

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 20 January 2019
Third Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Rev'd Liz Newman

St Luke's: Rev'd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Gospel: John 2.1-11



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

Sun 20	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's 14.30: Care Home Service at Charlton Park Care Home
Mon 21	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 19.30: St Luke's PCC at St Luke's
Tue 22	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 23	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 24	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 18.00: Tom's Youth Café starts at St Thomas' 19.30: The Cost of Discipleship Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road
Sun 27	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's 17.00: Prayer Group at St Richard's 19.00: Charlton Ensemble Concert at St Thomas' <i>raising funds for the Winter Night Shelter</i>



Thought for the week

Just before Christmas, the Foreign Secretary ordered a review into the persecution of Christians of all nationalities throughout the world. The review will be led by the Bishop of Truro and is due to report by Easter. As many as 3,000 Christians were killed in 2018, double the previous year. Please pray for Christians who live in danger because they follow Jesus.

Thank you...

To Bennett for running the Bible study group at St Luke's over many years. The group has read the whole Bible from start to finish once and has started again. For Anglicans, scripture, tradition and reason are the three cornerstones on which our faith stands. The Bible is something we should all be studying – both together and individually - if we're to mature in our understanding of God's nature and grow in our relationship with Christ. So thank you to Bennett for helping people on this journey. The Bible study group always welcomes new members – Sundays after the eucharist.

News and notices

Concert to support the Winter Night Shelter

The Charlton Ensemble return to St Thomas' church next 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.

Candlemas Sunday, 3rd February

Both Churches worshipping together at St Luke's

As usual we will all be together at Candlemas, which falls this year on 3rd February. We take it in turns and this year we will be worshipping together at St Luke's. That means there will be NO eucharist that day at St Thomas'. Our guest preacher is Canon Jay Colwill, Diocesan Missioner, and we are planning during the service to commission all those people who are acting as Goal Leads in our Mission Action Plan. PLEASE come along so we can unite our two congregations, and commit ourselves to our calling to make Christ known in the world.

The Cost of Discipleship Study Group

The study group that started in Advent is continuing with the intention of completing the book, The Cost of Discipleship. It will continue to meet at 10 Mayhill Road from 7.30 – 9.00 on Thursday evenings. New participants are welcome.

Electoral Roll revision 2019

Parishes in the Church of England are required to compile an electoral roll, and these have to be fully revised every six years – which happens this year. Being on the electoral roll entitles lay members to vote in the annual parochial church meeting but beyond this legal technicality it means far more than that. For individuals, being on the electoral roll is the nearest we have to being signed up as a member. It is also a requirement for anyone wishing to stand for the PCC. For individual churches the electoral roll is also a way of ensuring we have up to date details as well as provides a basis for reckoning the number of regular and committed worshippers. There is no catch; the roll is not publicly available other than to comply with the need for it to be completed and displayed for at least fifteen days ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in order to check for accuracy.

During the period of preparation of the roll, members on the previous roll need to apply to be included - inclusion is not automatic. The PCCs needs to ensure that reasonable efforts are made to let everyone on the old electoral roll know that a new one is being prepared and new people are especially encouraged to apply. The enrolment form will be available shortly.

Iris Ford - Electoral Roll Officer - St Thomas'

Rick Newman Electoral Roll Officer - St Luke's

Some of what our PCCs have been doing...

- St Thomas' PCC made a decision to bring the office up to speed, with new computer and printer.
- St Luke's PCC made a decision to buy a new silver safe that meets the requirements of our insurers and a new colour printer.

Prayer for Persecuted Christians

We remember those who are imprisoned for their faith and ask that they would join with the Apostle Paul to see that even though they remain captive, their chains have furthered the gospel, not frustrated it.

Walk Through the Bible – Old Testament Seminar:

Saturday 23rd 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, 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 Alfege

Rev'd Liz Away

Advance warning that Revd Liz will be away from church between 20th February and 13th March.

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Contacting the Rector

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

*Prayer requests and information for next week's notices:
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Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Bishop Karowei; 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, and across the country of Zimbabwe where tension and violence is increasing against a huge rise in fuel prices; Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London; Our Government and all in Parliament that the correct way forward will be found in our withdrawal from the EU

Our local community: Fosdene School; Greenwich Foodbank; Queen Elizabeth Hospital; Our Guide Groups in Charlton; For our guests at the Winter Night Shelter and all who volunteer

Baptism: We pray for Claris to be baptized next Sunday 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 an anniversary last week

Those who have asked for our prayers or who are sick

R.I.P.: Mark Withers; Christine Crabb; Michael Benge; Val May; Brian Hutchings; Peter Butler; Joyce Esther Thorold

Year's Mind: Elsie Lovis; Bob Bland; Ron Spencer