

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 2nd February 2025

Presentation Candlemas

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Office hours

Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

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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 ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that
God will bless them:**

**Mansty Lane, Maple Crescent, Maple Drive, Market Hall
Precinct, Market Hall Street, Market Place**

1st Reading Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery **by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's** descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Readings

2nd February	Hebrews 2:14-end	Luke 2:22-40
9th February	Isaiah 6:1-8	Luke 5:1-11
16th February	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
23rd February	Genesis 2:4b-9,15-end	Luke 8:22-25

Our JustGiving Page can be found on the St Luke's Church website <https://www.stlukescannock.org.uk/> for people to be able to make a donation towards the Fabric of our church. Or type "St Luke's Church Cannock" into the search box on the JustGiving Website <https://www.justgiving.com>
We really appreciate your donations.

2nd Reading Luke 2.22-40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him **to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”)**, and to offer a sacrifice in keeping **with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”**. Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy **Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved** by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: **“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”**

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.



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. Why not give permission to the Parish Office to put your special days in the Pews News or at least give the Ministry

Team the details so that we can pray for you in church?

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 4th February at 9.30am

Please come along and join us

Every Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.30 in the Centre unless otherwise announced.

Next Prayer Group at 85 Dartmouth Road will be on Thursday 6th February at 3pm

Everyone Welcome

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.

ST LUKE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Day Trip to Bakewell on market day followed by 2 course carvery lunch
Monday 7th April Depart Hednesford (bus stop by Tesco) & Church
Street, Cannock.

Cost £42.50

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by email

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Payment by bank transfer, cash or cheque payable to Margaret Walker

Coach seats will be allocated on receipt of payment.

Diary

Tue 4th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	7.00pm	LMT	TBC
Wed 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Lukes
	11.00am	Pastoral Care Meeting	Centre
	13.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	19.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 7th	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 8th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	St Thomas'
Sun 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	12.00pm	Baptism	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Everyone welcome

St Luke's Centre Café



Saturday 15th February
10.00am—12.30pm
Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate
Cake/Toasted tea-cakes
Everyone Welcome

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 11th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 12th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Morning Prayer

We look forward to welcoming you

*Please be generous and help those who have
less than yourself*

**WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF: SOUP, BEANS AND PASTA.
WEEKLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE
PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.**

****NB: THE FOOD BANK ARE DESPERATE FOR CARRIER
BAGS****

