

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 27 January 2019

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Rev'd Joe Lee

St Luke's: Rev'd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4. 14-21



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Diary this week:

Sun 27	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Including the baptism of Claris Mukasa</i></p> <p>17.00: Prayer Group at St Richard's</p> <p>19.00: Charlton Ensemble Concert at St Thomas' <i>raising funds for the Winter Night Shelter</i></p>
Mon 28	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 29	<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> <p>19.30: St Thomas' PCC at St Thomas'</p>
Wed 30	<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 31	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>18.00: Tom's Youth Café starts at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: The Cost of Discipleship Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road</p>
Sun 3	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Candlemas at St Luke's <i>Both congregations worship together at St Luke's</i></p>



Thought for the week

'One of the truest signs of maturity is the ability to disagree with someone while still remaining respectful'. Christians often disagree on strongly held convictions. How can we do that with the maturity that honours the God we all follow?

Thank you...

To Catherine, Dominic, Roger and Edna who are playing piano or organ for us at St Thomas' while John Dawson is away. It is fantastic to have people like them that we can call on to play for us and help us lift our voices in praise on a Sunday morning.

Thanks as well to Sonia Baidoo and Isla Carlin who ran a Godparent stall at the cathedral on Saturday as part of the Southwark Splash event. The event also included a 'Messy Baptism' (a christening in the style of Messy Church) with full immersion baptism for the first time ever in Southwark Cathedral!

News and notices

TONIGHT – Concert to support the Winter Night Shelter – TONIGHT

The Charlton Ensemble return to St Thomas' church tonight 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.

NEXT SUNDAY – Candlemas Sunday, 3rd February – NEXT SUNDAY

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

PCC NEWS

Among other things, in the last year our PCCs have done the following:

- Both PCCs voted to increase our Parish Pledge (the amount we pay to the diocese for the mission of the whole church) by 5% for 2019
- Both churches adopted a benefice Baptism Policy with more emphasis on preparation of families and follow up invitations.

New Prayer Station

The all age prayer station at St Luke's has been updated recently. The new theme is 'Today's Struggles.'

The prayer station is interactive, and suitable for all our members – whether younger or older. Do take time to have a look.

The funeral of Val May

Our dear friend Val May has left clear instructions that her funeral service is to be at St Luke's Church and we now have a date for that. Val's funeral will be on Tuesday 12th February at 12 noon. At Val's request it will be a requiem mass. In order to prepare the address, Revd Liz would appreciate any memories of Val if her friends from St Luke's or St Thomas' would like to share. They can be sent to Liz via email, in writing or verbally. But she will need them by Sunday 10th February at the latest. Many thanks

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 Alfège

Rev'd Liz Away

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

Keep up to date with our news

- You can download this bulletin from our website each week at www.charlton.church
- Keep up to date with news on Twitter: @churchcharlton

Pulpit Swap

On Sunday 17th February we'll have our annual pulpit swap.

Revd Lionel from St Mary's Leigh will be presiding at St Thomas' and Jane, the Reader from his parish will preach. Meanwhile Revd Liz will preach and preside at St Mary's. They may pass somewhere on the A21!

St Richard's Prayer Meeting

The St Richard's Prayer Meeting is tonight, 5.00pm – 5.45pm. The entrance to the chapel is in Sundorne 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.

The 380 bus stops very close to St Richard's (Priolo Road stop).

Regular fellowship events – invite a friend

Every week in our churches there is an opportunity to relax over a cuppa and have a chat with friends or meet new friends.

Why not bring a friend or neighbour with you and introduce them to our friendly congregation?

- **Tuesday Group** at St Thomas' Church, Woodland Terrace. Every Tuesday from 10am.
- **Midweek Coffee Morning** at St Luke's Church, The Village. Every Wednesday from 10am *followed by Holy Communion at 12 noon*

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

Prayer Extra

You may like to use the following in your prayers this week:

Lord, make us to be seekers after truth and justice,
full of your love and full of faith;
guide us by your Spirit to show your ways to the world
around us,
and to be signs of your kingdom to all.
May your light shine through us, for all we meet today.
Amen.

Lord, if we become more concerned with our own ease,
our own standing, our own ego, than we are with the
welfare of others, your call to love you and love our
neighbours as ourselves; then turn our hearts, Lord:
bring our focus back to you, your gospel, your kingdom.
Amen

Creator of rainbows,
come through the closed doors of our emotions, mind
and imagination:
come alongside us as we walk,
come to us at work and worship,
come to our meetings and councils,
come and call us by name,
call us to pilgrimage
Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archdeacon Alastair; For our Mission Action Plan and Rick, Michael and Bennett who are leading our participation in collaborative local campaigns for housing justice around new housing developments

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Our Government and all in Parliament, discerning a way forward in our withdrawal from the EU; The people of Zimbabwe where political instability and unrest continues

Our local community: Our Lady of Grace School; Greenwich Welcare; Oxleas House; St Peter's Boxing Club and Champions for Change; CGL Aspire and their work with people with drug and alcohol dependency; London Assembly Member Len Duval; For our guests at the Winter Night Shelter and all who volunteer

Baptism: We pray for Claris to be baptized today during the 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; Michael Benge; Val May; Brian Hutchings; Peter Butler; Joyce Esther Thorold; Francis Bernard Pacitti

Year's Mind: Duncan Hamilton