

# CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 3 February 2019  
Candlemas

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

**Preacher:** Canon Jay Colwill

**Celebrants:** Revd's Liz Newman, Bennett Spong and Joe Lee

*Today's Readings:*

**Old Testament:** Malachi 3.1-5

**New Testament:** Hebrews 2.14-18

**Gospel:** Luke 2.22-40



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 3</b>	10.00: <b>Benefice Eucharist</b> at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i>
<b>Mon 4</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Tue 5</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Wed 6</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 10.00: <b>Coffee Morning</b> at St Luke's 12.00: <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Thu 7</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 13.15: <b>Funeral of Bernie Pacitti</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas' 18.00: <b>Tom's Youth Café</b> starts at St Thomas' 19.30: <b>The Cost of Discipleship Study Group</b> at 10 Mayhill Road
<b>Sun 10</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>All Age Eucharist</b> at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i> 14.30: <b>Service</b> at Time Court Care Home 17.00: <b>Prayer Meeting</b> at St Richard's



### Thought for the week

Be still and know that I am God *Psalms 46 v 10.*

God talks to us all the time. One of God's voices is a 'knowing' inside. We don't know why we know or how we know. We just know. God speaks to us through our feelings. Feelings are very important vehicles of God-communication. When we are out of touch with our feelings we are probably out of touch with God'. *Anne Wilson Schaefer*

## Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone. It is wonderful when our two congregations can worship together as we do this morning. It's lovely to welcome Canon Jay Colwill, Southwark Diocesan Canon Missioner, who is our preacher today and is going to commission our Mission Action Plan goal leaders.

### **Commissioning of the Mission Action Plan Goal Leaders:**

*The Goal Leaders come to the chancel step and stand facing Canon Jay.*

*Canon Jay Colwill, Canon Missioner for Southwark Diocese, addresses the congregation:*

Canon Jay: People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live out God's love. As we commission these people today, will you, with them, and as baptised disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?

**All: We will**

Canon Jay: These people have been called to the work of Goal Leader for the Mission Action Plan in this Benefice. Will you, as the people of God here in this place, support and pray for them in this ministry?

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*Canon Jay addresses those to be commissioned*

Canon Jay: Do you believe that God has called you to this ministry?

**Goal Leaders: I do**

Canon Jay: Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, seek to perform it prayerfully and in a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration with those who lead ministry in this place?

**Goal leaders: With the help of God, I will**

Canon Jay: Will you seek to develop the faith, gifts and skills God has given you as you share in Christ's mission and ministry?

**Goal leaders: With the help of God, I will**

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Canon Jay: I commission you as Goal Leaders for the Mission Action Plan in this Benefice, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God grant you grace, wisdom and joy as you live out this calling.

*Canon Jay anoints the hands of those being commissioned with the oil of chrism. After being anointed, each person says **Amen***

**All: Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve; Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage. Amen**

## **Thank you...**

To everyone who had anything to do with the FANTASTIC Concert in aid of Greenwich Winter Night Shelter held at St Thomas' last Sunday. It was wonderfully supported and over 130 people were treated to what most people thought was Charlton Ensemble's best show yet. Thanks as ever to Churchwarden extraordinaire Jim Kinsella for his tireless work – behind the scenes, out in the local community and delighting us on stage. Our very own Dominic Barlow, Nick Bosworth and Joseph Spooner excelled themselves and thank you to Sarah and Helen for adding glamour and lovely singing to the event. Thanks as well to all the people who supported by advertising, bringing friends and family, selling raffle tickets, serving refreshments, moving furniture, staffing the door and counting up the money!! We raised an amazing £1,200 for Greenwich Winter Night Shelter.

## **News and notices**

### **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. Today is a great opportunity for people from both churches to see the Prayer Station.

## **News from our PCC's**

Last year...

- St Thomas' PCC restored the church bell which hadn't been rung for many years
- St Luke's PCC repaired the font

### **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 and will be followed by refreshments in the Old Library at Charlton House. 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 10<sup>th</sup> February at the latest. Many thanks

### **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

## **Charlton Riverside News**

Following Greenwich Council having done an about turn last July in responded to community pressure to reject the initial developer's proposal for Charlton Riverside it was perhaps inevitable that the developers appealed and sought to take their plans to a higher level. As a result, the application was 'called in' by the Mayor of London. The developers application was heard at City Hall last Tuesday, accompanied by a lengthy report that supported the application. Despite a sense of resignation that the application would be rubber stamped, around 50 representatives of local community groups - including the Benefice of Charlton - were present.

The cases presented on behalf of the local groups were well organised and compelling. Much to collective delight the Mayor rejected the developers application. The words 'back to the drawing board' were for once welcome. This remarkable outcome was the result of an exceptional campaign by local community groups under the umbrella of Charlton Together and sets a precedent for community led regeneration in London, if not in the country as a whole. Justice in local housing is one of the goals of our Mission Action Plan. We are proud to be part of Charlton Together and can take pride in what we have helped to achieve. This is just the beginning.

*Rick Newman*

## **Isolation and Loneliness**

Feeling isolated or lonely is one of the worst feelings. God has made us to live in relationship with others and when we feel the lack of human contact it can make us very low. As part of our mission at St Thomas' we are hoping to do something to help with this problem. But as a start we thought it would be a good idea to ask everyone who comes into our churches, to tell us about organisations and projects and places that already help people who are lonely or isolated. They don't have to be set up for that purpose – as long as they achieve the goal of helping people feel less isolated or lonely, we want to hear about them. In each church is a board for you to tell us who is helping already. Please write down all the places you can think of – local or national. Thanks.

### **World Day of Prayer**

St Luke's Church is hosting World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) on the morning of Friday March 1st. We will need to provide three readers as well as refreshments. If you can help to facilitate this important occasion in any way, please contact Liz Buck (lizb@charlton.church) or speak to the rector.

### **Confirmation**

Were you baptized as a child, but never confirmed? Maybe you were christened when you were little but now you think you'd like to make those promises for yourself. Or perhaps you are not sure if you were ever baptized as a child, so you'd like to be baptized and confirmed at the same time? Confirmation is about committing yourself to follow Jesus all your life. If you feel ready to make this step, then please let one of the clergy (Liz, Bennett or Joe) know. The Confirmation Service this year is at St Mary's, Woolwich on Sunday June 30th at either 6pm or 6.30pm. We will be starting preparation classes in due course, so let us know if you might like to join.

### **Pulpit Swap**

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Old Cottage Coffee Shop, Charlton Park**

You may have heard that our friends at the Old Cottage Coffee Shop in Charlton Park suffered a break in last weekend. Their shop was badly damaged with furniture and crockery thrown around and broken.

Michael and Mimi are generous and good friends of the local community. A customer opened a fundraising page on [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) to help them. More than £6,000 has been collected this week from our community. Please remember Michael, Mimi and their staff in your prayers this week.

### **Rev'd Liz Away**

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

### **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*

### **Share the news of our churches**

This bulletin is packed with news, events and prayers from our churches. Why not share it with a friend who lives nearby and who might be interested in our activities?

This bulletin can be downloaded from our website each week. You can receive an email with the link each Saturday. Send a request to [news@charlton.church](mailto:news@charlton.church) to receive this email each week.

### **Contacting the Rector**

*Liz’s contact details: [liz@charlton.church](mailto:liz@charlton.church) or 07922 587263*

*Prayer requests and information for next week’s notices:*

*[news@charlton.church](mailto:news@charlton.church) or call 020 8858 8175 by noon on Wednesday*

# Prayer Extra

*You may like to use these in your prayers this week:*

## **A prayer for Yemen** *(from Christian Aid)*

Giver of Life,

Who hears the cries from Yemen;

of mothers choosing between medicine or food,

of parents grieving children lost to starvation,

of those who have given up everything in hunger.

Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace

In your mercy,

Break political deadlocks,

Soften hardened hearts,

Change closed minds,

Open unhearing ears.

Let people come before power

Let life be holy again

Let your justice and peace

Shape the nation of Yemen

And the lives of all people

Amen

Lord, may our participation in the community of your Church lead us to a deeper understanding of our communion with you. As we share in the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, form us in the likeness of Christ, that we may reveal you to all the world. Amen.

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

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archbishop Justin; Canon Jay Colwill who preaches for us this morning; Our Mission Action Plan goal leaders: Isla, Sonia, Judith, Liz, Miriam, Alison, Ann, Liz, Joe, Deborah, Amelia, Joan, Rick, Bennett, Michael, Joseph, Sheila

**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 Yemen where 14 million people face starvation; The work of Christian Aid

**Our local community:** Charlton Park Academy; Greenwich Welcare; St Josephs Court; Charlton Athletic Football Club; All working for the Royal Borough of Greenwich; For our guests at the Winter Night Shelter and all who volunteer; Charlton Together who campaign for fairness in the riverside development; The staff of the Old Cottage Coffee Shop

**Baptism:** We pray for Claris who was baptized last week; 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 who have asked for our prayers or who are sick:**

**R.I.P.:** Mark Withers; Michael Benge; Val May; Brian Hutchings; Francis Bernard Pacitti; John Edney

**Year's Mind:** Armorel Griffiths; Reginald Scutt; Patricia Irving; Maurice Horseley; Beatrice McDougall