## The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

# **Parish News**

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Trinity 16

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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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Readings

5th October 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

12th October 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

19th October 2 Timothy 4:5-17 Luke 10:1-9

26th October Romans 15:1-6 Luke 4:16-24

Our JustGiving Page can be found on the St Luke's Church website <a href="https://www.stlukescannock.org.uk/">https://www.stlukescannock.org.uk/</a> 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..

#### Reading 1 2 Timothy 1.1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## **Reading 2** Luke 17.5-10

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

#### 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.

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.

Happy Birthday to Barry Davies who celebrates his
Birthday on the 6th October
Barry and Sandra also celebrate their
Wedding Anniversary on the 8th October
Steve and Debbie Roycroft celebrate their
Wedding Anniversary on the 7th October

Best wishes to you all, from your Church Family





Bible Study led by Rev Nicola Upson-Smith
Venue—St Aidan's Church Hall
Tuesdays @ 7.15pm
(with coffee and good biscuits!!)

All about St Luke and his gospel, this is an opportunity to learn, discuss and provides a fascinating insight into the circumstances, history and St Luke's account of Christ's life and times.

You are welcome to any, or all of the sessions.
This course is highly recommended!
See Janet Bolton for further details.

Dear Colleagues in Mission,

Bishop of Wolverhampton I am delighted to invite you, along with members of your congregation and mission leadership teams, to join us for our Cultural Day on

Saturday, 18 October 2025

#### at St John's Church, St John's Square, WV2 4BZ

in Wolverhampton city centre.

The purpose of this day is twofold: firstly, to celebrate the rich cultural diversity that God has so generously blessed our Episcopal Area with;

and secondly, to remind ourselves of Christ's Great Commission — to make disciples of all nations, integrating people of every background

into one Christian fellowship. The day will include worship, fellowship, music, and shared stories that reflect the wonderful variety of cultures in our churches.

It will also be an opportunity to strengthen our unity as the Body of Christ and to encourage one another in our mission.

Please encourage your congregations to attend.

The event is free, and everyone is welcome, regardless of ethnicity, culture, or church tradition. I look forward to seeing you there and sharing this joyful occasion with you.

Together, may we more fully reflect the vision of Revelation 7:9 — "a great multitude... from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." With every blessing in Christ,

The Rt Revd Dr Timothy Wambunya Bishop of Wolverhampton

This weeks diary			
Tue 7th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	12.00pm	Funeral Edmonds	St Luke's
	7.00pm	Standing Cttee	Centre
Wed 8th	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 9th	10.00am	St Luke's School	St Luke's
Fri 10th	10.00am	St Luke's School	St Luke's
Sat 11th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'

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 7th October 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 30th October at 3pm Everyone Welcome.

\*WANTED\* Bric-a-brac, jigsaws, jewellery for our Table-Top Sale on FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>OCTOBER. NO BOOKS, THANK YOU.

The café will be open for tea and coffee plus bacon rolls and hot dogs from 10.00am – 12.30pm. Please come and support this fund-raiser for the Christmas Tree Festival.

**Future Services** 

St. Luke's

**Tues 14th** 

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre
Wednesday 15th

10.00 am Holy Communion - St Luke's Sunday 19th

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer—St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion—St Saviours

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\*\*

