

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 1st June 2025

Easter 7

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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

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings

1st June	Acts 16:16-34	John 17:20-end
8th June	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17
15th June	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	John 16:12-15
22nd June	Galatians 3:23-end	Luke 8:25-39

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will  
bless them:

The Green, The Willows, Thirlmere Close, Thistle Drive,  
Trinity Close, Ullswater Place

## *Reading 1 Acts 16.16-34*

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and the **rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.”** She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned round and said to the spirit, **“In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!”** At that moment the spirit left her. When the owners of the slave girl realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, **“These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.”** The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all **the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose.** The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But **Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”**

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. **He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”** They replied, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.”** Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptised. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole family.

**Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ‘Holy Father,** <sup>20</sup>I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>**‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’**

### 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.



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

Please let the wardens or office know.



### **Calling all Volunteers**

**More readers are required to help out with readings at 9.30am services on Sundays, please don't be shy if you are even a little bit interested please speak with Janet Bolton.**



**Our JustGiving Page can be found on the St Luke's Church website <https://www.stlukescannock.org.uk/> for people to be able to make a donation towards the Fabric of our church. Or type "St Luke's Church Cannock" into the search box on the JustGiving Website**  
**We really appreciate your donations.**

**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 3rd  
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 12th June at 3pm  
Everyone Welcome.**

### **St. Luke's**

**Holy Dusters are looking for more help.....**

Would you consider adding your name to our rota? We try to work in teams of three as many hands make light work. *Please* speak to the Wardens if you want more information.



## **This weeks diary**

Mon 2nd	8.00am	Meter Change	St Luke's
Wed 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St Luke's
Thur 5th	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St Luke's
Fri 6th	10.00am	Holy Dusters	St Luke's
Sat 7th	1.30pm	Wedding	St Luke's
Sun 8th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Family Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Saviours

**Everyone Welcome**



## **Future Services**

**St. Luke's**

**Tues 10th**

**9.30am Morning Prayer Centre**

**Wednesday 11th**

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

**Sunday 15th**

**9.30am Holy Communion**

**St Thomas'**

**11.00 am Morning Prayer**

**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\*\***

