

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

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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 and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

7th September	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:24-33
14th September	Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
21st September	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Matthew 9:9-13
28th September	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-end

Reading 1 Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reading 2 Luke 14.25-33

²⁵Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,
²⁶**“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.**
²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰**saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.”** ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

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 September 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 25th September at 3pm Everyone Welcome.**

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

Happy Anniversary to **Chris and Elizabeth Gooch** who celebrate their anniversary on 7th September

Best wishes from your Church Family



Congratulations to Revd Steve and Joyce

Who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 7th September

Thank you for everything you do. Best wishes from your

Church Family



Reminder

Just a reminder that all car park pass applications need to be sent back in to the Parish Office.

It is important that if you have an email address and mobile telephone number to put it on the form in order for the office to add you to the distribution list in case of emergencies. Thank you Parish Office

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. Amen.

WANTED!!

Margaret and Linda are hanging up their aprons for the last time at the end of November.

Therefore, we need a volunteer to run the Centre Café on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

If you feel called to do this important ministry for St Luke's, please speak to Janice or Janet for further information.

Thank you, The Church Wardens

This weeks diary

Tue 9th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
Wed 10th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.00pm	Funeral Meek	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St Luke's
Thur 11th	3.00pm	Prayer Group	Dartmouth
Fri 12th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sat 13th	10.30am	Church Opening	St Luke's
Sun 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	9.30am	Together in Worship	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Thomas'
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Saviours

Everyone Welcome

WANTED

Bric-a-brac, jigsaws, jewellery for our Table-Top Sale on
FRIDAY 17TH 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 16th

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 17th

10.00 am Holy Communion - St Luke's

Sunday 21st

10.00 am Holy Communion—St Luke's

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****

