

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 8th March 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

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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,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Exodus 17.1-7*

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with **Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?'** ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, **'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'** ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, **'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'** ⁵The LORD said to **Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and**

go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike **the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.** Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Mas-sah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, **'Is the LORD among us or not?'**

Second Reading John 4:5-42

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶**Jacob's well was there, and Jesus,** tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷**A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'** ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, **'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?'** (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Je-sus answered her, **'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'** ¹¹The woman said to him, **'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?'** ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons **and his flocks drank from it?'** ¹³Jesus said to her, **'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'** ¹⁵The woman said to him, **'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'** ¹⁶Jesus said to her, **'Go, call your husband, and come back.'** ¹⁷The woman answered him, **'I have no husband.'** Jesus said to her, **'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!'** ¹⁹The woman said to him, **'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'** ²¹Jesus said to her,

‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must **worship in spirit and truth.’** ²⁵**The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’** ²⁶**Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’** ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was **speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’** ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹**‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’** ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, **‘Rabbi, eat something.’** ³²**But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’** ³³So the disciples said to one another, **‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’** ³⁴**Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’** ³⁵**Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.”** ³⁸**I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’** ³⁹**Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’** ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the **woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’**

A Walk Down The Aisle Through Time

Thank you to everyone who has already offered to loan photographs. The plan is to scan them and put them on a loop on the screens during the event. To this end, please send in via email any photos you can supply for the event. Anyone unable to send via email can bring them into the office. Please ensure they are labelled with your name so they can be returned to you. As we wish to show the changes in wedding attire over time, any photos are greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, please place your donation and name of your loved one(s) in an envelope and pass it to one of the Wardens or hand it in to the Parish Office.

The name of your loved one(s) will be displayed on the

noticeboard at Easter.

Many Thanks Janice



A Walk Down The Aisle Through Time

23rd - 25th April 2026 10.00 am - 4.00pm

This event is an exhibition of wedding traditions and attire, illustrating how this has changed over time.

If you have any wedding memorabilia that you would be willing to loan for the exhibition, please contact either the wardens, the parish office or myself as soon as possible.

We are also collecting any short anecdotes connected to weddings. If you can contribute to this please speak to Janet Bolton.

As ever, we will require stewards and help with refreshments and of course your baking skills. Please offer your services to Janice Middleton or Linda Kelly.

Thank you for your support. Karen Dean

St Luke's Church Café Saturday 14th March 10am –12.30pm

This month's theme is Easter Bakes We will have hot cross buns, hot cross scones, mini egg cookies and simnel cakes. Our favourites—tea cakes, sausage rolls and bread pudding and some new additions of chocolate orange brownies, iced buns and key lime pie! Get the date in your diary and pay us a visit
all drinks £1 all cakes etc £1.50



Everything is homemade



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.

Janice Middleton

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 10th March**

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 April due to Lent Course in the

Church Centre

Everyone Welcome.



This weeks diary

Tue 10th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Centre
	11.45am	Funeral	St Thomas'
Wed 11th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	1.30pm	Place of Welcome	St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	St Luke's
Sun 15th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Luke's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Saviours
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'

Everyone Welcome

Many thanks to Revd Steve and the Ministry team, and everyone at St Luke's Church who helped at the funeral of my husband Lloyd Brown. I thank everyone across the parish for your kindness and friendship at this difficult time,

**Thank
You**

God bless you all, love Debbie x

Collection Envelopes

This years collection envelopes are now in Church please collect them from the back.

St Thomas' Church - Easter Lilies

There will be a collection tin at the back of Church if you would like to donate towards the flowers for Easter.

With thanks

Doreen Shaw



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 17th March

9.30am Morning Prayer Centre

Wednesday 18th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion

St Saviours

11.00am Holy Communion

ST LUKE'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Day Trip to Trentham Gardens including entry to gardens

Tuesday 28th April - Depart Hednesford (bus stop by Tesco) and Church Street, Cannock.

Cost: £42.50 (with admission to gardens)

£32.50 (without admission) **Deposit:** £10 Balance no later than 31st March.

Contact Margaret 01543 505860 or by email

margaretwalker@hotmail.co.uk - Payment by bank transfer, cash or cheque payable to Margaret Walker. Seats will be allocated on receipt of deposit.