

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 25 November 2018
Christ the King

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Rev'd Joe Lee

St Luke's: Rev'd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Daniel 7 v 9, 10, 13, 14

Second Reading: Revelation 1 v 4b - 8

Gospel: John 18 v 33 - 37



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*The Parishes of St Thomas Old Charlton and St Luke
with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

Sun 25	10.00: Parish Eucharist for Christ the King at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist for Christ the King at St Luke's <i>followed by Bible Study</i>
Mon 26	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Tue 27	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Wed 28	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.00: Coffee Morning at St Luke's 12.00: Holy Communion at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Thu 29	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 19.30: Advent Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road 19.30: From Bexley to Baghdad at URC, Bramshot Avenue
Sat 1	11.00: Tree planting at St Luke's 12.00: Carol singing at Charlton Park Academy
Sun 2	10.00: Parish Eucharist for Advent Sunday at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist for Advent Sunday at St Luke's <i>followed by Bible Study</i> 18.30: Advent Carol Service at St Thomas'



Thought for the week

Research by the Church of England shows that non-churchgoers often feel they need an invitation in order to go to church – they tend not to feel they can just show up without being asked to come along. Which makes our postcards, our publicity and our word of mouth invitations INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT this Christmas.

Thank you...

To our Churchwardens for their commitment to our churches and to the Gospel. Churchwardens have a duty to represent the laity and co-operate with the incumbent. They have a duty to maintain order and peace in the church and churchyard at all times, and especially during services.

We are fortunate indeed to have Jim and Miriam, Rick and Rob as our churchwardens. They earn our respect, not just because of the position they hold, but because of the sort of people they are: approachable and positive, kind and selfless. We should all make a point of thanking them for what they do for us and for God's church.

Thanks for bringing in your gifts of food today. They will be used in Charlton Toy Library's Christmas hampers that will be received by some of the most needy families in our area. Thank you for making a difference and giving hope this Christmas.

News and notices

Carol Singing at Charlton Park Academy

Our first Christmas Carol Singing event is this Saturday, 1st December at 12 noon. Please sign up to join the team at Charlton Park Academy.

Advent Carol Service Sunday December 2nd 6.30pm at St Thomas'.

We will be welcoming our friends from St Mary's, Leigh to mark with us the start of this important season of the church's year, when we prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus' and look forward to Christ's return.

St Luke's Masterplan Group

The St Luke's Masterplan Group needs to consider many options in relation to St Luke's and would be very interested to hear your views. On Sunday 2 December, Joseph and other members of the Masterplan Group will be available after the service to hear your thoughts on any of the following: ease of access at thresholds; disabled access; flexibility for worship; meeting space; space for projects and work with children and young people; kitchen, office and toilet facilities; celebrating the history of the church; comfort; and maintaining a sense of sacred Christian space. You are welcome to comment on anything else, or draw a picture of what you have in mind!

Tree planting

As part of the London Community Tree Packs Tree Planting initiative, we have ordered 50 saplings. These will be planted on the **1st December** along with hundreds of other tree planters across London, and will form a hedge along Charlton Church Lane, which will add to the attractiveness of the churchyard and stop people jumping on to the pavement from the road. We are looking for volunteers to help either (i) by digging the initial trench (hard work!) and/or (ii) planting the saplings in the trench and ensuring they are well established (not so hard!). The first stage will start at 11am, the second at 12 noon. If you are interested in helping, or know someone who is, can you please contact Deborah by e-mail deborah.m.jones@ntlworld.com or by phone 07732173601.

Benefice Advent Study Group

Our Advent group began last week. It will continue on Thursday evenings until December 13th. We will be looking at the Christian classic by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "**The Cost of Discipleship**". Among other things Bonhoeffer challenges the use of Christianity for narrow political objectives - a contemporary concern with the rise of nationalistic ideologies emerging around the world. We will meet at 10 Mayhill Road, SE7 7JQ, at **7:30 - 9:00PM**. We are anticipating a few books to be available, but participants may wish to order their own from Amazon. For further information please speak to Bennett Spong, Rob Simson, or Deborah Jones.

Christmas Postcards

Our Christmas postcards should be here next Sunday. They've been a great way in previous years to share the Good News of Christmas. Please help us to deliver them around our parishes. Sign the list in each church so we know which roads are covered.

Stewardship

Thanks to everyone who has returned a response from our recent Stewardship campaign. If you have pledged to start to give money regularly, or have changed the amount you give, this is a gentle reminder to make those new arrangements with your bank if you haven't done so already! Thanks for your generosity.

St Richard's Prayer Group

Over the coming months and years, we need to make important decisions about St Richard's Church Centre, part of St Luke's parish in Swallowfield Road. We have committed to developing it as a centre for mission, of service to its community and where a new congregation can emerge. There will be many steps on the way, but all those steps need to be guided by God's Spirit.

So, starting in the new year, St Richard's Chapel will be open on the second and fourth Sunday of the month between 5pm and 5.45pm for prayer. How we use the time can vary, but the purpose of that time will be to listen to God, so the vision and plans that emerge for St Richard's will serve the community lovingly, make new disciples and proclaim the Good News.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to come to the prayer group. The first 2 meetings will be: Sunday January 13th & 27th 5.00 - 5.45pm
The Chapel entrance is in Sundorne Road.

News about our news

As well as picking up a printed copy in church, this bulletin can now be downloaded from our website each week. Do let your friends and family know it is available. A link is sent by email each Saturday to all who'd like to receive it – sign up by emailing news@charlton.church. The link is also sent out on Twitter – follow us [@churchcharlton](https://twitter.com/churchcharlton).

There's lots of ways to keep up to date with news from our churches

A notice about the notices

In the interests of keeping our notices as brief and to the point as possible, please speak to the president or one of the churchwardens BEFORE the service if you have something to be announced and they will do it on your behalf. And please remember you can email notices to news@charlton.church by midday of the Wednesday before the Sunday.

Charlton Riverside – Let's influence what is built

The part of Charlton next to the river, stretching from Derrick and Atlas Gardens (near Makro) to the Maryon and Morris Walk estates right next to St Thomas', is going to be developed, with thousands of new dwellings. Plans for the first stage of development – Derrick and Atlas Gardens – have been drawn up by a developer called Rockwell, but Greenwich Council Planning Committee threw out their proposals because they were not in keeping with the council's vision for the area: not enough social housing, not enough community provision, blocks too high and dense etc etc. It was felt the developers were trying to make as much money as they could at the expense of creating a place where a community could develop rather than just a place to live. Since RBG threw out Rockwell's proposal, the Mayor of London has 'called in' the decision, which means that he will make the final decision about whether Rockwell's proposals are acceptable or not.

If you care about the quality of this development – all of which will be in our parishes – and want the new community that will live there to have the best chance of flourishing and making it home, then you need to make your voice heard by writing to the Greater London Authority. Please speak to Rick or Liz Newman TODAY who can give you more information about how to do this.

From Bexley to Baghdad

Thursday 29th November 7.30pm at Charlton United Reformed Church.
Hear the incredible story of Canon Andrew White; ministering in the chaos, of a turbulent Baghdad, meeting world leaders, enduring kidnap, meeting with Isis, living with MS. Nothing has halted the unstoppable Canon White. Today he continues to serve his displaced middle eastern congregation and speak for the persecuted church. Charlton URC, Bramshot Avenue, Charlton, London, SE7 7HX. Free; but donations to the persecuted Church. For further info 07828195831

Prayer Extra

Help us, Lord, in all things to remember your purposes and promises, that whatever the trials or turmoil, whatever the struggles or battles that face us, the end is certain; your kingdom come, your will be done – in us, in earth, in heaven. Amen



Advent and Christmas services and activities

Please join in the activities and services that will help us share the Good News of Christ's coming with our community.

Delivering Postcards during week of 2 December

Advent activities

Our **Advent Carol Service** is at St Thomas' on Sunday 2 at 6.30pm, when we will be joined by our friends from Leigh.

The **Advent Study Course** continues each Thursday until 13 December at 10 Mayhill Road.

Carol Singing & Community Services

We'll be singing carols at the **Charlton Park Academy** fair on Saturday 1st December at noon.

Short **services with carols** will be taking place at:

- Time Court Care Home, Sunday 9, 2.30pm
- Christmas Round the Tree, Charlton House, Wed. 12, 6.30pm
- 40 Littleheath, Thursday 13, 2.30pm
- Charlton Park Care Home, Sunday 16, 2.30pm
- St Joseph's Court, Monday 17, 7.00pm
- Beecham Close, Sunday 23, 2.00pm

In our churches

Christmas Sing-a-long, St Thomas', Sunday 9th at 5.30pm

Christingle, St Thomas', Sunday 16th at 2.00pm

Community Carol Service, St Luke's, Wednesday 19th 7.00pm

Midnight Mass, St Luke's and St Thomas',

Christmas Eve at 11.00pm

Communion and Carols, St Luke's and St Thomas'

Christmas Day, 10.00am

Please sign up to join the group of Carol Singers and to deliver postcards – and help share the Good News.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Miriam, Sheila, Kathy, Roberta & Rob our SPA's and Peter SPA Emeritus; The mission of our own churches

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London; For our Government and our European partners negotiating Britain's exit from the EU; For people around the world caught up in conflict and war

Our local community: Charlton Park Academy; Greenwich Welcare; Oxleas House; New Charlton Community Centre; For our guests at the Winter Night Shelter and all who volunteer

Those celebrating their birthday last week: Daniel Woolcott;
Helen Simson

Those who have asked for our prayers or who are sick: Sue Burns;
Elsie West; Paul Allen; Irene Page; Neil Teller; Marjorie Harvey;
Daphne Woolner; Grace Reed; Sonny McKinson; Pat Martin; Rita Yardley;
Rosemary Gill; Pat Lancaster; Kath Skinner; Annette Green; Grace Itoje;
Edna Mckinson; Joan Bowman; Mariana Callen; Cecil Brown;
Maureen Fordham; Alex Jeffrey; Dorothy Warder; Simon Bond;
Pearl Senior; Victoria Adelega; Lily Carter; Shirley Tingay; Richard Kilmurry;
Perline Brorros; Christine Henderson; Jackie Kent; Iris Ford; John Burton;
Gladys Peart

R.I.P.: Paul Crosby

Year's Mind: Philip Woodward

Contacting the Rector

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