

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

**Sunday 11th January 2026**

**Baptism of Christ**

### **Contact Information**

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### **Office hours**

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

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The Church takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to report it immediately to our Safeguarding Coordinator,

Teresa Atherton

## Collect

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.

## Post Communion

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.

## **First Reading** *Isaiah 42.1-9*

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.” **This is what God the LORD says** – he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

## **Second Reading** *Matthew 3.13-end*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



## **St. Thomas' Church**

Thank you for your donations.

A total of £84.85 was raised for Kathryn House Hospice, Stafford, in lieu of sending Christmas Cards to all at Church.

Sandra Davies

# St Luke's Café

Saturday 17th January 2026 11.30am — 2pm

## Soup and a roll

Variety of soups:

Broccoli and stilton

Vegetable

Carrot and Coriander

Winter squash and red lentil

Parsnip and apple

Served with a choice of bread roll, toasted tea  
cake or sausage roll

Homemade soup £2 per dish

Homemade Tea cakes and

sausage rolls £1.50 each Bread rolls 50p each



## PRAYER DURING A VACANCY

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for our parishes and the congregations of St. Luke, St. Thomas and St Saviour. Give us discernment to recognise the gifts and ministries you have given to us together with the grace to exercise them in harmony with one another and for the good of all. May we have patience in awaiting the appointment and arrival of a new leader for our parish, and give support to those responsible for choosing that person. Finally, may we trust you, the God of faithfulness and generosity, to guide us through this time of transition and change, so that we are ready to enter a new chapter in the life of our parish for the glory of your Name and the furtherance of your kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**An invitation to join us for prayer as we pray together for  
God's blessing and empowerment for ministry and  
witness in our communities.**

**Next Morning Prayer will be Tuesday 13th January  
at 9.30am. Please come along and join us  
Every Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.30am in the Centre unless  
otherwise announced. Next Prayer Group at  
85 Dartmouth Avenue will be on  
TBC  
Everyone Welcome.**



## This weeks diary

Tue 13th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 14th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Sat 17th	11.30am	Centre Café	Centre
Sun 18th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours
	12.00pm	Baptism	St Luke's

**Everyone Welcome**

## St Thomas' Church

We collect used postage stamps to raise money for Kathryn House Hospice, Stafford. The stamps are taken to the charity shop in Hednesford.

Thank you!

Sandra Davis



# Future Services

## St. Luke's

**Tuesday 20th January**

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

## Wednesday 21st January

10.00am Holy Communion

## Sunday 25th January 2026

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

## St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion

## St Saviours

11.00am Holy Communion

*We look forward to welcoming you*

*Please be generous and help those who have less than yourself*

**WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF: SOUP, BEANS AND PASTA.**

**WEEKLY REQUIRED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE**

**PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.**

**\*\*NB: THE FOOD BANK ARE DESPERATE FOR CARRIER  
BAGS\*\***

