

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 27th September 2026

17th Sunday after Trinity

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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,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Philippians 2.1-13*

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalt-

ed him and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Second Reading Matthew 21.23-32

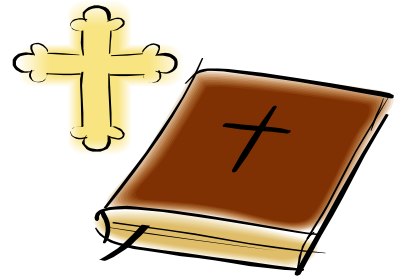
²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE

Following the success of the Lent Course the Ministry Team intend to run another course during October. We will follow another book in the Pilgrim course based on the Lord's Prayer. It will be a six week course running on **Thursday's, from October 1st to November 5th**, with an afternoon session at **2.30pm** and an evening session at **7.00pm**. You don't have to attend every week but please join us for as many of the sessions as you can.

To sign up, please add your name to the form at the back of Church or in the Parish Office.

Steve, Gill, David and Di.



Car Park Payments

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

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's.

(Not Thursday or Friday mornings) 9.30am—2.30pm

Fee payable will be the same as last year.



Appointment of Vicar

I am pleased to inform you that the Reverend Graham Bowkett has accepted the position of Vicar of the Parishes of Cannock and Huntington and Hatherton.

It is envisaged that Graham will take up the post in the new year.

Please pray for Graham and his family as they prepare to move to Cannock.



Janice



An invitation to join us for prayer as we pray together for God's blessing and empowerment for ministry and witness in our communities.

Morning Prayer

Please note Morning Prayer will be on Tuesday 6th October.

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 announced shortly .

Everyone Welcome.

St Luke's Church Table Top Fayre

Saturday 3rd October

10.00am – 1.00pm

Raising funds for St Luke's

To include sale of handbags and scarves, crafts, jewellery, gifts and cosmetics also good pre-loved clothing.

The café will be open for refreshments including sausage and bacon sandwiches or baps.

We would be grateful for any donations for the above i.e; jewellery, unwanted gifts etc and good quality clothing to be brought in a week before the event.

See Linda Hopley or Jane Coxon or leave in the Parish Office for collection.



Harvest Festivals

Our Harvest Festivals will take place on the following dates:

St. Thomas' – Sunday 4th October

St. Luke's – Sunday 11th October

Donations for the Food Bank will be gratefully received.



This weeks diary

Tue 29th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
Wed 30th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 2nd	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 3rd	10.00am	Table Top Fayre	St Luke's
	10.00am	Macmillan Coffee	St Thomas'
	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 4th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours
	11.00am	Together in Worship	St Thomas'

Everyone Welcome

St Thomas' Church

Saturday 3rd October 10.00—1.00pm

Please join us for;

Coffee/Tea/Squash Cake and a chat, plus a raffle!



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 6th

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 7th

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Together in Worship—Harvest Festival

St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion

St Saviours

11am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you



A free phone line of hymns,
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