

Sunday 1st EASTER SUNDAY

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

Monday 2nd

Pray for the Africa Mercy ship visiting Douala in Cameroon East Africa. During the 10-month stay in port more than 3,000 life-saving operations will be performed onboard including cataract removal/lens implants, tumour removal, cleft lip, palate reconstruction, orthopaedics. Pray for those receiving life changing treatment.

Tuesday 3rd

Pray for the National Health Service and the difficulties arising from staff shortages in many hospitals. Pray for those hospitals seeking to find a way out of financial difficulties. Pray that those in national and local government can find ways to properly fund the NHS.

Wednesday 4th

Pray for the Micah challenge Organisation and its mission to be a global voice on poverty for the Church, to educate, inspire and mobilise Christians to bring impact on issues of poverty and injustice.

Thursday 5th

Pray for the Make a Wish Cancer Charity and its aim to grant magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions. Pray for any young people you know who are suffering from a serious illness. Pray for their families as they support them.

Friday 6th

Pray for Pathway Project working to support adults, young people and children, who are experiencing or affected by domestic abuse. Pathway aim to provide a range of high quality services, meeting the needs of abused adults and children, in a caring environment.

Saturday 7th

On world Health Day pray for the continuing work of the World Health Organisation and its aim to build a better, healthier future for people all over the world. Working

through offices in more than 150 countries and working side by side with governments and other partners to ensure the highest attainable level of health for all.

Sunday 8th

Pray for the continuing process of selecting a new vicar for the parish. Pray that the advertisements placed in appropriate newspapers will attract interest in the parish and result in applications being made to take on the vicar's role. Pray the Parish Prayer on the front of this diary.

Monday 9th

Barnabas Fund is an organisation supporting Christians where they suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution... Using the Barnabas Fund Prayer Diary we shall pray for Christians facing challenging conditions in various parts of the world. Pray for the work of Barnabas fund supporting them.

Tuesday 10th

Pray for Patras Masih, a 16-year-old Christian from Lahore, has been arrested and charged with "blasphemy" by Pakistani police, after an allegedly insulting post appeared on a Facebook group page under his name. He was charged after a twelve-hour mob protest, which forced the local Christian community to flee their homes.

Wednesday 11th

Pray for the Christian church in the Sudan. In recent years, Sudan's government has accelerated efforts to eradicate Christianity by deporting Christians, shutting down Christian schools and demolishing church buildings claiming the churches do not own the land on which places of worship are built, or that land has been earmarked for "development".

Thursday 12th

Pray for churches in China facing accusations that Christians are undermining the state. These charges are already used as a pretext to arrest and jail believers in China. Although outright persecution of Christians in China is sporadic, newly imposed and vaguely worded religion regulations appear to leave Christians in a more vulnerable position. Pray for the congregations of churches facing intimidation and threats.

Friday 13th

Pray for the friends and family of two Christian teachers who were killed in February. Al-Shabaab militants attacked their primary school in the village of Qarsa, north-east Kenya forcing their way into a house within the compound before dawn. , Kevin Shari and Seth Oluoch Odada were shot dead. Seth's wife Caroline was also brutally murdered.

Saturday 14th

Pray for the service of dedication taking place at St. Luke's today. Remember the Loxton family coming to join us in remembering Dudley Loxton who died in 1918 and in whose memory the window is to be rededicated.

Sunday 15th

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Prayer of St. Patrick

Monday 16th

We pray this week for the Church Army a mission focussed community within the Anglican Church. "*Church Army exists both to talk to people about Jesus and bring them to faith in Jesus but it also does this extraordinary work of serving the poor and the poorest parts of the country and that speaks to the value of human beings.*" - **Archbishop Justin Welby**

Tuesday 17th

Pray today for the Church Army Mission Centre in Scunthorpe. Pray for its ministry to schools and colleges and for the connections being built with parents through a local toddlers playgroup.

Wednesday 18th

Pray for Paul McDonough and Sean Andrews the two Scunthorpe Centre evangelists and their work with young people who take drugs and are involved in vandalism and other anti-social behaviour. Pray for the young people they meet and talk to.

Thursday 19th

Pray for all Church Army evangelists nationwide showing people of all ages and from all walks of life how much God loves them. Meeting people where they are in the community and through word and action bringing the light of the Gospel into their lives.

Friday 20th

Pray for Neville Barnes programme leader for Xplore, the Church Army's evangelism training programme for young adults aged 18-30. Pray for those young people who have signed up for the programme training them in evangelism and community building.

Saturday 21st

Pray for the St. Luke's AGM tomorrow. Give thanks for those who have served in the various offices of the church in the past 12 months and pray for those who will take up the offices in the coming year.

Sunday 22nd

Father we are not as brave as we would like to be.

We remember the times when we have run away, or got angry or panicky, or turned our back when you wanted us to speak the truth and hold firm. We know you love us and want us to be our best selves, so we ask you to wipe out those times and to fill us with your peace.

Help us to know that you are always at our side so that we don't need to be afraid.

Show us how to overcome evil with good, like Jesus did, and like St George. Amen.

Prayer for St. George's Day tomorrow.

Monday 23rd

Pray for the sick that are on the prayer list of St. Luke's and St. Thomas. Pray especially for those listed in the Pew News. Pray for those you know personally. Hold before God the families of those who are sick or who have recently lost a loved one and who are still coming to terms with their loss.

Tuesday 24th

Pray for anyone you know who are suffering from a terminal illness. Pray for their partner's families and friends supporting them in this difficult time. Pray for MacMillan Nurses and the Marie Curie Organisation caring for people with terminal illness.

Wednesday 25th

Give thanks for the continuing signs of new life as spring progresses, and for the beauty and the wonder of nature. Give thanks for the gift of wildlife in our gardens and in the countryside. Today try to appreciate the new creation we see as plants and flowers grow.

Thursday 26th

Pray for the work of The Big Issue magazine giving opportunities to the unemployed and homeless to earn a legitimate income and help them out of poverty. Pray for all the Big Issue sellers on our streets.

Friday 27th

Pray for the choir practising tonight and for David Smith our Musical director. Give thanks for the contribution the choir makes to our worship services especially at the major festivals of the Church's year. Pray that others may be encouraged to join the choir.

Saturday 28th

ANZAC Day tomorrow marks the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli in which many Australians and New Zealanders took part, including Dudley Loxton. Pray for the Remembrance Service taking place at the Commonwealth Cemetery on Cannock Chase tomorrow.

Sunday 29th

Look upon us, O Lord,

and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of thy brightness.

Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of thy wisdom.

All our desire is known unto thee, therefore perfect what thou hast begun,

and what thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.

We seek thy face, turn thy face unto us and show us thy glory.

Then shall our longing be satisfied,

and our peace shall be perfect.

St Augustine, 354 - 430

Monday 30th

Pray today for yourself and for your calling as a servant of Christ. Ask God's blessing on any part that you play within the community of faith in which you worship. Give thanks for your calling as a follower of Jesus seeking to be more like him every day.

Parish of St. Luke Cannock
and St. Thomas Huntington
PRAYER NETWORK

APRIL DIARY 2018



Parish Prayer

Father you have called us to serve you and you have invited us to share in the ministry of proclaiming the gospel. Keep us faithful in worship and prayer and so bless us with the gift of your Spirit that we may reflect something of Your grace and your glory, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*We pray for all involved in the process of appointing a new Vicar to serve amongst us. We pray that you will inspire the right person to come and be our Vicar. Someone to lead us, to teach us, to renew our vision, so that we and the church will be equipped to meet the challenges of these postmodern times. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***