

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 1st March 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

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Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

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Due to Joseph's work Experience the office will open a bit later on Mon—Wed w/b 2nd March (approx. 10am)

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,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Genesis 12.1-4a*

¹**The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'**
⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Second Reading John 3.1-17

¹There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to **Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'** ³Jesus answered him, **'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'** ⁴Nicodemus said to him, **'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'** ⁵Jesus answered, **'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."** ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who **is born of the Spirit.'** ⁹Nicodemus said to him, **'How can these things be?'** ¹⁰Jesus answered him, **'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'**

Funeral of Ivan Farnell

Madeline has advised that Ivan's funeral will be at Cannock Chase Crem on Monday 9th March at 11.30am followed by refreshments at Harrison's Club in Great Wyrley. If anyone wishes to attend.



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

A Walk Down The Aisle Through Time

Thank you to everyone who has already offered to loan photographs. The plan is to scan them and put them on a loop on the screens during the event. To this end, please can you take any loose photographs into the church office for Donna to scan. Please ensure they are labelled with your name so they can be returned to you. As we wish to show the changes in wedding attire over time, please include the year of the wedding if known, or if not, then the decade. Many thanks.

If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, please place your donation and name of your loved one(s) in an envelope and pass it to one of the Wardens or hand it in to the Parish Office.

The name of your loved one(s) will be displayed on the noticeboard at Easter.

Many Thanks Janice



Thanks to everyone that arranged to collect, remove, or store the items located in the memorial chapel. Our mission has been successful without the need to throw items away. Any items that remain, will be stored under the pews boards on the left and all pews on right are to be kept clear for prayers and meditation.

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.

St Thomas' coffee morning on

Saturday 7th March, 10.00am till 12.00pm

Everyone is 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 10th March (No service this week - 3rd March)**

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 April due to Lent Course in the Church Centre

Everyone Welcome.



This weeks diary

Tue 3rd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	11.30am	Funeral	St Luke's
Wed 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 6th	11.30am	Funeral Ethel Taylor	St Luke's
Sat 7th	10.00am	Café	St Thomas'
Sun 8th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	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 (includes admission to gardens)

£32.50 (without admission) **Deposit:** £10

Balance no later than 31 March

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by email 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 10th March

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 11th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

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

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

