

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 16th November 2025

2nd Sunday before Advent

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****Advance notification Office closed**

Thur 27th & Friday 28th November.

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

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Readings

16th November	2 Thess 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
23rd November	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
30th November	Isaiah 2:1-5	Matthew 24:36-44

Reading 1 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it.

On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.” We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busy-bodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

Reading 2— Luke 21.5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And Jesus said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them. ⁹When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Christingles

St Luke's Christingle Service this year will be held on
Sunday 14th December at 9.30am.

Please come and support our ministry team at this joyous
celebration of the coming of Christ The Light of the World.

During the service there will be a collection for the
Children's Society.

You are all most welcome
to attend.



Christmas Fayre St Thomas' Church

Saturday 29th November

11.00am till 2.00pm

A variety of stalls including chocolate, jams, crafts,
books etc and also raffle, tombola and bottle stall.

Refreshments and visit from Santa.



Message from Linda Hopley

I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and flowers. I
am slowly recovering from my fall and hope to be with you all soon.

Linda



Do you have a nativity scene that could be displayed for the Christmas Tree Festival?

Please see Janice or Janet.

St Thomas' Church

A Christmas Card Board will be in Church from Sunday 16th November. Please write one card and give a donation in lieu of sending everyone a card. The donation tin is in Church. Please help raise much needed funds for Kathryn House Hospice, Stafford.

Thank you Doreen Shaw



Cakes/Mince Pies Wanted

Cakes and mince pies are required for the Christmas Tree Festival. If you could bake or donate to the festival café and musical evening, it would be much appreciated.

Volunteers are required to help out at the Christmas Tree Festival

Please see Janice or Janet.

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.

St. Luke's Church

Cannock

Friday 28th November 7.30pm

An evening of music and readings with St Luke's Choir

Tickets available from the Parish Office, Wardens or on the door

Light refreshments; mulled wine, orange juice and mince pies

Doors Open 7pm—Tickets £5



This weeks diary

Tue 18th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 19th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
	10.00am	Christmas Unwrapped	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St Luke's
Thur 20th	3.00pm	Prayer Group	Dartmouth A
Sun 23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome

**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 9th December
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
Thursday 20th November at 3pm
Everyone Welcome.**



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 25th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 26th

10.00 am ~~Holy Communion - St Luke's~~

Cancelled due to Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 30th

8.00am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

10.00am Joint service

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****

