

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 2nd August 2026

9th Sunday after Trinity

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Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm

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**** notice** Parish Office holidays .Wednesday 5th August
and Monday Tuesday and Wednesdays between 10th August
and 19th.**

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,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Romans 9.1-5*

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Second Reading Matthew 14.13-21

¹³When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.

Message from Andy Brittle

Following our recent Quinquennial Inspection, we have been asked to start weekly routine checks with regards to movement, which may be associated with the nearby town centre demolition.

You may notice strategically placed red card which says 'do not move' and cloth around the pulpit area which looks out of place.

At the moment Andy and Donna have placed these 'dust/mortar traps' where we think the issues are, and these will be checked weekly in order for us to monitor and document any possible movement in the Church building. The architect has stated that as the Church's appointed architect, his priority is keeping St Luke's fully open and functional, this monitoring will help him ensure that any early signs of movement will be picked up. To that end we need your assistance. In your visits to Church, we ask that if you see any large particles of plaster and excess dust (particularly near walls and windows), you inform Donna, Andy or Janice/Teresa.

These items should not be touched or moved and remain in situ until we can take photographic evidence and document on our Structural Monitoring sheets. Please ensure that children near the carpeted area do not remove the red card dust traps and the fabric placed around the pulpit area. In addition, should anyone experience difficulties in the opening or closing of doors then please pass on this information as soon as possible again to Donna Andy Janice or Teresa. Please be assured that St Luke's is perfectly safe to visit at present, however, we do need to be mindful that things change quickly. If you do see something or hear vibrations etc then please report immediately to one of the above. Andy Brittle

Prayer for our next Vicar

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your loving presence within our churches and for your constant love for the communities of Cannock, Huntington and Hatherton. We thank you Father for all those people, past and present, who have been part of the witnessing life of St Luke's, St Thomas' and St Saviour's and have answered the call to serve you and your church.

Now as we look to the future, we pray for someone to come and serve as the vicar of our parish. Father, scripture reminds us that you have always called people into your service. We pray that you have already chosen the person who will be our new vicar. We pray that at the right time, prompted by your Spirit, that person will respond to the advertisement and be drawn to the parish to share with us, the challenges outlined in our Parish Profile. Father, we put our trust in you to send the right person to be our vicar and to lead us on to where you would have us be. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

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 Luke's Church

Teresa is looking to set up a Welcome Team to welcome people to the 9.30am Sunday service.

Full training on how to set up Church and the equipment will be provided.

Please come and offer to help us welcome people to our Church. Many thanks, Teresa

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 there will be no Morning Prayer until Tuesday 8th September

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

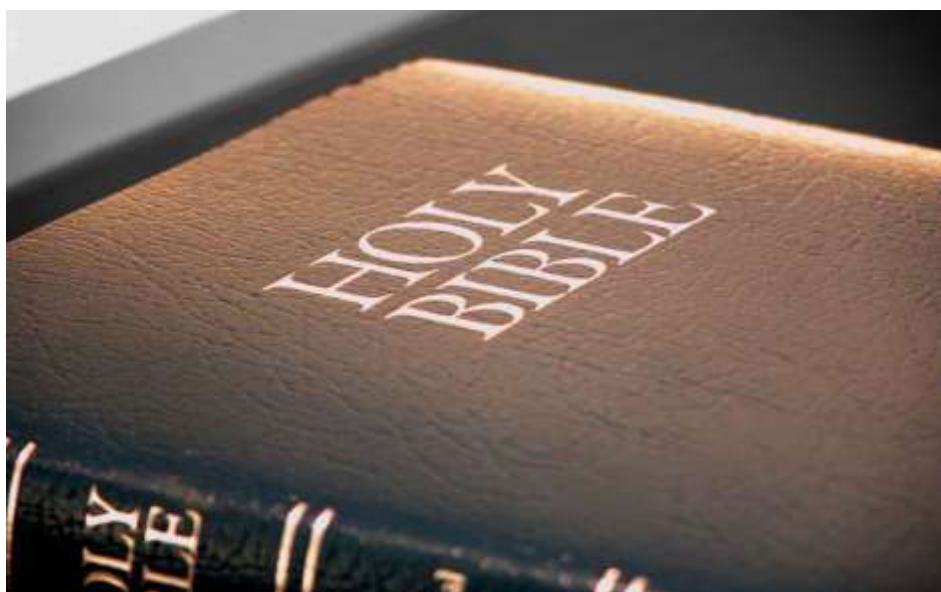
Everyone Welcome.



This weeks diary

Tue 4th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
	3.00pm	Wedding Blessing	St Luke's
Wed 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Church
	1.00pm	Funeral McCrone	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Fri 7th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sat 8th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Lukes
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 11th

~~9.30am Morning Prayer~~

Wednesday 12th

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th

9.30am Holy Communion

2.00pm Cannock Civic Service

St Thomas'

11.00am Morning Prayer

St Saviours

11.00am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you



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