

# CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 30 December 2018  
First Sunday of Christmas

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

**St Thomas':** Rev'd Bennett Spong

**St Luke's:** Rev'd Liz Newman

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3.12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 2.41-52



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 30</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's
<b>Sun 6</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for Epiphany</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for Epiphany</b> at St Luke's



### Thought for the week

'Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning'. *Desmond Tutu*

## Thank you...

To everyone who puts money in the plate week by week. When money is tight or income isn't regular, it's not possible to make a weekly or monthly commitment, but our churches benefit from all those who give when they can. So thank you and may God bless the ministry and mission made possible by all of you who put money in the plate / bag!

## News and notices

### Post-Christmas Holiday

There is NO Morning or Evening Prayer this week and it will resume on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

The Tuesday Group and Midweek Coffee morning / Communion will also be on holiday this week.

### Concert to support the Winter Night Shelter

The Charlton Ensemble return to St Thomas' church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

The ensemble includes some of our own members: Joseph Spooner (Cello), Nicholas Bosworth (Piano), Dominic Barlow (Piano), James Kinsella (Tenor) as well as Helen Whittington (Soprano) and Sarah Ince (Mezzo).

Tickets are £10.00. Call 07989 740252 or 020 8854 0841.

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 5.00 - 5.45pm  
The Chapel entrance is in Sundorne Road.

## **Walk Through the Bible – Old Testament Seminar:**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 10.00 – 4.30pm – Walworth, St Peter Bishop Karowei is hosting this day in conjunction with the Walk Through the Bible Team. The day will follow the pattern of a traditional seminar. The Diocese are subsidising the day by 50% for those living and worshipping in Woolwich so the cost will be £7.00. You will need to book through [www.bible.org.uk](http://www.bible.org.uk), it will show as £14 but when you come to purchase tickets you need to put in the discount code Liverpool-Grove-OT. For those who are not aware, the ticket then becomes a life-time ticket for any Old Testament Seminar at any venue of your choice.

Lunch is provided for all attendees. If you are not able to attend on this day but are interested in experience Walk Through the Bible, then the following Woolwich Area Churches are hosting events early in 2019 and invite you and your Church communities to join them:

*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February (Day): Walk Through the Bible – New Testament Seminar – Deptford, St John's*

*Lent evenings commencing Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March (7.30pm): Walk Through the Bible – Old Testament Walk Seminar – Greenwich, St Alfege*

## **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; The work of Inclusive Church; USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel); For our Mission Action Plan and Liz who is leading on Strengthening the reach and impact of the Schools Project and increase its congregational support and ownership

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; For our Government and our European partners negotiating Britain's exit from the EU; The people of Indonesia following the tsunami in Indonesia. Those who died, who mourn, who are sick or homeless, and those helping the survivors

**Our local community:** Windrush School; Beecham Close; Charlton Champion; For our guests at the Winter Night Shelter and all who volunteer; Clive Efford, one of the MP's representing our Benefice

## **Those celebrating their birthday or an anniversary last week:**

## **Those who have asked for our prayers or who are sick:**

**R.I.P.:** Brian Gibbons; Christine Crabby

**Year's Mind:** Mabel Griffiths

## ***Contacting the Rector***

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