

Parish News

Sunday 3rd October 2021

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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

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He **is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being,** and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, **'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?** ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, **⁸subjecting all things under their feet.'** **Now in subjecting all things to them,** God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom

all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²**saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'**

Second Reading *Mark 10.2-16*

²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, **"God made them male and female."** ⁷**"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh."** So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹**Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'**

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, **he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.** ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little **child will never enter it.'** ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

Covid Precautions

Holy Communion will be returning to Wednesday Mornings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from October.

Cases in Cannock are still very high and we need to protect the very vulnerable people for whom the virus would lead to serious illness or death. So please be considerate of those around you and follow our guidelines. **patient** about getting 'back to normal'. We are slowly making changes as we review and undertake the necessary risk assessments. Thank you for your support and understanding.



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

Everyone is important and everyone has a part to play

Let's give thanks for our Musicians and Choir We pray for them,

Heavenly Father thank you for our Musicians and Choir. We pray that you will bless them. Fill them with your Holy Spirit, guide and protect them and fill their homes with your peace. Amen

Message from Parish Office

Due to recent security incidents,
the front doors to the centre may
not always be open.

If you wish to enter please
press the bell for attention.

Thanks
Donna

Prayer group meeting

The next meeting takes place on Thursday October 7th at
3.00pm at Cath Middlehurst's house, 13 Park Rd. Group
prayer was important to the early church as something that
bound them together as they carried out the divine commis-
sion to make disciples of all nations.

Our commission is to make disciples in Cannock, join us as
we pray together for God's blessing and empowerment the
ministry and witness of St. Luke's in our community.

David, Cath and Wendy

What's on

October 3rd St. Thomas Harvest Festival

October 6th Church Centre 2pm Mother's Union—Talk by Rev George Fleming

October 10th St. Luke's Harvest Festival

October 17th Confirmation Service

November 3rd—MU Body Shop Party Church Centre everyone welcome

November 7th Rosemary Service to remember those whom we love but see not longer

The Home / Bible Group

Thursday 7th October we are meeting in the church centre hall. Meet from 7.30 to 9 pm. We will conclude our study of Elijah from the

Old Testament 1 Kings 18 v. 46

including a look at attitude to

depression. Ideas for future study will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend. Maggie



PLEASE NOTE

remember HANDS, FACE AND SPACE

If you take risks you are not caring for others!

St Luke's

Wednesday 6th October 10.00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th October 8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30am Together in Worship

St Thomas'

Sunday 10th October—No Service

Morning Services and Wednesday Morning Prayer will continue to be on our website, Facebook page and on our YouTube Channel but later in the day on a Sunday.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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