

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 9th March 2025

Lent 1

### **Contact Information**

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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 God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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 God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *1st Reading—Deuteronomy 26.1-11*

Moses spoke to the people, saying: <sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

<sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, **‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’** <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD **your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have **given me.’** You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.**

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### Revision of Electoral Roll

Please be aware that a new electoral roll is being prepared. All members of the current roll must complete a new form if they wish to be included on the new roll. Forms will be available from the Wardens from Saturday 15th February.

Luke 4.1-13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>**The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’** <sup>4</sup>**Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’** <sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>**And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’** <sup>8</sup>**Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’** <sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”, <sup>11</sup>and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Lent Course 2025 – Cannock and Huntington  
I Believe ...

**As the bishop reads at every licensing of clergy, ‘The Church of England is part of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.’**

This year we are taking a look at the Nicene Creed with reflections and readings to study together illustrating the heart of Christian faith, with a time of prayer for the churches through the Vacancy. Course booklet will be provided.

Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th March, and 3rd and 10th April  
2:30pm – 4:00pm

**in St Luke’s Church Centre**



**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?

**Many Happy returns to Ruth Heslop on the 15th March.**

**Wishing you a Happy Birthday, from your Church Family.**



### **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

[margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk)

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

Coach seats will be allocated on receipt of payment.

## 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.

### **Parish Profile**

**To the congregations of St Luke's, St Thomas' and  
St Saviours.**

**We are in the process of creating our Parish profile and we would like to include some of your thoughts about our new vicar, what do you want to see in the new vicar? For example; their priorities?, interests? character?, and what important issues are to be addressed in our parishes?**

**Please write down any ideas/thoughts you have and hand them into the Parish Office or give them to a Warden.**

**Thank you in advance—your contributions will be most welcome.**

## Diary

Tue 11th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	7.00pm	PCC	Centre
Wed 12th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 13th	2.30pm	Lent Course	Centre
Fri 14th	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 15th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Centre
Sun 16th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	12.00pm	Holy Baptism	St Luke's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'

**Everyone welcome**

### Mothering Sunday

**This year's Mothering Sunday service, on 30th March, will** be a joint service of Holy Communion with congregations **from St Thomas' and St Saviour's and**

will be held at

St Saviours Church at 11.00am. The service will be conducted by Rev Steve Reynolds.

**A service of Holy Communion will also be held at St Luke's** at 8.00am on that day.

Please join us for this special service.



## **Future Services**

**St. Luke's**

**Tues 18th**

**9.30am Morning Prayer Centre**

**Wednesday 19th**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 23rd**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

**St Thomas'**

**11.00am Holy Communion**

***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\*\***

