

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 15th February 2026

Sunday next before Lent

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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

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading 2 Peter 1.16-21

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic **Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'**

¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you

must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Second Reading *Matthew 17.1-9*

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴**Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'** ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, **'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'** ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, **'Get up and do not be afraid.'** ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹**As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'**

A Walk Down The Aisle Through Time

23rd - 25th April 2026 10.00 - 4.00

We need your **TREASURES**, your **TIME** and your **TALENTS**.

Please speak to Janice or Janet, the wardens, or Karen Dean, Jane Coxon and Linda Kelly.



A Walk Down The Aisle Through Time

23rd - 25th April 2026 10.00 - 4.00

This event is an exhibition of wedding traditions and attire, illustrating how this has changed over time.

If you have any wedding memorabilia that you would be willing to loan for the exhibition, please contact either the wardens, the parish office or myself as soon as possible.

We are also collecting any short anecdotes connected to weddings. If you can contribute to this please speak to Janet Bolton.

As ever, we will require stewards and help with refreshments and of course your baking skills. Please offer your services to Janice Middleton or Linda Kelly.

Thank you for your support. Karen Dean



Do You Turn to Christ?

The Ministry team will be running a 6 week course during Lent, exploring the questions candidates are asked when they come for baptism or Confirmation. This is an opportunity to find out more about what we as Christians believe and perhaps reaffirm your faith.

The sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm – 4.00pm in St Luke's Church Centre starting on 26th February and running until 26th March with the final one on 16th April.

If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of Church, so we know how many books to order.

Steve, Gill, David and Di

St Luke's Memorial Chapel

A clear out of St Luke's Memorial Chapel will take place shortly, and as such we need your assistance. If you own or can identify any items that need to be kept please can you label the items (for storage) or take them home with you. Any items still in the Chapel after the 15th February (which have not been claimed or identified as belonging to someone) will be removed and stored/sorted or donated.

Your support with this important tidy up of our Church would be greatly appreciated.

The Fabric Team



A message from the Pastoral Care Group

If you are able to offer a lift to church, even if it is only one Sunday a month, please could let the Pastoral Care Group know your availability.

Many thanks Gill, Di and Sue.

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 17th February 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
26th February
Everyone Welcome.**



This weeks diary

Tue 17th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 18th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
		Ash Wednesday	
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday HC	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Sun 22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome

ST LUKE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP.

Day Trip to Trentham Gardens including entry to gardens

Tuesday 28th April

Depart Hednesford (bus stop by Tesco) &

Church Street, Cannock.

Cost £42.50 Deposit £10

Balance no later than 31 March

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by

mail margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk Payment by bank transfer, cash or cheque payable to Margaret Walker

Coach seats will be allocated on receipt of deposit.

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 24th February

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 25th February

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st March

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Together in Worship

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****

