

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 21st September 2025

Matthew

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### **Office hours**

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

**Thursday—Friday 9.30am—12.30pm**

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 almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain  
and the possessive love of riches  
that we may follow in the way of your Son 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,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings

21st September	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Matthew 9:9-13
28th September	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-end
5th October	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
12th October	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19

*Reading 1 2 Corinthians 4.1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we **refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement** of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves **for Jesus' sake.** <sup>6</sup>**For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,'** who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reading 2 Matthew 9.9-13*

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; **and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.** <sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw **this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'** <sup>12</sup>**But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'** <sup>13</sup>**Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."** For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

**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 23rd September** 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 25th September at 3pm  
Everyone Welcome.**

**Bible Study led by Rev Nicola Upson-Smith**

**Venue—St Aidan's Church Hall  
Tuesdays @ 7.15pm  
(with coffee and good biscuits!!)**

**All about St Luke and his gospel, this is an opportunity to learn, discuss and provides a fascinating insight into the circumstances, history and St Luke's account of Christ's life and times.**

**You are welcome to any, or all of the sessions.  
This course is highly recommended!  
See Janet Bolton for further details**

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



Please let the Parish office know if you are celebrating  
Happy Birthday to our Warden

Janet Bolton who is celebrating her Birthday on 26th September  
Happy Birthday from your Church Family

### Car Park Payments

Please be advised that the Parish Office will take payments  
for the car park passes on

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays

(Not Thursday or Friday mornings)

9.30am—2.30pm

Please bring your completed car park form (if not already  
sent in) we cannot accept payment unless a form  
is completed. Fee payable will be on your form.



## 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.

## **WANTED!!**

**Margaret and Linda are hanging up their aprons for the last time at the end of November.**

**Therefore, we need a volunteer to run the Centre Café on the 3rd Saturday of every month.**

**If you feel called to do this important ministry for St Luke's, please speak to Janice or Janet for further information.**

**Thank you, The Church Wardens**

\*WANTED\*

Bric-a-brac, jigsaws, jewellery for our Table-Top Sale on FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER. NO BOOKS, THANK YOU.

The café will be open for tea and coffee plus bacon rolls and hot dogs from 10.00am – 12.30pm. Please come and support this fund-raiser for the Christmas Tree Festival.

## **This weeks diary**

Mon 22nd	2.00pm	Friendship Group	Centre
Tue 23rd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	7.00pm	PCC	St Thomas'
Wed 24th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St Luke's
Fri 26th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
	10.00am	Funeral	St Saviours
	12.00pm	Burial of Ashes	St Saviours
Sat 27th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 28th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

**Everyone Welcome**

Please be advised that choir practice will now take place on Wednesday evenings 7.30 pm—9.00pm

Everyone welcome



## Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 30th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 1st

10.00 am Holy Communion - St Luke's

Sunday 5th

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00am Harvest Together in Worship—St  
Thomas'

11.00am Morning Prayer—St Saviours

*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\*\***

