

Parish News

Sunday 14th January 2018

2nd Sunday of Christmas

St Luke's Church

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Together in Worship

6.00 p.m. St Giles (re-arranged)

St Thomas' Church

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Monday 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Thomas'

Tuesday 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Luke's

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10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Luke's

Friday 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Luke's

Saturday 10.30 a.m. Church Opening St Luke's

Collect for the Day

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 - Revelation 5.1-10

¹I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?'** ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵**Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'** ⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹**They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the**

scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
10you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

Second Reading—John 1.43-end

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to **him, 'Follow me.'** ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵**Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'** ⁴⁶**Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'** ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, **'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'** ⁴⁸**Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'** ⁴⁹**Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'** ⁵⁰**Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'** ⁵¹And he said to him, **'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Homeless Sunday

Sunday 21st January 2018

The Cannock Chase Churches Housing
Coalition is holding its 22nd Special Ecumenical
Sunday Service at
Penkridge Methodist Church at 6.30pm Sunday
21st January
All are welcome

St Thomas' Table Top Sale

Our table top sale will take place on Saturday 20th January 11.00 am until 2.00pm.

Please contact the Parish office if you wish to rent a table. The cost of each table is £5.00 and people will be able to set up from 10.00 am onwards.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Saturday February 3rd at 8.30am

Our speakers will be Graham and Judy White who are professional gardeners. Their talk is entitled, **God's Many Gardens**, and they compare the characteristics of the gardens found in the Bible with their own Woodleighton Grove Gardens in Uttoxeter.

Please sign by using the sheet at the back of church or by telephoning the office 502131 or David Gethin 504384

St Thomas' Church News

1. Happy Birthday to Beryl Harrell on 16th January from Home **Communion friends and everyone at St Thomas' Church. X**
2. Any used postage stamps are being collected for Charity work.
3. Double Knitting wool is been collected for a home communion lady to knit squares for children's blankets and then sent to Africa

(Stamps and / or wool can be left in the Parish office for Sandra Davies to collect . Please label appropriately).

Thank you.

Film Night Thursday 18th January

This week in St Luke's Lounge 'The Shack' 12

Film starts 7.30. Doors open 7pm

Booking not required



Dates for Your Diary

AT ST LUKE'S

AT ST THOMAS'

Sunday 7th January 12.30 Christmas tide Meal
(Provisional) –Coggers (The Littleton)

Services next Sunday 21st January 2018

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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8 a.m. Holy Communion

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St Thomas'

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers

Margaret Millar, Ann Kirkby, Betty Bailey,

Roy & Daisy Smith,

Lisa Kendrick

Parish Clergy

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