

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

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### **Office hours**

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

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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,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Reading 1 - Isaiah 2.1-5*

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:  
In the last days **the mountain of the LORD'S temple will be established**  
as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all na-  
**tions will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go**  
up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He  
**will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."** The law will go  
out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge be-  
tween the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into ploughshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war any more.  
Come, O house of Jacob,  
**let us walk in the light of the LORD.”**

### ***Reading 2— Matthew 24.36-44***

**Jesus said:**“No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will **be taken and the other left.** “**Therefore keep watch, because you do not** know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour **when you do not expect him.”**

### **St Thomas’ Carol Service**

Sunday 21st December 11.00am

Everyone Welcome



## Christingle Services

**St Luke's** - Christingle Service this year will be held on  
Sunday 14th December at 9.30am.

Please come and support our ministry team at this joyous  
celebration of the coming of Christ The Light of the World.

**St Thomas'** - 7th December 11.00am



You are all most welcome to attend.



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

Please let the Parish office know if you are celebrating.

Belated Birthday wishes to Linda Hopley  
who celebrated her Birthday on 27th November.  
Its nice to see you back in church after your fall.



Happy Birthday to Raymond Myatt  
Who celebrates his birthday on December 2nd.  
Many happy returns from your Church Family

## **St Thomas' Church**

A Christmas Card Board will be in Church from Sunday 16th November. Please write one card and give a donation in lieu of sending everyone a card. The donation tin is in Church. Please help raise much needed funds for Kathryn House Hospice, Stafford.



Thank you Doreen Shaw



## **St Luke's Friendship Group Carol Service**

**Monday 8th December 2pm in St Luke's Church**

All Welcome

The service will be followed by afternoon tea in the church centre.

Tickets are free for Friendship Group members

£5 for guests ~ available from Linda Hopley or

Margaret Walker

Chase Choral Society Concert which is being held at St Thomas' on Friday 12th December 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Entrance £1 payable at the door with refreshments and raffle.



## 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 9th December** 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 on**

**Thursday 20th November at 3pm**

**Everyone Welcome.**



## **This weeks diary**

Tue 2nd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 3rd	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St Luke's
Thur 4th	10.15am	Blossoms Nursery	St Luke's
Fri 5th	9.30am	Bridgtown school	St Luke's
Sun 7th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Christingle	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours

**Everyone Welcome**

**Advance notice**

**Monday 8th 2pm Friendship Group carol service St  
Luke's Friday 7pm Chase Choral Concert 7.00pm**

*Thank You*

*A big thank you to our volunteers for the 'Christmas Unwrapped' Workshops for the four primary schools in our parish. Year 4 pupils were treated to the delights of interactive activities illustrating the Christmas story through a series of 'stations'. Ably directed by timekeeper Di were Maggie, Sue, Jan Debbie, Jo, Tricia, Nigel, Margaret, Naomi, Ruth, Linda M. We have one more workshop to go on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December for Bridgtown School, if anyone would like to join us as there is a space available for that morning.*



## **Future Services**

**St. Luke's**

**Tues 9th December**

**9.30am Morning Prayer Centre**

**Wednesday 10th December**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 14th December**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**9.30am Christingle Service**

**St Thomas'**

**11.00am Holy Communion**

**St Saviour's**

**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\*\***

