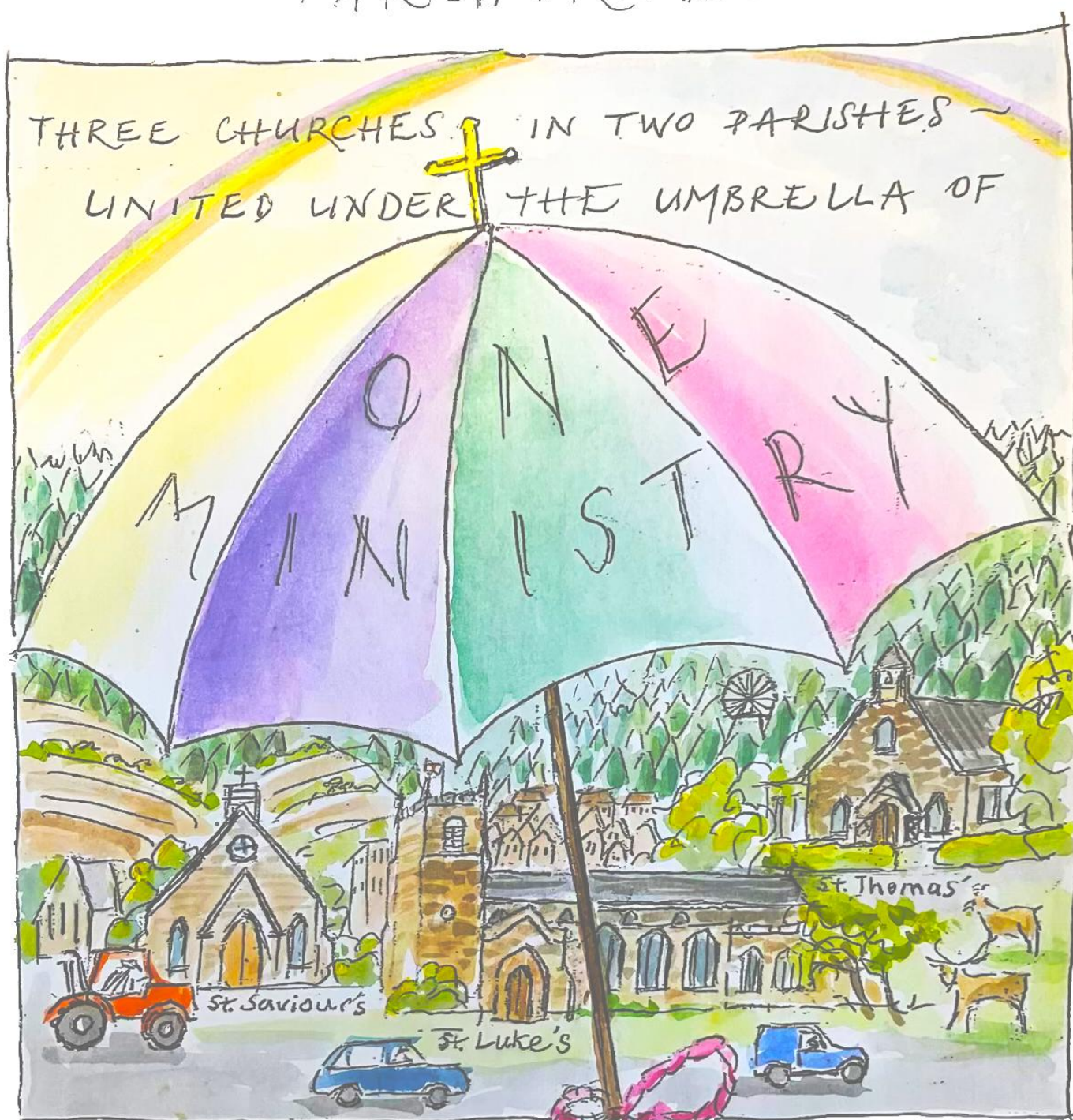


— PARISH PROFILE —



THE PARISH OF CANNOCK AND HUNTINGTON
— AND THE PARISH OF HATHERTON
— IN STAFFORDSHIRE —

"Building Community with Christ at the Centre."

Symbolism on the front cover -

The umbrella, topped by the Crucifix, features the Liturgical colours for Christmas and Easter, Lent, Trinity, and Pentecost. The shaft is a shepherd's crook and the bow is a 'nod' to the Staffordshire Knot (symbol of Staffordshire).

Ploughed fields and a tractor represent the agricultural setting of St Saviour's Church, Hatherton. St Luke's Church is in a more urban area with housing and traffic and St. Thomas', with the colliery wheel nearby, is in an ex-mining area. The forested area and deer represent the many acres of Cannock Chase surrounding our Parishes. The rainbow arching over all symbolises the mark of God's presence - His covenant with humanity.



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THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD

A word of welcome to the Diocese of Lichfield

Cradled at the intersection of the Midlands and the North, and the interface between England and Wales, the Diocese of Lichfield is the ancient Centre of Christianity in what was the Kingdom of Mercia.

We are rightfully grateful for the inheritance we have from our first bishop St Chad that leads us to focus on Discipleship, Vocation and Evangelism as we live and serve among the communities of Staffordshire, northern Shropshire and the Black Country.

By answering God's call to minister in Lichfield Diocese you will benefit from being part of a wide family, mixing with people serving in a variety of contexts — from the grittiest inner-city neighbourhoods of Stoke and the Black Country, to the leafiest rural parishes of Staffordshire and Shropshire, to the sparsest upland communities of the Staffordshire Moorlands and Welsh Borders.

And we embrace the widest spectrum of church traditions — evangelical and catholic, liberal and conservative, choral and charismatic — as we journey together in mission. As a colleague recently put it, it is our goal to be a 'spacious and gracious diocese'.

It is my determination and that of my episcopal colleagues that your calling to minister with us in Lichfield Diocese will be a time of encouragement, fulfilment, challenge and joy. You will not be alone in your ministry; as part of the wider team our colleagues among the diocesan staff keenly bring their various specialisms both spiritual and practical to offer resource and support as you serve our parishes, fresh expressions, schools and chaplaincies.



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Welcome to Rugeley Deanery

We are a long banana shaped deanery that stretches from rural villages North of the fabulous Cannock Chase through a string of ex-coal mining communities right down to Great Wyrley and Landywood parish in the South. There is a small but committed Deanery Chapter and this year our Deanery Synod is facilitating a UK first, hosting the national “Pioneering Parishes” team for a deanery day conference and follow up meetings to further our deanery church culture and growth strategy “Growing a younger church”, inspired by Lichfield diocese “Shaping for Mission” agenda.

The benefice is one of the key units within the area; Cannock is an ancient civic hub, while Huntington and Hatherton churches are also well rooted in their communities. The churches work well together and there is a faithful ministry team. The churches are supportive and keen to take advantage of the mission opportunities on their doorsteps. The benefice is well connected; being adjacent to the M6 and from the local rail station via Birmingham to the National Rail network. There is a lot of large/small/middle-sized industry and commercial activity in the area, plus a lot of new housing alongside the traditional long-standing communities. The successful candidate for this post will need the gift of discernment – there are so many opportunities for mission on offer here!

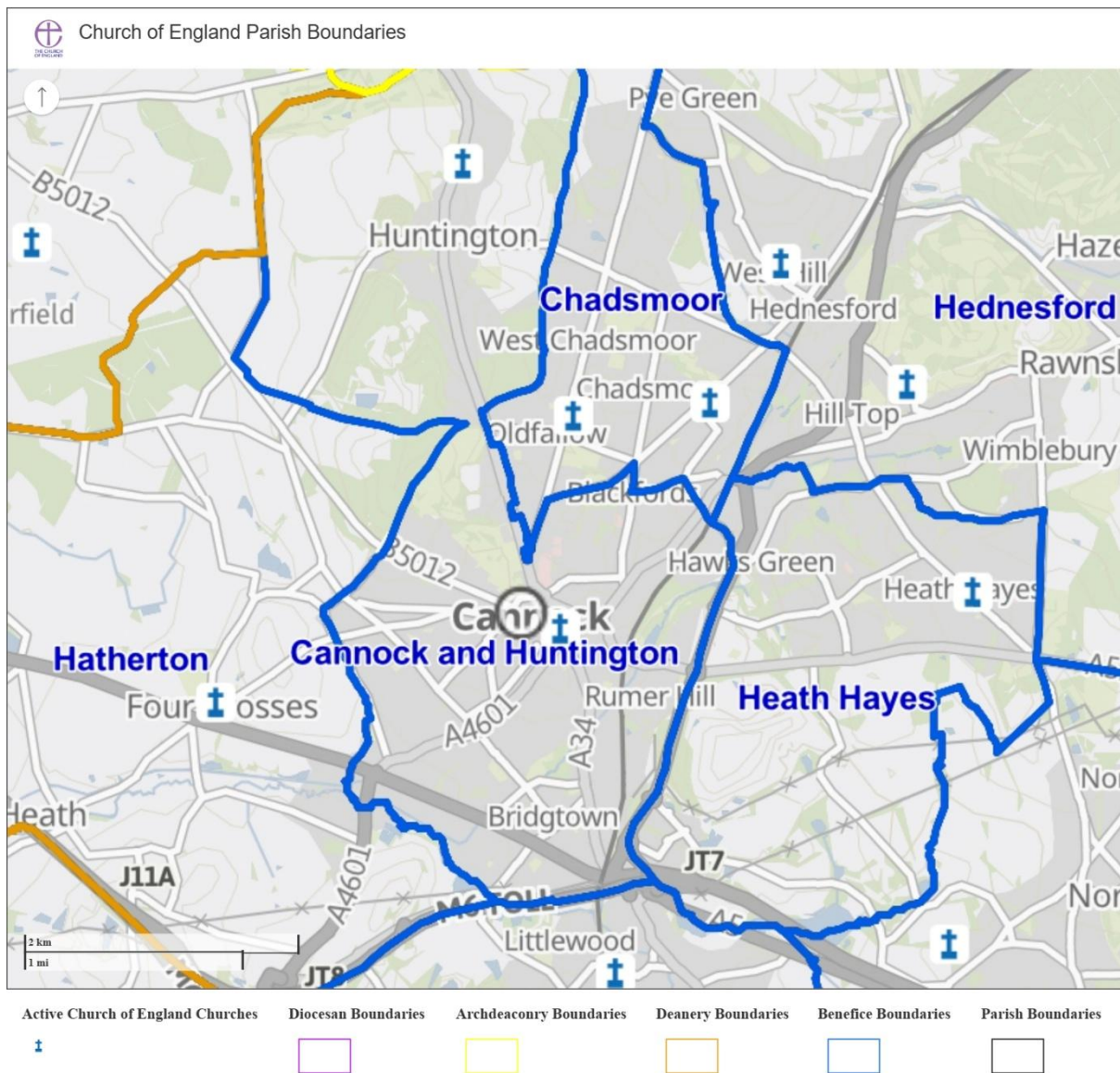
Building on the work of previous incumbents the parish is seeking a priest who can build up the local teams and continue to inspire and encourage the congregations in the knowledge that God has given them all they need to be the churches they are called to be. The benefice is praying for a good communicator with strong personal skills; a pastoral missionary with a warm heart, able to engage with the wider community in new ways and strengthen the existing good relationships with schools, community organisations and ecumenical partners.

The neighbouring clergy hope to have a supportive open facing colleague who will be willing to engage with the deanery, our “Pioneering Parishes” Shaping for Mission agenda and be happy to share or cascade any missional skills they have with the wider deanery.

God be with you – and to the successful candidate, we look forward to your fellowship soon!

Our Parishes and Churches

This post is for a full-time vicar for the Parish of Cannock and Huntington and the Parish of Hatherton, comprising three churches – St. Luke's, Cannock, St. Thomas' Huntington and St. Saviour's, Hatherton.



The town of Cannock and villages of Huntington and Hatherton lie 12 miles west of Lichfield and our historic diocesan Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Chad, and 10 miles south of the County town of Stafford. Cannock is close to the central hub of the national motorway and retail networks. The city of Birmingham is only 20 miles away and can be reached directly by

train in 35 minutes. Our parishes are set within the expansive area of Cannock Chase, a former royal forest and a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (now called National Landscapes). The Chase is a popular family visitor attraction and destination for walkers and cyclists as well as acting as an impressive open-air concert venue in recent years. Close by is the National Trust Property, Shugborough Hall, a Georgian mansion with parkland and walled garden. To our west is the neighbouring county of Shropshire and the countryside of the Shropshire Hills.

Please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view a video of Cannock Chase National Landscape.



The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Cannock is the main town of South Staffordshire and has many shops and restaurants and is in the process of a major redevelopment scheme to enhance it. Close to the Centre are several retail parks, with the recent addition of the McArthur Glen Designer Outlet which attracts both locals and visitors from further afield. The town also benefits from three primary schools, two high schools, a cinema, public library, leisure Centre and hospital. Cannock comes under the jurisdiction of Cannock Chase District Council and Staffordshire County Council.

Huntington is a former mining village to the north of Cannock town Centre. Over the past 25 years it has undergone considerable development and is a thriving village, particularly with families, and has its own community primary school, medical Centre, supermarket and restaurants. Many people who live in Huntington worked at Littleton Colliery which closed in 1996. The site is now a large housing estate. The original colliery wheel was re-sited and is a feature on the village green next to the school. There is also a Community Centre which holds a private nursery every day and there is a Parish Council that holds its meetings there. Huntington comes under the jurisdiction of South Staffordshire District Council and Staffordshire County Council.

St. Luke's Church, Cannock



St. Luke's church is Grade 2* listed and dates to the 12th century but was enlarged in the 14th, 19th and 20th centuries. The Church and community came together in 2015 to celebrate 900 years of worship at our wonderful historic Church, which is, without doubt, the most beautiful majestic building in our town.

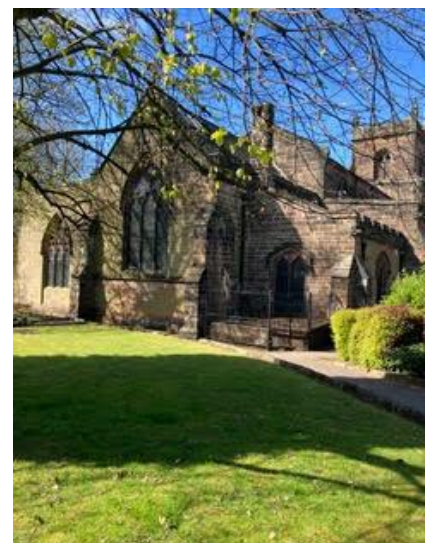
The church has an organ that was built by Norman and Beard in 1914 and is listed on the National Pipe Organ Register. It has enhanced many a service and blends in wonderfully with its surroundings. The church is fitted with modern overhead projectors and three screens. There is also a sound system capable of playing CDs and music via a laptop.



St. Luke's can seat approximately 350 people and is used extensively by the community, including the district council, for civic services as well as the annual Remembrance Day in November, St. George's Day Scout service, Holocaust Memorial, and school services at Easter, Christmas and the end of the school year. St. Giles Hospice also hold two services a year in the church. The Council is keen to strengthen their existing links with the church.

We continue to pay due respect to our magnificent buildings and we have

continued the legacy of care and attention which has kept St Luke's in such good repair. In May 2025 we completed the last phase of the QI works having addressed all major issues and



many secondary ones which are inevitably more expensive when left as they are. Over the last three years, with the replacement of the old boiler system with a modern one (so much more efficient than the last) we will have committed in excess of £100,000 to the preservation of our church, money that we feel has been spent wisely for the benefit of ourselves and the generations to come. The guidance and support from the diocese throughout has been invaluable and the grant of £20,000 towards our costs was very much appreciated and the learning curve of the last few years puts us in good stead to tackle the trials that may lay ahead.

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St.Luke's Church Cannock - A Church Near You](https://stlukes Cannock.org.uk/about-us/st-lukes-history/St.Luke's Church Cannock - A Church Near You)



Please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view St. Luke's Church and the surrounding grounds

Please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view Town Centre on Market Day



Church Centre

Adjacent to the church is a modern Church Centre consisting of a spacious Parish Office, modern kitchen with dishwasher, three serving hatches, and a lounge large hall that can be divided into two by means of a sliding partition. The office is staffed Monday to Friday and provides admin services across the benefice. It is fully equipped with up-to-date technology including a photocopier capable of large capacity print runs.

The Church Centre is used by church groups, such as the Friendship Group, Craft Group,



Gentle Exercise Group and Brownies, as well as many community groups and charities.

Tabletop fayres and meetings are held in the Centre and a coffee morning takes place on the third Saturday of the month. Members of our congregation, members of the public and our local Ukrainian refugee families join together over a cup of tea and cake. Refreshments are also served in the Centre after our Sunday and Wednesday services.

It is heartwarming to see the particular groups who support those with health conditions, those in recovery or at a low ebb in life benefit from the warmth and safety of the building i.e. Narcotics Anonymous, Business Enterprise Support, Staffordshire Family Group, MASE (Monthly Alzheimer's meeting), Reed Wellbeing, MS Society and Chase Recovery (support group for addicts and/or those who are clean now but need additional peer support) all use the Church Centre on a regular basis. Outreach at its best, particularly when so many doors have been shut on such people and the organizations supporting them. There is also a very long-standing letting arrangement with Cannock Games Group who meet in the Centre on Sunday evenings.

A large car park, with controlled access is available to use by St. Luke's congregation and visitors when attending services. A yearly charge is in place for use at other times and by certain members of our community.

We consider our church Centre to be the heartbeat of our church. It is efficiently run and appreciated by all those who use it and here are some comments people who use the Centre have made....

"I have been volunteering for Chase Recovery and coming to St. Luke's Centre for a good while now. I love the atmosphere and how people make you feel welcome. The lady on reception is always pleasant and smiling. They always allow us to hold our events here including our Xmas do and Remembrance of people who we have lost to addiction."

"I think this room at St Luke's is bright and lovely to work in. It makes me happy and changes my mood. The toilets are clean and lovely to use, car parking is a treat and the Centre is easy to get to and it's a joy to be here."

"Good facility - clean and easy to access. Lovely atmosphere and friendly staff."

"St. Luke's church has been very welcoming in terms of accepting us all into their community. The facilities are well looked after, clean and tidy. I'm grateful for a place that is warm and safe."

"The Centre is excellent for holding our meetings. It is one of the few much needed facilities for charities to use in Cannock."

"St. Luke's is a very welcoming place with good facilities on hand - it is a clean, safe environment."

"Easy to find, central location, free parking, excellent kitchen facilities, toilets are always clean and well stocked. There is good lighting in the rooms with lots of tables and chairs and a friendly and helpful Centre manager."

"The Centre is easy to find, accessible and spacious. The room we use is very warm and welcoming and there is a nice view from the window especially in the winter"

"St. Luke's Centre - It's great - nice facilities and a good kitchen - what's not to like?"

Links with the Community

Our churches link up with The Salvation Army, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches of Cannock for the Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' when hundreds of buttered hot cross buns are distributed to people in Cannock town Centre. Morrisons' Supermarket, situated nearby is a good friend to us. They have made generous donations of daffodils for Mothering Sunday services, raffle prizes for the Christmas Tree Festival, expensive bottles of wines and spirits for the Tombola stall at St. Luke's fetes and oranges for the Christingle services.

We keep in touch with our parishioners and community through our monthly magazine and Pew News. The Pew News is available in paper format and on-line.

St. Luke's Church and Cannock Town Partnership have joined forces to hold our Summer Fetes - Bridgtown Concert Band and Cannock Rotary have also been involved in these most successful events which take place in the Centre of Cannock.

Our very successful Christmas Tree Festival is held on three days at the end of November. There is a different theme each year – last year's theme was 'Frozen' and was run in conjunction with the Town Centre Partnership.



Pattern of Services

Day	Time	Current	Desired
1 st Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
2 nd Sunday	8.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (said) Together in Worship	As current 10.00 a.m.
3 rd Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m. .
4 th Sunday	8.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (said) Morning Prayer	As current 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
5 th Sunday	8.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (said) Holy Communion Choral Evensong – one service across the Benefice.	As current 10.00 a.m.
Each Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (said)	As current

Eucharistic vestments are worn at Holy Communion.

Worshipping Community

No. on Electoral Roll	Worshipping Community at the end of December 2024				
	Children (Age 0-10)	Young People (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)	Total
143	5	2	33	48	88

Music

There is a robed choir with a very talented Director of Music. Rehearsals take place on Friday evenings from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Although few in number, they have all harmony parts – Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass.

Hymns are generally chosen by the Director of Music, choir leader and member of the clergy using the RSCM Sunday by Sunday book, and any suggested for the day in Hymns Ancient & Modern – Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship. The hymns chosen for the Together in Worship on the second Sunday of the month are chosen by the minister conducting that service.

The sung Eucharist of Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei (with the Kyrie during Lent), is the Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne.

Anthems are often sung for Feast Days, using a variety of sources, and at the Maundy Thursday service the choir enjoy singing a Latin setting of the Mass.



On the Friday evening of the Christmas Tree Festival, the choir performs an evening of music (not all relating to Christmas), and readings – occasionally humorous”

Bellringing

The tower is reputed to have been built about 1460 and our team belongs to the Lichfield and Walsall Archdeaconries Society of Change Ringers which was established in 1883.

At present there is a band of eight ringers. They have an annual outing, usually joint with ringers from other towers. They also regularly enter the local area Striking Competition having come second in the last four years. Their main purpose in ringing for Sunday services is carried out between 8.45 and 9.30 a.m. each week with practice taking place every Wednesday evening between 19.30 and 21.00 p.m. They also ring for weddings, special occasions such as Coronations, in Remembrance (half-muffled) and for the ringers’ own practice and pleasure.

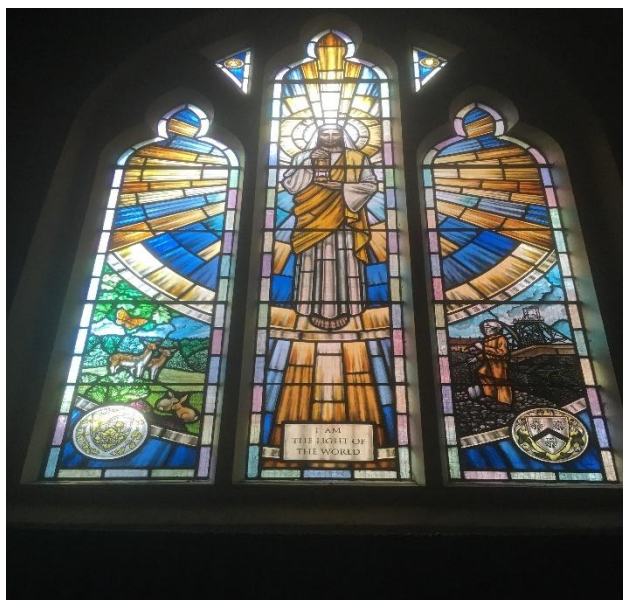
Visitors are always welcome and are able to provide support methods varying from touches on five bells for the less experienced, to more advanced methods using all ten bells. Quarter peals are frequently rung on Sunday evenings or during the week and we are always on the lookout for learners.

St. Thomas' Church



Front elevation of St. Thomas' Church

St. Thomas' Church was built in 1872 by Lord Hatherton, who owned a vast area of the surrounding land, and was extended on both sides in 1879. It was built to replace the chapel of St. Margaret, situated in Cocksparrow Lane, which was buried under the pit mound of Littleton Colliery. It was originally a church and a school until the village became more populated and a separate school building was erected by the 3rd Lord Hatherton in 1898.



In 2016 the plain east window was replaced with a stained glass window commemorating the mining history of the village and Cannock Chase. It was funded locally through a campaign called 'A Pane in the Glass'. 2015. With the help of a Biffa Landfill Grant, a toilet and kitchenette were installed in the church which facilitates groups that use the building. St. Thomas' most recent success, with the help of the Parish Council, has been opening the building once a week for 'Places of Welcome' on Wednesday afternoons where the community gather together to enjoy games such as cards, dominoes, board games and bingo. Pupils from Littleton Green School also attend come join in with the activities. Other community events are our very successful monthly coffee mornings, Christmas and summer fayres and afternoon teas.

The quinquennial inspection from March 2022 indicated a number of areas requiring attention, specifically water ingress from the roof and brickwork that needs re-pointing. A team of people, including members of St. Luke's church, are helping to co-ordinate a number of fund-raising initiatives to support the building work and make the church building attractive as a central meeting point and community-based activities.



We consider St. Thomas' Church to be a small church with a big heart.

[St Thomas Church Huntington - A Church Near You](https://www.facebook.com/Stthomaschurchhuntington)
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Please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view a video of St. Thomas' Church

Pattern of Services

Day	Time	Current	Desired
1 st Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Together in Worship	As current
2 nd Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	As current
3 rd Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	As current
4 th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	As current
5 th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	As current

Music

There is an organist who plays both the organ and piano for all services.

No. on Electoral Roll	Worshipping Community at the end of December 2024				
	Children (Age 0-10)	Young People (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)	Total
39	1	3	9	21	34

Parish of Hatherton

The Parish of Hatherton comprises the villages of Hatherton to the north and Calf Heath and Wedges Mills to the south, which are divided by the A5 trunk road. It comes under the jurisdiction of South Staffordshire District Council and Staffordshire County Council.

Hatherton is a settlement and civil parish consisting of 60 houses and farmland on the edge of Cannock Chase National Landscape, an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Hatherton is set among the farming community to the south of Cannock, close to the A5. Within it are several historic buildings including Hatherton Hall.

Calf Heath is a small village, which through the development of more houses has led to the increased population of the village. There is a village hall and a nearby marina.

Wedges Mills lies close to the border with Cannock Chase District Council and is located on the A4601 and close to the M6 Toll. It is mainly residential but has a large industrial estate.

There are no schools situated within the Parish.

St. Saviour's Church

St. Saviour's Church lies on a site given and endowed by Lord Hatherton. It was originally built in 1864 as a wooden building but was blown down by severe storms just a few weeks after the opening ceremony. By 1869 plans were in place for a replacement brick building. The current building has a simple dual pitched roof with a shallow bell fleche on the western end and was consecrated in 1876. Later, a new brick skin was added to all walls and windows so that the church appears much newer than when it was consecrated. It can seat approximately 100 people.



Front elevation of St. Saviour's Church

The church hall is the focal point for the congregation to gather after the services for refreshments and social interaction. It is also used for meetings and coffee mornings. It has its own kitchen area, toilet facilities and storage for clergy garments. Heating is supplied from storage radiators and over-door entrance heater. The PCC's hall improvement project is a key priority for the future growth of the church. Currently the PCC has registered a faculty application which will be submitted on 21st July.

St. Saviour's is a small church with a big heart, offering warmth, support and friendship to our community.

Please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view a video of St. Saviour's Church



Churchyard



Not long after the current church was built a graveyard was created for the burial of people who live in the parish. By 1994, space was given next to the main path for the internment of ashes. Since that time the church yard has been extended for burials and a Memorial Garden created specifically for the internment of ashes.

The Churchyard is located within an area of natural beauty and maintained weekly. It is recognised as one of the best in the Diocese of Lichfield. Between

2000 and 2019 (when the scheme ended), it received 17 Annual Awards as follows: 4 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze, 5 Commendations and 6 Nature Friendly Awards.

The churchyard is regarded by many as an oasis of peace and tranquillity, and its importance can be summoned up by this testimony received from Gary Winslow:

St Saviour's Church at Hatherton has been a fixture with my family due to my Grandparents being buried there when I was young. As such, I have been taken to St Saviour's to tend to the graves for years, and it has always been somewhere that has felt comfortable and accessible. Both of my parents are now buried in the grounds too, so I still visit frequently.

What is special about St Saviour's is the rural location. Right next to country lanes, farmer's fields and even some stables near the top of the grounds, there is always a sense of calm, and a 'next to nature' feeling that is very peaceful. Memorial benches are dotted throughout, should you want to take a moment to enjoy these surroundings.

The grounds themselves are a nice mix of open spaces, various varieties of trees, and what is especially fascinating is the older part of the graveyard area where there are some very old gravestones next to the older path and under some mature trees, giving a real gothic feel to this side of the space. On the right day and in the right conditions, this area has rising mist which gives an incredibly atmospheric ambiance.

Although not an attendee of the church itself, the church is well kept and has a nice rural feel to match the grounds.

Apart from the location itself, I have had first-class support from the clergy, staff and volunteers that assist in the running of St Saviour's, with incredibly sympathetic and efficient responses to organising internments and all the criteria that is required. Jane in particular was outstanding, answering emails in her own time to ensure all went well.

All in all, St Saviour's, for me, is the best church and churchyard in the area, and is unique with its location, excellent support and atmosphere

Pattern of Services

Day	Time	Current	Desired
1 st Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	As current
2 nd Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	As current
3 rd Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	As current
4 th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	As current
5 th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	As current

Music

Music is provided by way of a beautiful baby grand piano and CDs.

No. on Electoral Roll	Worshipping Community at the end of December 2024				
	Children (Age 0-10)	Young People (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)	Total
30	0	0	0	18	18

The Role

The Challenge

We are looking for someone who will love us and support us and will take a leading role in training, teaching and equipping the congregations to engage fully with the four areas of the Lichfield Diocese Strategic framework as outlined in the document, Shaping for Mission.

- (i) *Engaging with local communities* by developing connections with the community which demonstrate that the churches follow our Lord's command to love our neighbours.
- (ii) *Purposeful about evangelism*, leading and teaching the congregations so that they move from simply being worshippers to become true disciples of Jesus.
- (iii) *Becoming more diverse* by growing churches containing members of every community. We seek to encourage those of every age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and physical ability.
- (iv) *Growing younger by developing* the strong connections the churches have with our local schools and interacting with children and parents so that they have opportunities to hear and hopefully respond to the gospel of Jesus.

Role Description

We are looking for someone with experience of working collaboratively in ministry and with the skills, knowledge and experience in the following areas of church life which will help us to achieve these goals.

Evangelism

- We are looking for a full-time vicar who is eager for growth and has the vision and ideas for mission and ministry, who will strengthen the missionary vision of the parishes and inspire, encourage and empower members of the churches to achieve that goal.
- Will have the leadership and training skills to work with the church members to recognise opportunities to proclaim the gospel in word and action and to encourage our congregations to have the confidence to seize these opportunities.
- Will have some experience of children's ministry in order to engage with our local schools, Brownies and Guides, as part of a strategy for growing a children's and youth ministry including the development of our Together in Worship and family services.
- Will have experience of engaging with the local community, encouraging the community to consider the claims of Christianity and by developing links with baptism and marriage families.
- Will have the skills to make and maintain connections with the Local Authority, British Legion, St. Giles' Hospice and other external organisations in order to promote positive links with our churches.

Discipleship

- Someone who can rise to the challenge of making the teachings of Jesus relevant to today's world and is able to identify, nurture and inspire congregations to use their gifts to serve God in the church and community.
- Is prayerful and open to leading a variety of styles of worship, whilst respecting the tradition, identity and existing worship in each church.
- Will develop the spirituality of our congregations through teaching and example so that they are committed to being people of prayer who take the study of the word of God seriously.

Vocation

- Will inspire and lead the growth of pastoral care for the elderly and house bound, encouraging our congregations to be more aware of each other's needs and feelings.
- Has excellent listening and communication skills, including familiarity with IT and social media.
- Has strong organisational skills and the ability to delegate.
- Experience in leading, advising and managing the PCC, aiming for excellence in governance.
- Be present and be seen by the wider Cannock, Huntington and Hatherton communities.

What we offer

- The vicar is supported by a committed Ministry team comprising one OLM and two Readers and caring congregations.
- Both parishes have have supportive PCCs.
- St. Luke's and St. Thomas' have a standing committee which deals with day-to-day issues and sets the agenda for the PCC.
- St. Luke's and St. Thomas' have a pastoral ministry team, visiting and taking Home Communion to the housebound in both Parishes.
- Encouragement of proper work-life balance, having respect for regular days off and holidays.
- Administrative support in a church office adjacent to St. Luke's Church, staffed Monday to Friday.
- Encouragement for our new vicar to take full advantage of training and retreat opportunities provided by the Diocese and others, to ensure their continual and spiritual development.
- Payment of expenses.

Church Leadership

The new incumbent will have sole charge of the Benefice. They will share responsibility for ministry with 3 part-time ministers – an Ordained Local Minister and 2 Readers who lead some of the Sunday services, and take some of the occasional offices – funerals, baptisms, weddings. Regular meetings are held to plan and organise services.

There are experienced Church Wardens in each church.

There is a pastoral team which covers the whole of the Benefice. They take home communion to members of the Benefice who can't attend church and produce a monthly prayer diary that is distributed by email and in paper format. Our schools' liaison team organise activities in church and take part in school assemblies and workshops every term.

In addition there are lay people who assist with Sunday services in their own churches. This includes reading the lesson, leading intercessions, assisting with the chalice, and leading non-communion services and the fortnightly Prayer Group.

Children's and Youth Work

Work with Schools - St. Luke's and St. Thomas'

We have a Schools' Liaison Team who co-ordinate the contacts with our local schools. Each member of the team has the role of church contact with one of the primary schools. St. Luke's School is our Church of England school and Bridgtown and Longford schools are the primary schools based in Cannock, whilst Littleton Green Primary School serves the children of Huntington. We also have good contacts with Cannock Chase High School and Cannock Grammar School which is in the private sector.

As well as taking part in school assemblies St. Luke's and St. Thomas' welcome pupils to church for Harvest celebrations, for a Christingle service, for Carol and Crib services and for Easter services. St. Luke's School also come to church for leavers' services at the end of the school year.

In the autumn term the Liaison Team organise and run a workshop called 'Christmas Unwrapped' for the Year 4 children. In the spring term the team run a workshop called 'Easter Cracked Open' for Year 5 children. They also visit St. Luke's and Littleton Green for leavers' assemblies when books are presented to the children in Year 6.

Please [Click here or scan the QR code](#) to view a video of pupils in Year 5 from St. Luke's Church of England School participating in the 'Easter Cracked Open' activity prior to Easter 2025.



We also have good contacts with Sherbrook Primary School in Cannock, which comes under the care of Manor Hall Academy Trust, a leading organisation in specialist education, serving the most vulnerable children and young people. Some of the students come to St. Luke's Church for a Christingle service and small groups of students come to visit the church. All the schools' headteachers are keen to make connections between the church and their schools as a regular feature of their present curriculum, and both St. Luke's and St. Thomas' are keen to take advantage of that.

Young People

At present there are no children's groups operating in our churches, although St. Luke's and St. Thomas' do have young people in their congregations. All our churches would love to develop such groups, with the aim of providing a safe, loving and fun environment for children to learn about Jesus and to know that He loves them, and to share that love with others. St. Luke's does have both Brownie and Guide packs and they are regularly invited to the Together in Worship Service where the hymns, prayers and talks are geared towards families and children.

All three churches are fully committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults from harm. In addition, to meet the government's Statutory Safeguarding Guidance, they follow the House of Bishops' guidance and policies and we have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). The Diocese of Lichfield's online safeguarding pages contain vital links and information, including contact details for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor who advises our PSO.

Occasional Services: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

January to December 2024			
Number of persons baptised	St. Luke's	St. Thomas'	St. Saviour's
Infants (less 1 years)	9	3	3
Children (1-4 years)	0	0	2
Children (5-10 years)	0	1	0
Young people (11-17 years)	0	0	0
Adults (18+)	1	1	0
January to December 2024			
Number of couples married in church	6	2	0
Number of couples for whom a service of prayer and dedication was held after civil marriage	1	0	1
Funerals held in church	23	2	3
Internment of ashes	0	0	11
Funerals held at crematorium	8	0	0
Burials	0	0	2

The Vicarage

The vicarage comprises gardens to the front and rear, large double garage and driveway parking for at least three cars. The accommodation is as follows:

Ground floor:

- Large hallway with stairs to first floor
- Large lounge
- Dining room
- Medium-sized kitchen
- Study
- Toilet

First floor:

- Four bedrooms, one with en-suite
- Bathroom

The vicarage is of a high quality, conveniently situated on the Parish boundaries between Hatherton and Cannock, on the edge of a local beauty spot known locally as Shoal Hill. This is a well-wooded area, popular within the locality, not least for its nearby tavern with its open vista to Shropshire and the Wrekin.



Please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view a video of Cannock Vicarage showing the front elevation of the Vicarage in Sherbrook Road.



Please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view a video of the Vicarage gardens at the rear.



Appendices

Appendix 1 - Church Finances

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Appendix 4 - Meet the Team

Cannock St Luke
Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Appendix 1 (a)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	19,526.05	-	-	-	19,526.05	21,533.05
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	7,412.51	-	-	-	7,412.51	9,838.94
0201 - Other planned giving	4,673.20	-	-	-	4,673.20	6,600.52
0301 - Loose plate collections	10,169.12	-	-	-	10,169.12	5,726.60
0410 - Giving through church boxes	804.88	-	-	-	804.88	228.01
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,854.00	-	120.00	-	1,974.00	884.30
0550 - Donations appeals etc	4,102.64	-	4,422.79	-	8,525.43	2,139.21
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,247.44	-	-	-	10,247.44	7,507.79
0701 - Legacies	13,738.66	-	-	-	13,738.66	25,000.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	15,774.91	-	-	-	15,774.91	4,364.75
0901 - Other funds generated	39,104.12	-	-	-	39,104.12	1,169.25
Donations and legacies Totals	127,407.53	-	4,542.79	-	131,950.32	84,992.42
Income from charitable activities (Cannock S Luke, Huntington S Thomas, Parish Office)						
1101 - Statutory Fees for Weddings and Funerals	6,849.00	-	-	-	6,849.00	7,472.50
1105 - Local Fees for Weddings and Funerals	3,071.00	858.00	124.00	-	4,053.00	2,936.00
1230 - St Luke Centre Lettings	21,112.00	-	-	-	21,112.00	21,884.70
1240 - St Barnabas Hall Lettings	15,393.00	-	-	-	15,393.00	12,782.00
1242 - Other Centre Income (St Luke)	3,500.00	-	-	-	3,500.00	-
1244 - Other Hall Income (St Barnabas)	-	-	-	-	-	80.00
1246 - Church Office Income	(403.80)	-	450.00	-	46.20	135.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	49,521.20	858.00	574.00	-	50,953.20	45,290.20
Other trading activities (Cannock S Luke, Parish Office)						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	9,992.96	-	-	-	9,992.96	8,270.46
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	300.00	-	-	-	300.00	-
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	910.00	-	-	-	910.00	-
1260 - Parish magazine sales	1,158.00	-	-	-	1,158.00	1,523.75
1265 - Cafe Income	890.00	-	-	-	890.00	567.00
1270 - Car parking fees	1,050.00	7,709.53	-	-	8,759.53	10,757.00
Other trading activities Totals	14,300.96	7,709.53	-	-	22,010.49	21,118.21
Investments (Cannock S Luke, Parish Office)						
1001 - Dividends	1,005.59	-	2,954.06	-	3,959.65	7,287.75
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,313.13	10.18	1,824.26	3.72	3,151.29	(891.93)
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	190.00
Investments Totals	2,318.72	10.18	4,778.32	3.72	7,110.94	6,585.82
Other income (Huntington S Thomas, Parish Office)						
1330 - Church to Parish Office Transfer	(32.80)	-	-	-	(32.80)	914.45
Other income Totals	(32.80)	-	-	-	(32.80)	914.45

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Receipts Grand Totals	193,515.61	8,577.71	9,895.11	3.72	211,992.15	158,901.10
Payments						
Raising funds						
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	162.48	-	-	-	162.48	102.54
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	856.26	-	-	-	856.26	1,155.36
Raising funds Totals	1,018.74	-	-	-	1,018.74	1,257.90
Expenditure on charitable activities (Cannock S Luke, Huntington S Thomas, Parish Office)						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	(76.74)	-	-	-	(76.74)	711.63
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	468.12	-	468.12	3,139.53
1850 - Mission and Outreach	996.42	-	-	-	996.42	3,155.34
1870 - Secular charities	751.36	-	-	-	751.36	6,075.31
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	41,957.00	-	-	-	41,957.00	81,396.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs	381.70	-	-	-	381.70	-
2050 - Staff employment costs	20,007.18	-	-	-	20,007.18	44,444.22
2060 - Organist Salary	3,895.00	-	85.00	-	3,980.00	1,460.00
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	2,772.49	-	-	-	2,772.49	2,627.74
2150 - Vicar's telephone	242.62	-	-	-	242.62	181.12
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	127.00
2301 - Church running - insurance	5,164.51	-	-	-	5,164.51	4,959.34
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,146.95	-	-	-	1,146.95	1,205.82
2312 - Church Office - stationery	501.88	-	73.61	-	575.49	198.78
2314 - Church Office - equipment	4,321.38	-	-	-	4,321.38	1,808.32
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	75.00	-	30.00	-	105.00	636.28
2330 - Church maintenance	5,270.46	-	162.00	-	5,432.46	2,197.39
2331 - Cleaning	703.00	-	-	-	703.00	8,470.99
2333 - Cleaning Materials St Luke's	361.96	-	-	-	361.96	901.26
2335 - Waste Disposal	2,815.97	-	-	-	2,815.97	5,330.43
2338 - Vermin Control	1,171.33	-	-	-	1,171.33	752.33
2340 - Upkeep of services	1,337.25	-	957.67	-	2,294.92	2,399.44
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	7.00	-	-	-	7.00	49.99
2360 - Administration	10,159.61	-	720.00	-	10,879.61	2,894.03
2401 - Church running - electric	2,748.27	-	-	-	2,748.27	4,158.25
2410 - Church running - gas	8,179.59	-	-	-	8,179.59	21,018.75
2420 - Church running - water	392.62	-	-	-	392.62	367.64
2501 - Magazine expenses	2,010.00	-	-	-	2,010.00	4,675.63
2518 - Upkeep of car park	-	796.14	-	-	796.14	2,677.56
2520 - St Lukes Centre running - electricity	3,184.80	-	-	-	3,184.80	4,266.38
2525 - St Lukes Centre running - gas	1,145.34	-	-	-	1,145.34	-
2530 - St Lukes Centre running - insurance	1,465.42	-	-	-	1,465.42	1,480.21
2535 - St Lukes Centre running - maintenance	4,724.57	-	3,064.40	-	7,788.97	2,522.23
2540 - St Lukes Centre running - telephone	246.52	-	-	-	246.52	234.98
2545 - St Lukes Centre running - water	339.23	-	-	-	339.23	312.21
2560 - St Barnabas Hall running - electricity	4,240.02	-	-	-	4,240.02	5,060.94
2565 - St Barnabas Hall running - insurance	1,196.98	-	-	-	1,196.98	1,133.57
2570 - St Barnabas Hall running - maintenance	953.17	-	-	-	953.17	2,033.04
2580 - St Barnabas Hall running - water	160.38	-	-	-	160.38	524.78
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	- 26	-	-	-	-	528.00
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	1,995.28	-	25,875.86	-	27,871.14	57,797.89

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	2,903.40	-	-	-	2,903.40	-
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	5,806.80	-	-	-	5,806.80	3,184.80
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	172.07
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	145,655.72	796.14	31,436.66	-	177,888.52	287,271.22
Other expenditure (Cannock S Luke, Huntington S Thomas, Parish Office)						
2332 - Cleaning Materials St Luke's Centre	418.59	-	-	-	418.59	903.06
2336 - Cleaning Costs - Church Centre St Luke's	4,132.00	-	-	-	4,132.00	296.00
2337 - Cleaning Costs - Church Centre St Barnabas	1,949.00	-	-	-	1,949.00	760.00
Other expenditure Totals	6,499.59	-	-	-	6,499.59	1,959.06
Payments Grand Totals	153,174.05	796.14	31,436.66		185,406.85	290,488.18

Appendix 1 (b)

Huntington S Thomas

Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	3,290.00	-	-	-	3,290.00	5,885.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,784.95	-	-	-	1,784.95	4,562.94
0201 - Other planned giving	-	-	-	-	-	-
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,203.30	-	-	-	3,203.30	1,069.24
0401 - Regular gift days	-	-	-	-	-	-
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	946.55	-	-	-	946.55	190.80
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,612.53	-	-	-	2,612.53	2,257.20
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
0801 - Recurring grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
0901- Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	-	915.68
Donations and legacies Totals	11,837.33	-	-	-	11,837.33	14,880.86
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Statutory Fees for Weddings and Funerals	2,706.00	-	-	-	2,706.00	2,450.00
1105 - Local Fees for Weddings and Funerals	-	-	-	-	-	-
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	2,706.00	-	-	-	2,706.00	2,450.00
Other trading activities						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	4,039.13	-	-	-	4,039.13	4,044.06
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities Totals	4,039.13	-	-	-	4,039.13	4,044.06
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	-	-	-	-	-

1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	190.00
Investments Toals	-	-	-	-	-	190.00

Other income

1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
1330 - Church to Parish Office Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total

General Designated Restricted Endowment This year Last year

Receipts Grand Totals	18,582.46	-	-	-18,582.46	21,564.92
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Payments

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	-	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	-	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	-	-	-	-	-	-
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-

Raising funds Totals

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Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1850 - Mission and Outreach	-	-	-	-	-	-
1870 - Secular charities	751.36	-	-	-	751.36	806.48
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	5,080.00	-	-	-	5,080.00	5,050.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	-	-	-	-	-	-
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	-	-	-	-	-	-
2120 - Council tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	-	-	-	-	-	-
2145 - Parsonage - water	-	-	-	-	-	-
2150 - Vicar's telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,441.21	-	-	-	1,441.21	1,399.61
2310 - Church office - telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	-	-	-	-	-	-
2330 - Church maintenance	2,352.46	-	-	-	2,352.46	383.00
2331 - Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	-	-	-	-	-
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	-	-	-	-
2360 - Administration	288.83	-	-	-	288.83	89.22

2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	-	-
2401 - Church running - electric	1,030.90	-	-	-	1,030.90	1,031.92
2410 - Church running - gas	4,157.69	-	-	-	4,157.69	3,834.20
2420 - Church running - water	252.84	-	-	-	252.84	233.33
2430 - Church running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	-
2501 - Magazine expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2510 - Bookstall costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2520 - Hall running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	-
2530 - Hall running - electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-
2540 - Hall running - gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
2550 - Hall running - insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
2570 - Hall running - telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2580 - Hall running - water	-	-	-	-	-	-
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total

General Designated Restricted Endowment This year Last year

2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	1,995.28	-	-	-	1,995.28	-
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
2901 - New building parsonage house	-	-	-	-	-	-
2910 - New building house for curate	-	-	-	-	-	-
2920 - New building Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - New building Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-

Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	17,350.57	-	-	-	17,350.57	12,827.76
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Other expenditure

Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Payments Grand Totals	17,350.57	-	-	-	17,350.57	12,827.76
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Appendix 1 (c)

St. Saviour's Church, Hatherton Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 Receipts and payments account

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts				
Lichfield Diocese	450		591	
Collections at services	3,585		4,792	
Donations	52,395		12,145	
FWO			15	
Gift aid recovered	45			
		56,475		17,543
Investment income				
Interest		3,634		2,943
Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals		8,062		9,239
Coffee mornings		92		121
TOTAL RECEIPTS		68,263		29,846
Payments				
Church activities				
Diocesan parish contribution		11,524		13,528
Clergy expenses		548		1,506
Cost of service		332		255
Church building running expenses		995		595
Church repairs and maintenance		4,236		208
Churchyard maintenance		5,318		4,713
Independent examination		180		180
Legal fees		630		422
Insurance		1,087		1,066
TOTAL PAYMENTS		24,850		22,473
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		43,413		7,373

St. Saviour's Church, Hatherton
Statement of Funds as at 31 December 2024

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Restricted Funds:

Cambridge & Counties Account

Balance at 1 January 2024	80,515
Interest received	<u>3,634</u>
Balance at 31 December 2024	84,149

Dudley Building Society

Balance at 1 January 2024	
Transfer from Virgin Bank Current Account	40,000
Interest received	
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>40,000</u>

Unrestricted Funds:

Virgin Bank Current Account

46,507

Total funds	130,656
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Appendix 2

We asked parishioners what qualities they would like to see in our new vicar and priorities going forward. Here are some of their responses

"I'm hoping for a vicar who will love us and support us, someone who will look for the best in us and encourage us to share in the mission and ministry at St Luke's, St Thomas' and St Saviour's."

"I would like our new vicar to be approachable, have a good sense of humour and a young outlook on life. Someone who will recognise our strengths but also be able to help with our challenges - such as encouraging more young people to join our church family."

"A good listener. An approachable person who understands when people have worries and crises and need empathetic advice and reassurance."

"Someone who is warm and friendly and makes everyone feel welcome and important, both existing members and new members of the church."

"Someone who values the importance of the traditional communion service and ensures it remains a central part of our worship. Someone who also understands the value of the 'Together in Worship' service and develops it to ensure it is truly family/young person orientated. So, modern music, interactive elements, and a sermon/talk that is relevant and at the level of children/young families."

"Someone who can develop the community side of the church. We are in a prime location and with all the new developments planned in the town there must be many ways the church can increase its presence and visibility in Cannock."

"Someone who is experienced and has the energy and enthusiasm to manage a church with lots of potential."

"The requirement now must be to encourage work with children and young people in the Parishes."

"Sermons that focus on the readings, explaining how we can interpret them in our lives."

The Friendship Group would like "a vicar who takes an interest in the church groups and who brings in new ideas. Someone who is easy to approach and humble enough to lend a hand when needed."

The Choir write ...

"We would like our new vicar to be supportive of the choir, perhaps attending some practices and getting to know us - also someone who accepts the tradition of church services and is appreciative of the input of the choir and musical director."

"Someone friendly, approachable and vibrant with a modern approach - specially to family services."

ST. LUKE'S C OF E (C) PRIMARY SCHOOL CANNOCK

Appendix 3 (a)



A short insight into our parish primary school:



St. Luke's CE Primary School continues to be a very popular and oversubscribed local school.

This two form entry primary school serves a mixed catchment

The school values the strong links which have been established with the parish church. Since the opening of the school in 2004, the school has benefitted from the incumbent being an active and welcome Foundation Governor,

In addition, previous incumbents have visited the school on a regular basis to lead collective worship and to support on occasions with the delivery of religious education.

Pupils and parents visit the church on a regular basis. Whether this is to mark major festivals or participate in workshops or similar events. The school is proud of its status as a Church of England primary school and actively encourages links with the parish church.

The outcomes of recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS) have been very pleasing and the school continues to develop and enhance its Christian distinctiveness.

Worship at the school reflects both traditional and more modern approaches. Pupils and their families value the school's Christian values and its vision which forms a strong guide in decision making at all levels.



Pupil Worship Leaders are keen to support and lead in acts of worship in school and at the church.

Pupils champion Christian actions in support of charity and worthy causes. Through Compassion, the school sponsors a child who lives in Kenya. Other recent work has been in support of the charity Mercy Ships. Pupils and staff look forward to welcoming a new vicar to the school community.

Take a look at the QR codes below which give you a flavour of our school



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2 April 2025

Dear David,

Thank you for leading our Easter service yesterday, it was a truly moving and joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection and many of our parents commented on how much they enjoyed participating.

Please see below our testimonial:

At Chase Grammar School, we are fortunate to have a deeply meaningful and long-standing relationship with St Luke's Church in Cannock. Our connection with the church is a cornerstone of our community, providing our students and their families with an opportunity to come together in celebration and reflection throughout the year.

One of the highlights of our partnership is the Easter and Christmas services, where the entire school—children, staff, and parents—gather in the warm and welcoming setting of St Luke's Church. These services have become cherished traditions, offering a time to pause and reflect on the true meaning of these important occasions, while fostering a strong sense of unity among our school community.

In addition to these services, we have proudly participated in the annual Christmas Tree Decorating Competition, a delightful event that strengthens the bond between our school and the church. It provides our students with the opportunity to showcase their creativity while embracing the festive spirit and contributing to the beauty of the church during the holiday season.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support and partnership of St Luke's Church, which enriches the lives of our students, their families, and our school as a whole. Their kindness, generosity, and unwavering commitment to nurturing our community are invaluable, and we look forward to many more years of shared experiences and celebrations.

Thank you, St Luke's Church, for being such an integral part of the Chase Grammar School community. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance. I wish you a happy and peaceful Easter.

Yours sincerely,



Moira Simpson
Principal

Appendix 4 - Meet the Team



Rev. Steve Reynolds - Interim Minister



Rev. Gill Joynson - OLM



David Gethin - Reader



Diane Holt - Reader



Janice Middleton - Warden - St. Luke's



Janet Bolton - Warden - St. Luke's



Tricia Archer - Warden - St. Thomas'



Jane Brookhouse - Warden – St. Saviour's



Morag Marsden - Warden - St. Saviour's



Donna Wilkinson - Parish Administrator



Leigh Little - Assistant Administrator



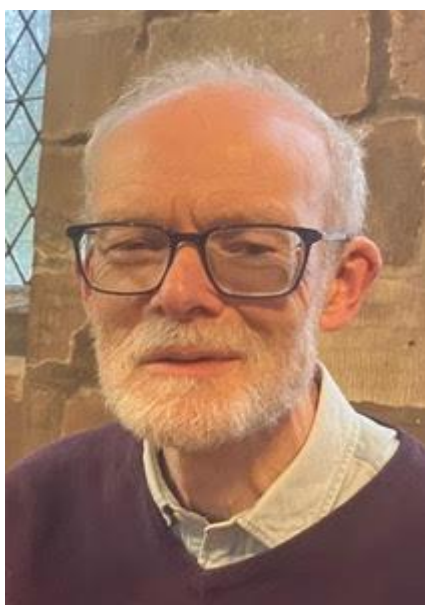
Doug McIntosh - Director of Music



Darren Jerrison - Caretaker



Andy Brittle - Fabric Officer



John Skurr – Treasurer





'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings'... Ps. 8:2



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- Do you have a favourite part of your job.

- Do you face any challenges whilst doing your job.

- How do you feel during your job.
excited, calm, sad,
angry, happy, Surprise.
worried, bored.

- Do you think you make people happy at your ~~work~~ job.

music is
always
great!

~ THE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR SAY!

~ With thanks to Abbey (aged 7) and Beattie