

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 27th April 2025

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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 Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings

27th April

Acts 5:27-32

John 20:19-end

Please pray for the people living or working in these roads that God will bless them: Shoal Hill Close, Short Street, Silver Birch Road, Skipton Place, Skylark Close, South Close.

Reading 1 - Acts 5.27-32

Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin **to be questioned by the high priest. “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”**

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead – whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has **given to those who obey him.”**

Reading 2 - John 20.19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus **came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’** ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹**Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’** ²²When he had said this, he breathed **on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’**

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵**So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’** ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among **them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’** ²⁷**Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’** ²⁸**Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’**

²⁹**Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’**

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

YOUR CHURCHES NEEDS YOU!!!!

On Tuesday 13th May at 7.30 p.m. we will be holding our Annual PCC Meeting. At this meeting we elect your PCC representatives and officers for the forthcoming year and receive reports from church organisations. **Even if you don't want to join the PCC it is important that we have a good turnout at the Annual meeting.**

The PCC is the legal entity for the Parish and makes important decisions on behalf of your churches. It is therefore very important that we have a strong PCC, especially when we are hoping to attract the right person to be our next Vicar. We have 6 ordinary meetings per year and try to conduct some business by email.

Please consider getting involved. We can't continue to rely on a small diminishing group of people to make such important decisions.

Forms will be available in church from Sunday 27th April. Please come and talk to Janet or Janice (St. Luke's) or Tricia (St. Thomas') if you would like more information.

Members of St. Luke's are invited to the flag raising ceremony that will take place at the Council Offices at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 8th May. Members are also invited to refreshments at the Council Offices after the flag raising and the service at the War Memorial.

Please let Janet or Janice know by Sunday 4th May if you wish to attend as the Council need to know numbers for refreshments.



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

Don't be shy or embarrassed—we won't give your age away! We want to thank God for you, and ask him to bless you as you.

**Happy Birthday to Russell Wilkinson
who celebrates his Birthday on 29th April
Many Happy Returns from your Church Family.**



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.



Parish Office Holidays

Please be advised the Parish Office will be closed over the next few weeks for holidays:

Mon 28th April 9.30am-3.00pm

Tue 29th 9.30am-3.00pm

Wed 30th 9.30am –3.00pm

Thur 1st May—Closed

Fri 2nd May—Closed

Mon 5th May—Bank Holiday

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 29th April 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 8th May at 3pm

Everyone Welcome.

Friendship Group

On the **28th April**, The Shropshire / Staffordshire / Cheshire Blood Bikes will be giving a talk to the Friendship Group. We would like to open up this invitation to all members of the congregation.

Start Time: 2pm

Entrance Fee: £2.00 (includes tea and biscuits)

Donations on the day will be taken for 'Blood Bikes'.

For further information, please contact Margaret Walker.

This weeks diary

Tue 29th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 30th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
Wed 30th	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
Sat 3rd	10.00am	Coffee Morning	St Thomas'
Sun 4th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Centre
	11.00am	Together in Worship	St Thomas'

It has been agreed that St. Luke's will take part in the VE Day Celebrations in the town centre on Saturday May 10th, from 12.00 – 5.00pm.

This will be our main fund-raising event this year. We will be opening the café and will have various stalls, to include a bottle tombola, handbags and scarves, jewellery, crafts and jigsaws. We are therefore asking for donations of bottles of alcohol, sauces, water, and beauty products, plus handbags, scarves, jewellery and jigsaws.

Cakes and scones will be needed on the day.

Please see Jane Coxon or Linda Hopley for further information.

Volunteers Wanted - To join the rota for Church Opening.

This year the Church will be open on Friday and Saturday mornings from June to October. If you could join the team to welcome visitors to our church please contact Gill Winter or David Gethin.

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tues 6th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 7th

10.00 am Holy Communion - Centre

Sunday 11th

8.00am Holy Communion - Centre

9.30am Together in Worship - Centre

St Thomas'

11.00 am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you

A note from Peter Linford

Mum (Romola) and wife of Rev John Linford, who was Rector here from 1978-1990, has died. She died on Monday 24 March, aged 91.

It may be that there are still members of the church there who remember Mum, so perhaps you would be kind enough to pass this on.

Anyone wishing to attend the funeral in Aylesbury please contact the Parish Office for details.