

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

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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,

Teresa Atherton

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Readings

13th April	Psalm 118:19-end	Luke 19:28-40
17th April	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17 31b-35
20th April	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18
27th April	Acts 5:27-32	John 20:19-end

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them: Ridings Brook Drive, Ringway, Robin Close, Rockholt Crescent, Rosemary Drive, Rowan Close

Reading 1 Psalm 118: 19-end

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³**This is the Lord's doing, and it is** marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity. ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you. ²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Reading 2 Luke 19.28-40

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰**saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."** ' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, **its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.'** ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸**saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'** ³⁹Some of the **Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'** ⁴⁰**He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'**

Volunteers wanted

To join the rota for Church Opening.

This year the Church will be open on Friday and Saturday mornings from June to October.

If you could join the team to welcome visitors to our church please contact Gill Winter or David Gethin.

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 15th 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 Road will be on Thursday 24th April at 3pm Everyone Welcome

Calling all Volunteers

More readers are required to help out with readings at 9.30am services on Sundays, please don't be shy if you are even a little bit interested please have a word with Janet Bolton.





We are God's Family and like other families it would be good to celebrate birthdays and the milestones of life.

Don't be shy or embarrassed—we won't give your age away! We want to thank God for you, and ask him to bless you as you.

Many Happy Returns to

Elizabeth Gooch on the 13th April

Geoff Pick 14th April

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday!



Easter Flowers at St Thomas' Church

From Sunday 9th March until Easter.

Donations please to help purchase some lilies and white carnations, to decorate the Church for Easter.



A donation tin has been placed in the Church.

Many thanks, Doreen Shaw

"A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped with the schools' workshops "Easter Cracked". We have had some lovely feedback and thanks to our volunteers the children seemed to enjoy themselves"



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. Amen.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, please place your donation and name of your loved one(s) in an envelope and pass it to one of the Wardens or hand it in to the Parish Office.

The name of your loved one(s) will then be displayed on the noticeboard at Easter.



This weeks diary

Mon 14th	1.15pm	C Eccleshall Funeral	St Luke's
Tue 15th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 16th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 17th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday	St Luke's
Fri 18th	2.00pm	Round the Cross	St Luke's
Sun 20th	8.00am	Easter Day Communion	
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

It has been agreed that St. Luke's will take part in the VE Day Celebrations in the town centre on Saturday May 10th, from 12.00 – 5.00pm.

This will be our main fund-raising event this year. We will be opening the café and will have various stalls, to include a bottle tombola, handbags and scarves, jewellery, crafts and jigsaws.

We are therefore asking for donations of bottles of alcohol, sauces, water, and beauty products, plus handbags, scarves, jewellery and jigsaws.

Cakes and scones will be needed on the day.

Please see Jane Coxon or Linda Hopley for further information.

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 22nd

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 23rd

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer

St Thomas'

11.00 am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you

A note from Peter Linford

Mum (Romola) and wife of Rev John Linford, who was Rector here from 1978-1990, has died. She died on Monday 24 March, aged 91.

It may be that there are still members of the church there who remember Mum, so perhaps you would be kind enough to pass this on.

Anyone wishing to attend the funeral in Aylesbury please contact the Parish Office for details.