

# **The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**

*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

## **Parish News**

Sunday 3rd May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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### **Office hours**

**Monday—Wednesday 9.30am—3pm**

**Thursday—Friday 9.30am—12.30pm**

**Office closed Monday 4th and**

**Thursday 7th May**

**\*\*Cut off for Pew News 12pm Wednesdays\*\* for next week**

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 through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

## Post Communion

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## *First Reading Acts 7.55-60*

Standing before the high priest and the council, <sup>55</sup>Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>**‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’** <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While **they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’** <sup>60</sup>**Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.**

*Second Reading John 14.1-14*

**Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”**

**Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”**

**Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”**

**Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”**

**Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”**

## **St Thomas’ Cheese and Wine Evening**

Saturday 9th May 7.00pm

Cheese and wine evening with a quiz. Tickets £10 available

**from St Luke’s Parish Office and St Thomas’ Church**

## 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

## **Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council**

This will be held in the **Church Centre on Tuesday 12th May 2026**. We are required to display the Electoral Roll for each church, on the appropriate noticeboard, from Sunday 12th April to Sunday 26th April. Please will you take the time to check the list. If your name doesn't appear but you wish to be placed on the Roll, or if you wish your name to be removed, please see Janice Middleton (St. Luke's) or the Electoral Roll Officer at St. Thomas'.

Calling all parents!!!! We run a local Brownie group which comprises of three sixes....elves, leprechauns and pixies. We are in urgent need of a leprechaun and a pixie to make our sixes complete. Any parent whose daughters would love to become a leprechaun or a pixie.... please register your interest below!



Do you want to make lots of friends?  
Do you want to try new things inside and outdoors?  
Do you want others to try out your fun ideas?  
Do you want to find out about the world around you?  
Do you want to go on trips, sleepovers and holidays?  
Are you aged between 7-10?

## **Brownies is for you!**

Brownies is for girls aged between 7-10 who want to have fun!

Our meetings are full of challenges and games, both inside and outside. The activities are suggested by the brownies themselves.

We go on trips, sleepovers, camps, holidays and do things for the community.

Brownies can earn really cool and exciting badges.

If you want to try something new and fun then brownies is for you!

We meet Tuesdays @ St Lukes Church, Cannock between 6pm and 7.30pm.

Why not get your parents/ carers to go onto the girlguiding website and register for our unit:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/finding-your-nearest-unit/>

## **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!**

As some of you may know, Janet and I are standing down as Wardens at the APCM in May – Janice after 15 years as Deputy and Warden and Janet after 6 years as Warden. Therefore, there will be two vacancies for the post of Warden.

If you feel called to undertake this important post for St. Luke's Church, please speak to me or Janet. If you feel that you would be prepared to become part of a larger team to share the responsibilities of Warden, we would also love to hear from you. Many thanks, Janice Middleton.

### **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

### **Church Opening 2026**

The Church will be open for visitors and private prayer from the beginning of May until the end of October. In order that we can keep it open every Friday and Saturday morning we need 2 volunteers to be in church to welcome visitors. Could you help out with this important work? Please get in touch with Gill Winter or give your name to the Parish Office if you are able to join the group of church openers this year.

Thank you Gill

## This weeks diary

Office Closed Thursday 7th May

Mon 4th		Bank Holiday	
Tue 5th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 6th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Centre
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Sat 9th	7.00pm	Cheese and Wine	St Thomas'
Sun 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours



**Everyone Welcome**

**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 5th May****

**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 **28th May****

**Everyone Welcome.**



## **Future Services**

### **St. Luke's**

**Tuesday 12th**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

### **Wednesday 13th May**

10.00am Holy Communion

### **Thursday 14th Ascension Day**

7.30pm Holy Communion

### **Sunday 17th May**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **St Thomas'**

11.00am Morning Prayer

### **St Saviours**

11.00am Holy Communion

*We look forward to*



*welcoming you*



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reflections and prayers

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