

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

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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 strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

22nd June	Galatians 3:23-end	Luke 8:26 -39
29th June	Zachariah 4:1-6a,10b-end	Matthew 16:13-19
6th July	Galatians 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
13th July	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10: 25-37

Reading 1 Galatians 3.23-29

Before faith in Jesus Christ came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he
ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Reading 2 Luke 8.26-39

²⁶Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, **‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’** – ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰**Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him.** ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹**‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.**

PSALM 8

- ¹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- ⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals^[a] that you care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,^[b]
and crowned them with glory and honour.
- ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put
all things under their feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it
was in the beginning, now and ever shall be forever. Amen

**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
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 26th June at 3pm
Everyone Welcome.**

Dear St. Luke's Church

Armed Forces Day takes place on the last Saturday of June each year, this year falling on Saturday 28th June.

Armed Forces Day is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving personnel to Service families, veterans and cadets. It also marks the culmination of a week of celebrations, beginning on Monday 23rd June, when the public show their support and appreciation for the Armed Forces community. It also includes Reserves Day (25th June), which provides the country with an opportunity to recognise our Reserve Forces.

In acknowledgement of this day, the Council flies a special Armed Forces Day flag for the week leading up to the Saturday. You are therefore cordially invited to attend a short flag raising event on
Monday 23rd June, 11am
at the front of the Council Offices in Cannock.

We hope you are able to join us on this celebratory occasion. Refreshments will be served in the Civic Suite foyer after the flag raising.

Please reply by email to civic@cannockchasedc.gov.uk to confirm your attendance.

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

Watling Street,

Waveney Grove,

Wellington Drive,

Wessex Drive,

West Street,

Whinyates Rise,

This weeks diary

Mon 23rd	2.00pm	Friendship Group	Centre
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 Ringers	St Luke's
Thur 26th	3.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Dartmouth
Sun 29th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
(Joint Service with St Luke's/St Saviours)			

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. Amen.

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 1st

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 2nd

10.00 am Holy Communion - St Luke's

Sunday 6th

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00 am Holy Communion

Patronal

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****

