

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 4th October 2026

18th Sunday after Trinity

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**Advanced notice Office Closed 26th,27th,28th October
For holidays**

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 and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

First Reading *Philippians 3.4b-14*

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain

Christ and be found in him,⁹ not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Second Reading Matthew 21.33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.”³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.”³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you

and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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.



Thank you



**The Church Centre Committee would like to thank
John Towers and his family,
Who have purchased a commercial toaster and a fan for our
kitchen, in memory of his late wife
Mary Towers.
We really appreciate this very generous donation.**

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 .

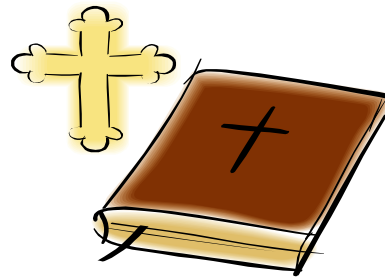
Everyone Welcome.

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.



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 6th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
Wed 7th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Thur 8th	10.00am	St Luke's KS1	St Luke's
	2.30pm	Bible Study	Centre
	7.00pm	Bible Study	Centre
Fri 9th	10.00am	St Luke's KS2	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Luke's
Sat 10th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 11th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

Everyone Welcome



St Luke's Friendship Group

Carol Service

Wednesday 9th December 2pm -St Luke' Church

All welcome!

The service will be followed by afternoon tea in the Church Centre. Tickets are free for Friendship Group members and £5 for guests, available from Linda Hopley or Margaret Walker.

Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 13th

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 14th

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th

10.00am Holy Communion Joint Service@ St Luke's

St Thomas'

10.00am Joint Service @ St Luke's

St Saviours

10.00am Joint Service @ St Luke's

We look forward to welcoming you



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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