

Sunday 1st

Father you have called your Church to share in your mission to the world, and you have invited us who belong to the churches of St. Luke and St. Thomas, to go out in your service proclaiming the gospel. Bless all that we do in mission and outreach, keep us faithful in worship and prayer and give to us such belief in the gospel and such faithfulness in service, that we may reflect into our town something of Your grace and your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Monday 2nd

Pray for the Friendship Group meeting today for a time to be with other people. To share a time of fellowship, for chatting and enjoying each others company. Pray for those who attend and for those who organise the meeting and provide a variety of activities for the group.

Tuesday 3rd

Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Wednesday 4th

Pray today for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Having cancer at a young age comes with its own particular set of challenges. The Trust's services put the needs of young people first and allow them to face those challenges together. Pray for all those teenagers facing that challenge today. Pray for the consultants, doctors and nurses treating and supporting them.

Thursday 5th

Pray for all the Christian churches in Cannock. Pray for their pastors who lead them, their church officers and their congregations. Pray for the witness and ministry of these churches giving thanks for their faithfulness and dedication to the Lord we all worship.

Friday 6th

Pray for the work of USPG, working in partnership with local Anglican churches around the world. Pray for their work with the church in Myanmar which includes the provision of healthcare and clean water in rural communities. Pray for the priests training at Holy Cross Theological College in Toungoo.

Saturday 7th

Pray for the medical staff and the crew of the Mercy Ship Africa Mercy which has just completed 10 months in Douala Cameroon where it provided life transforming surgery for 1700 people and dental care for another 7000. Give thanks that 200 local health professionals were mentored and trained.

Sunday 8th

Pray for those responsible for organising the preparatory work which will lead to the placing of an advert for our new vicar. Pray for the churchwardens who shoulder much of the responsibility for the running of the parish during the interregnum. Pray for our ministers and lay ministers leading worship and covering baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Monday 9th

Nearly 1000 children die daily from diarrhoea caused by dirty water. 4 million deaths worldwide are from water-related diseases and poor sanitation each year. More than 700 million people lack access to safe water and more than 2 billion don't have adequate sanitation. Today pray for Oxfam Water Week which seeks to highlight these issues and for Oxfam working with governments to provide fresh water in poorer countries.

Tuesday 10th

Pray this week for charities supported by St. Luke's members. Today pray for the national Deaf Children's Society, helping young children and their families to cope with the problems of deafness. Pray for children who are deaf and for their families who worry about them and try to support them.

Wednesday 11th

On World Population Day we pray for all women who do not have access to safe, voluntary family planning. This day is to remind the world that family planning is a human right which also central to gender equality and women's empowerment, and is a key factor in reducing poverty.

Thursday 12th

Pray for the work of Age UK a charity dedicated to helping everyone make the most of later life. The over-60s is the fastest-growing group in society and there are more of than ever before. Age UK believes that ageing is not an illness, but it can be challenging and seeks to provide services and support at a national and local level to inspire, enable and support older people.

Friday 13th

Pray for the Midlands Air Ambulance charity responsible for funding and operating three air ambulances serving the communities of six Midlands counties including Staffordshire, and the West Midlands. Pray for the pilot, the two paramedics or flight doctors who fly in each of the 3 helicopters.

Saturday 14th

Pray today for all those who ensure that the Sunday services will run smoothly tomorrow. Clergy, Readers, Wardens, Vergers, Servers, Welcome Teams, Choir and organists. Also those in the office who print the hymn sheets and the Parish News.

Sunday 15th

Loving God,

we come to worship today because we love you, and we want to love you more.

We come to worship needing love in our lives: love for family, friends, strangers, enemies.

In this hour of worship,

touch our hearts, fill our hearts, open our hearts to your love which passes all understanding. Amen.

Monday 16th

Pray for the Christians who live in the top 5 most dangerous countries in which to be a Christian. North Korea, Somalia, Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan and the daily challenges they face. Give thanks for the religious freedoms we have and pray that we won't be complacent about our membership of a faith community.

Tuesday 17th

Pray and give thanks for the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, sharing the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed and its goal of working towards a world where all people have access to the blessings and benefits of God's love.

Wednesday 18th

Nelson Mandela Day calls on everyone, every day, to make the world a better place and to tackle worldwide poverty. The day also promote humane conditions of imprisonment and raise awareness about prisoners being a continuous part of society and to value the work of prison staff as a social service of particular importance. Pray for all who are imprisoned today.

Thursday 19th

Pray today for the Fountains Counselling Service operating in Cannock. Pray for the volunteer counsellors offering a confidential counselling service to adults across the Cannock and provide a caring relationship within which problems can be discussed.

Friday 20th

Pray for the young people who will be leaving school soon Pray for those moving into higher education at colleges and universities around the country. Pray for work opportunities to be available to young people not entering higher education.

Saturday 21st

Pray for the The Friars of the Custody a Franciscan Order in Syria providing for the basic needs of the poorest among the population: purchasing food, clothing and blankets. They are also trying to deal with the emergency created by the absence of public health, providing medicines and essential medical care, especially through the hospital in Aleppo and the health clinics operated by the Franciscan monasteries.

Sunday 22nd

We remember Mary Magdalene today, give thanks for all the important contributions women of God have made to the life of God's church throughout its history. We give thanks that women have contributed in scholarship, in the writing hymns and songs and in the leadership of the church.

Monday 23rd

Pray today for all sick people on the prayer list on the back page of the Pew News. Pray each name one by one holding them before God and holding an image of them in your mind. Pray for anyone else you know who is in need of our prayers.

Tuesday 24th

Pray for the work of the Church Army and the Dundee Centre of Mission seeking the homeless and the marginalised of the community to a living faith in Jesus. Pray for Kerry Dixon the centre's lead evangelist and all the volunteers at the centre.

Wednesday 25th

On the Feast Day of St. James pray for all who are undertaking a pilgrimage to Santiago Compostella which is associated with the life and martyrdom of St. James. Pray that their spiritual life will be strengthened and deepened by their experience. Pray for your own spiritual journey.

Thursday 26th

Pray for all the families who will come into church for baptisms, weddings and funerals in the near future. Pray for those who lead the services and who meet the families in preparation for these services.

Friday 27th

Pray today for the work of Amnesty International standing up for the human rights of exploited and often tortured people throughout the world. Pray that all governments will make a stand against nations which do not follow a code of human rights.

Saturday 28th

Pray today for the Hepatitis B Organisation a national nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide. Its work includes funding focused research, promoting disease awareness, supporting immunization and treatment initiatives, and serving as the primary source of information for patients and their families. Pray for anyone suffering from hepatitis.

Sunday 29th

Pray for all the fresh expressions of church operating around the diocese meeting people outside the reach of the existing church. These include café churches, and cell networks, and other meetings of retired people, teenagers, children and asylum people. Pray for all those who meet for worship and faith exploration throughout the week.

Monday 30th

Today pray for all those who are caught up in human trafficking which exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. This estimate also includes victims of human trafficking for labour and sexual exploitation.

Tuesday 31st

Pray today for the Anglican Church Housing Trust helping homeless people regain their independence and resettle in the community. Each year the trust helps more than 4,500 people in more than 80 schemes across England. Pray for all who work in the organisation and for the homeless. Give thanks for your own home.

**Parish of
St. Luke Cannock and
St. Thomas Huntington**

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Who is my
ROCK
and my
FORTRESS
and my
THE DELIVERER

Father You are my rock,
and I run to you today,
believing that you will lift me up,
that you will fuel me for the tasks
you've given me, and that your joy
will consume the weakness of my life
and make me strong again.
Renew my strength, Lord.
Fill me with your power to
overcome each obstacle in my path.
With my eyes on you, Lord,
with you walking beside me,
I can make it. Thank you, Lord!
In Jesus' name. **Amen**