

Parish News

Sunday 4th February 2018

2nd Sunday before Lent

St Luke's Church

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

St Thomas' Church

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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

Friday 10.30 am Church Opening at St Luke's

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

Collect for the Day

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

First Reading - *Colossians 1.15-20*

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible
and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all
things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before
all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the
body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that
he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the
fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was
pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Second Reading— *John 1.1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children **born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.**

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CAR PARK CLOSURE

For those who use the church car park at St Luke's Church the car park will be closed from 7am onwards for maintenance to the car park on Thursday 15th, February, 2018.

The car park will re open once the paint on the tarmac surface is dry but hopefully this will be sometime late afternoon .

Sorry for any inconvenience this may be cause,
From the office staff

Cannock Chase Churches Housing Coalition

Saturday 3rd March is the Cannock Chase Housing Coalition

AGM

This will take place at St Peters Church Hall Hill Street
Hednesford.

Refreshments will be available from 10.30 am and the meeting will start at 11.00am, all are welcome.

Eric Brookes

On behalf of the Trustees

Consultation on the appointment of a new vicar

As part of the process of appointing a new vicar, the three **churches in the two parishes will prepare a “Parish Profile”**

– a document setting out where we are and – more importantly – where we want to go.

To ensure that the document is representative, the three churches are engaging in a simple consultation exercise of their congregations.

We will ask what it is about St Luke’s that we do well – what do you value about the Church. We will also ask what we **could do better, or what new things we could do that we don’t** already do. And we will ask what you can offer to help the Church move forward.

This will be done using post-it notes around three prayer stations in the Church during the service on Sunday 18 February, in addition to a consultation with our Wednesday congregation on Wednesday 21st February. Please make every effort to come to church on those dates.

If you can’t make it to church on the day, and want to have your say, please email Gavin Drake: gavin@gavindrake.co.uk.

Community Thanksgiving for Staffordshire Police - at St. John's Church, Heath Hayes, on Sunday February 11th @ 3pm. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a local community to give thanks to past and present officers of Staffordshire Police for the support and service that they've offered to us. It is hoped that the Chief Constable and other senior officers will be in attendance, as will members of the Special Constabulary, PCSOs and Police Cadets. Light refreshments after the service which will provide for more informal opportunities to talk with those who serve us. Everybody welcome ... those wishing to offer personal thanks to the police during the service (verbally or in writing) should contact the vicar (on 01543-274104) in advance. The service is being offered jointly with members of the Staffordshire Police Chaplaincy, and will focus (initially) upon three Local Policing Teams - South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase and Lichfield.

THANK YOU NOTICE

Thank you very much for your kind donation of toys for the children. They are very much appreciated and will be used across **the children's A & E, assessment units and ward areas.**

Thank you again,

Emma Biddulph

Hospital Play Specialist.



Dates for Your Diary

AT ST LUKE'S

AT ST THOMAS'

	Tue	6th	7.30	PCC Meeting
	Thurs	8th	7pm	Parish Council
	Mon	12th	7pm	Memorial Committee
Tues	13th	10.30		Shrove Tuesday Coffee Morning, 18 Queen St.
Tues	13th	12 for 12.30		Shrove Tuesday Lunch (White Heart Pub)
	Tues	13th	7pm	Music Group
	Tues	27th	7pm	Music Group
				<u>March</u>
	Sat	3rd	10.30-12.30	Messy Church and Coffee Morning
Tue	6th	7pm		Meal out-(Curry Night, the Blue Ginger)

Are you interested in setting up a Gardening Team?

Following the clearance of the garden behind St Luke's Church Centre, Hettie from Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles is looking for volunteers to work with other groups to keep the garden maintained.

If anyone is interested in setting up and working with Hettie please

contact her on 01543 501516

Services next Sunday 11th February 2018

Sunday next before Lent

St Luke's Church

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Together in Worship

St Thomas'

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers

Margaret Millar, Ann Kirkby, Betty Bailey,

Roy & Daisy Smith,

Lisa Kendrick, Revd Alex Mann

Parish Clergy

Revd Gill Joynson 01543 502131

Revd Steve Reynolds 01543 270940

Revd. Alex Mann

Parish Office 01543 502131

Email: stlukesparish@btconnect.com