

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 18th May 2025

Easter 5

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### **Office hours**

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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 God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

## Post Communion

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Readings

18th May	Acts 11:1-18	John 13:31-35
25th May	Acts 16:9-15	John 14:23-29
29th May	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:44-end

*Reading 2 John 13.31-35*

<sup>31</sup>**During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’**

## *Reading 1 - Acts 11.1-18*

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>**saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’** <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>**‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.** There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>**As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.** <sup>7</sup>**I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.”** <sup>8</sup>But I replied, **“By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.”** <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, **“What God has made clean, you must not call profane.”** <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. **These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.** <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and **saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.”** <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>**And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”** <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord **Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’** <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, **they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’**

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them: Staley Croft, Stoney Croft, Stoney Fields Close, Stoney Lea Road, Strathmore Place, Sunfield Road.

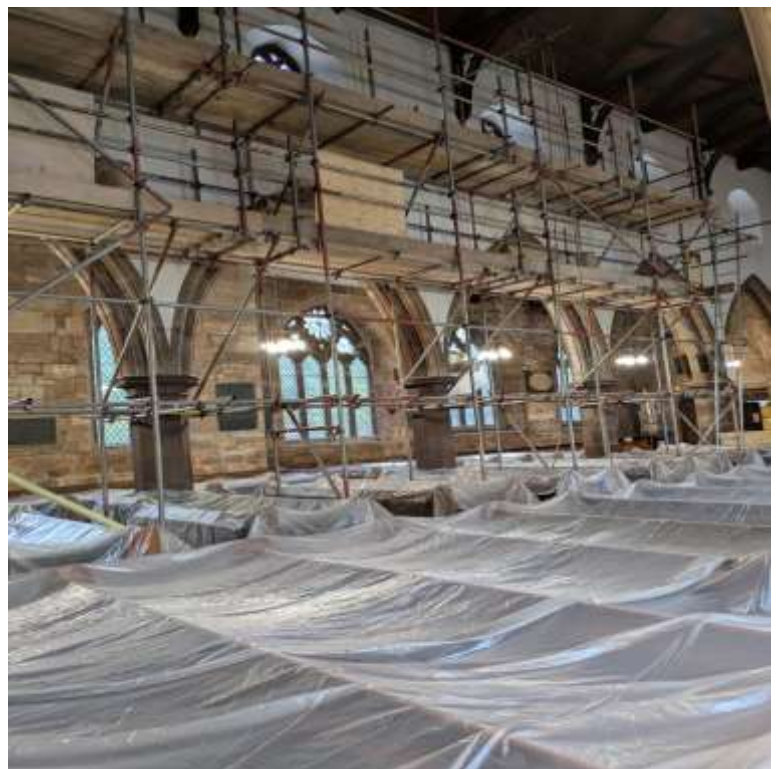


The final stage of the current QI repairs to the Nave are moving ahead as planned. The loose plaster has been removed and replaced, and assuming there are no issues discovered after allowing for everything to dry out, the area will be repainted over the next few days.

We will then contact the scaffolding company for removal of their equipment and hope the holy dusters are well rested.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding.

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We are God's Family and like other families it would be good to celebrate birthdays and the milestones of life.

**Happy Birthday to Ilma Titley  
who celebrated her Birthday on the 13th May!**

**Happy Birthday to Jo Brownhill  
who celebrated her Birthday on the 16th May!**

**Happy Birthday to Joan Brownhill  
Who celebrates her Birthday on the 21st May!**

**Many Happy Returns to you all , from your Church Family**

### 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. Amen.

## Deanery Open Day - Pioneering Parishes

The Deanery is exploring a 'Pioneering Parishes' with a taster day on 31 May. We are the first deanery in the country to try this and it has caused much interest in the diocese. We have been asked to invite people to come along and hear what Greg Baker and Tina Hodgetts (who will lead the day), have to say about doing things differently. At a recent meeting with Bishop Tim, he encouraged us with 'if you want to grow your churches, stop doing the same and do something different.' Let's start this journey together. If you are interested in coming, please let one of your Deanery Synod Reps know, Di, Gill or Maggie.

When: Saturday 31st May,

Where: St Peter's Church, Hednesford, WS12 1BD ,

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

**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 27th May**

**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 Road will be on Thursday 22nd May at 3pm**

**Everyone Welcome.**

## **This weeks diary**

Mon 19th	2.00pm	Friendship Group	Centre
Wed 21st	10.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
Sun 25th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Centre
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

**Everyone Welcome**

## **Volunteers Wanted - To join the rota for Church Opening.**

This year the Church will be open on Friday and Saturday mornings from June to October. If you could join the team to welcome visitors to our church please contact Gill Winter or David Gethin.

## **CALLING ALL HOLY DUSTERS !**

We will soon be able to go back into church. However, before we do, we will need to get the church cleaned, hoovered and dusted!

Therefore, we are asking for as many volunteers as possible to help come and clean on Friday 30th May 10am - 12pm and on Monday 2nd June 10am - 12pm.

Please advise the Church Wardens if you are able to help!

Together we will make our church look bright and beautiful!

Thanking you in advance for your help.

The Wardens.



## **Future Services**

**St. Luke's**

**Tues 27th**

**9.30am Morning Prayer Centre**

**Wednesday 28th**

**10.00 am Holy Communion - Centre**

**Sunday 1st**

**9.30am Holy Communion**

**St Thomas'**

**11.00 am 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 NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: TINNED MEAT, RICE PUDING, TINNED FRUIT, JAM, SQUASH AND UHT MILK.**

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

