

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 13th September 2026

15th Sunday after Trinity

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Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

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****Office Closed 17th and 18th September for holidays****

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Romans 14.1-12*

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Second Reading Matthew 18.21-35

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy

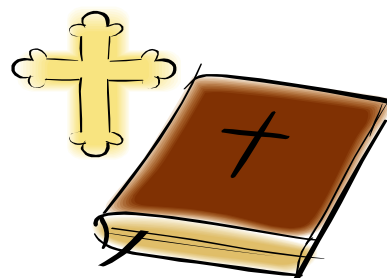
on you?” ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE

Following the success of the Lent Course the Ministry Team intend to run another course during October. We will follow another book in the Pilgrim course based on the Lord’s Prayer. It will be a six week course running on **Thursday’s, from October 1st to November 5th**, with an afternoon session at **2.30pm** and an evening session at **7.00pm**. You don’t have to attend every week but please join us for as many of the sessions as you can.

To sign up, please add your name to the form at the back of Church or in the Parish Office.

Steve, Gill, David and Di.



Car Park Payments

Please be advised that the Parish Office will take payments for the car park passes on

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday’s.

(Not Thursday or Friday mornings) 9.30am—2.30pm

Fee payable will be the same as last year.



Appointment of Vicar

I am pleased to inform you that the Reverend Graham Bowkett has accepted the position of Vicar of the Parishes of Cannock and Huntington and Hatherton.

It is envisaged that Graham will take up the post in the new year.

Please pray for Graham and his family as they prepare to move to Cannock.



Janice



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

Morning Prayer

Please note Morning Prayer will be on Tuesday 15th September.

**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 24th September .
Everyone Welcome.**

St Luke's Church Table Top Fayre

Saturday 3rd October

10.00am – 1.00pm

Raising funds for St Luke's

To include sale of handbags and scarves, crafts, jewellery, gifts and cosmetics also good pre-loved clothing.

The café will be open for refreshments including sausage and bacon sandwiches or baps.

We would be grateful for any donations for the above i.e. jewellery, unwanted gifts etc and good quality clothing to be brought in a week before the event.

See Linda Hopley or Jane Coxon or leave in the Parish Office for collection.



Donation to Bishop Michael's Leaving Gift

As most of you are aware, Bishop Michael will be leaving at the end of September. If you would like to donation towards his leaving gift, please see Janice or John Skurr.

Thank you.

This weeks diary

Tue 15th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	10.30am	Funeral Alan Guest	St Thomas'
Wed 16th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	2.00pm	Visiting Bellringers	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 18th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 19th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 20th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Lukes
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Everyone Welcome

St Thomas' Church

Saturday 3rd October 10.00—1.00pm

Come in for

Coffee/Tea/Squash

Cake and a chat Plus raffle



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 22nd September

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 23rd

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion

St Saviours

11am Holy Communion Harvest

We look forward to welcoming you



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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