

Parish News

Sunday 17th June, 2018

3rd Sunday after Trinity

St Luke's Church

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Together in Worship

St Thomas' Church

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Monday 9.00 am Open Door

Tuesday 9.00 am Open Door

Wednesday 9.00 am Open Door

Friday 9.00 am Open Door

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

Collect for the Day

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 : 2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13)14-17

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died

for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Second Reading Mark 4.26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. ²⁶**Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God** is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with **his sickle, because the harvest has come.'**

³⁰**Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth **large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'****

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

St Thomas' Summer Fayre

Will take place on Saturday 30th June from
11.00 am– 3.00pm

Various Stalls, raffle, tombola, bouncy castle,
entertainment and refreshments available.

Please join us. Stalls still available.



ST THOMAS' NEWS

Happy Birthday Ann Sturgess
on the 24th June.

Have a lovely day

Love from all at St Thomas'.



‘SONGS FOR YOU’ in Cannock area.

Singing for health for people with dementia
and their carers.

Sessions run by Arts for Health
Practitioners, Gillie Nicholls.

There will be popular songs, tea & cake,
friends and lots of fun.

Venue: **St Thomas’ Church.**

When: 26th June, 10th & 24th July

Time: 1.30—2.30pm

Info: Helen on 01785 221328 or
07964208542



Dates for Your Diary

AT ST LUKE'S

Tuesday 4th September 7.30 pm St Luke's Committee

Tuesday 11th September 7.30 pm PCC

AT ST THOMAS'

30th June 11.00am Summer Fayre

*Services next Sunday 24th June 2018
3rd Sunday after Trinity*

St Luke's Church

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. All Age Communion with Baptism

St Thomas'

10.30 am Holy Communion

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Please remember in your prayers

Margaret Millar, Ann Kirkby, Betty Bailey,

Daisy Smith, Lisa Kendrick

Parish Clergy

Revd Gill Joynson 01543 502131

Revd Steve Reynolds 01543 270940

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