer today.

Parish of St. Luke Cannock and St. Thomas Huntington

PRAYER NETWORK

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Parish Prayer

**God our creator and Redeemer,
help our churches to grow in holiness,
unity, effectiveness and numbers.
Draw us closer to you and to those around us.
Give us enthusiasm in our faith, and wisdom in
sharing it with young and old.
Open our eyes to new opportunities,
our lips to sing and speak of you,
and our hearts to welcome the stranger.
Grow your kingdom in us and in the world, through
the intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the
power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**