

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 22nd February 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

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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,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶**And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'**

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the **LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall**

not eat from any tree in the garden”?’² The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’’⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die;⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Second Reading Matthew 4.1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³**The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’** ⁴But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’¹⁰ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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.

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 Lukes Church Cafe

Saturday 28th February 10-12.30pm

This month's theme will be Mary Berry Bakes

All cakes will be made from Mary Berry recipes

ranging from traditional

Victoria sponge to coffee

and walnut battenburg.

Everyone welcome!



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.

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 24th February 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

Mon 23rd	11.00am	Funeral	St Luke's
Tue 24th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 25th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Sat 28th	10.00am	Café	Centre
Sun 1st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Together in Worship	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	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 £47.50 Deposit £10

Balance no later than 31 March

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by

mail margaretgwalker@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 3rd March

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 4th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th March

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Together in Worship

St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion

St Saviours

11.00am Morning Prayer

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****

