

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 6 January 2019
Epiphany of the Lord

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Rev'd Liz Newman

St Luke's: Rev'd Joe Lee

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12



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Diary this week:

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| Sun 6 | <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Epiphany at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Epiphany at St Luke's</p> <p>12.15: St Luke's Standing Committee at St Luke's</p> |
| Mon 7 | <p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> |
| Tue 8 | <p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i></p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> |
| Wed 9 | <p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Coffee Morning at St Luke's</p> <p>12.00: Holy Communion at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> |
| Thu 10 | <p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: The Cost of Discipleship Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road</p> |
| Sun 13 | <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: All Age Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Care Home Service at Time Court</p> <p>17.00: Prayer Group at St Richard's</p> |



Thought for the week

'Death is not extinguishing the light: it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come'. *Rabindranath Tagore*

Thank you...

To our Church Treasurers – Ally Warder at St Thomas' and Liz Buck at St Luke's, who do the vital job of keeping our finances in order and advising on our money situation. Through their work they help us plan for our mission and ministry and be good stewards of our resources. Thanks too to those who count money weekly and take it to the bank!

News and notices

Happy New Year

Following our short Christmas and New Year break, the Tuesday Group and Wednesday Coffee Morning return this week, as does Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and the Wednesday Communion.

Everyone is welcome at all these events and services. Why not invite a friend along with you?

Concert to support the Winter Night Shelter

The Charlton Ensemble return to St Thomas' church on Sunday 27th 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.

Advent Study Group continues

The **Advent Study Group** will continue as **The Cost of Discipleship Study Group** with the intention of completing the book. We will continue to meet at 10 Mayhill Road from 7:30 - 9:00 on Thursday evenings - starting this week on January 10, 2019. New participants are welcome.

Val May RIP

It is with sadness we share the news that our friend Val May died this week. Val moved to live near friends in Weald, Kent and her health deteriorated recently. We will include details of her funeral, to be held at St Luke's, once they are known. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

Walk Through the Bible – Old Testament Seminar:

Saturday 23rd February 2019 10.00 – 4.30pm – Walworth, St Peter Bishop Karwei 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, 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 9th February (Day): Walk Through the Bible – New Testament Seminar – Deptford, St John's

Lent evenings commencing Wednesday 13th March (7.30pm): Walk Through the Bible – Old Testament Walk Seminar – Greenwich, St Alfège

Caring for, Growing and Developing our churches and their mission

Each of our churches has its own Church Council, made up of lay members of the church and clergy and chaired by the Rector. Each council is responsible for the overall wellbeing (practical as well as spiritual) of their church, the church members, and the church buildings. The PCC also has a duty to promote the mission of the church within the wider community. The minutes of our meetings are displayed in each church, but from next week, the bulletin will keep you up to date with decisions made and discussions had.

Mission Action Plan Update

Our benefice Mission Action Plan was launched in September and we are making good progress with the first stages of our plans. Each week in the bulletin there will be an update on one aspect of our MAP so we can all keep up to date with what is going on.

This week, we start with a reminder of the '5 Marks of Mission' that the Church of England takes as its guide in working out its mission in the particular place God has given it to love.

1. **TELL:** proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. **TEACH:** Teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. **TEND:** respond to human need by loving service
4. **TRANSFORM:** seek to transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. **TREASURE:** strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Contacting the Rector

Liz's contact details: liz@charlton.church or 07922 587263

*Prayer requests and information for next week's notices:
news@charlton.church or call 020 8858 8175 by noon on Wednesday*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; All who work for the Southwark Diocese; CMS (Church Mission Society); For our Mission Action Plan and Tom's Café (our new youth café) starting on Thursday 17th January. That good relationships will be made with many young people and that we will discover God's love together.

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Prime Minister Theresa May and her Government; The people of Brazil and Jair Bolsonaro who became President last week

Our local community: Woodhill School; St Luke's Almshouses; Greenwich Street Pastors; For our guests at the Winter Night Shelter and all who volunteer

Baptism: We pray for Claris to be baptized on 27th January at the 10am eucharist at St Luke's, for her mum and dad, sisters and godparents. Pray that Claris's christening will be a marker on the way of her lifelong journey with Jesus.

Those celebrating their birthday or anniversary last week:

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

R.I.P.: Christine Crabby; Michael Bengé; Benny Hazlehurst; Val May

Year's Mind: Ruth Cooke; David Field; Beryl Hatch; Laurie Newman