

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Parish News

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

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Advance notice Darren holidays - w/b 27th April

Leigh 30th April & 1st May

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 Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 2.14a,36-41

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ³⁶**‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’**

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, **‘Brothers, what should we do?’** ³⁸Peter said to them, **‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who**

are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

Second Reading Luke 24.13-35

¹³On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ **And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’** They stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ **Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’**¹⁹ **Jesus asked them, ‘What things?’** They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.’²⁵ Then he said to them, **‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!**²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should **suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’**²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him

strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight.³² **They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'**³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ **They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!'**³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 21st April 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 **23rd April Everyone Welcome.**

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'.

A Walk Down the Aisle Through Time

As part of this event there will be a café in church on Thursday and Friday 23rd and 24th April.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes and scones to sell at the café. Please speak to Janice or Janet if you need more information.

The Centre Café will be held in the Church Centre on Saturday 25th April from 10am to 4pm

Thank you.



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

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

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| Tue 21st | 9.30am | Morning Prayer | Centre |
| | 10.00am | Funeral Batkin | St Thomas' |
| Wed 22nd | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Centre |
| | 9.00am | Bridal Event set up | St Luke's |
| | 1.30pm | Place of Welcome | St Thomas' |
| | 7.30pm | Bell Practice | St Luke's |
| Thur 23rd | 10.00am | Bridal Event | St Luke's |
| Fri 24th | 10.00am | Bridal Event | St Luke's |
| Sat 25th | 10.00am | Bridal Event | St Luke's |
| Sun 26th | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Luke's |
| | 10.00am | Joint Service | St Luke's |

Everyone Welcome



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



Future Services

St. Luke's

Tuesday 28th

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 29th April

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd May

9.30am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

11.00am Together in Worship

St Saviours

11.00am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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