

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 10 February 2019
Proper 1

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Rev'd Joe Lee

St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13]

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11



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Diary this week:

Sun 10	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: All Age Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i></p> <p>14.30: Service at Time Court Care Home</p> <p>17.00: Prayer Meeting at St Richard's</p>
Mon 11	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 12	<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>12.00: Funeral of Val May at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Wed 13	<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 14	<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 at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: The Cost of Discipleship Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road</p>
Sun 17	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i></p> <p>14.30: Service at Charlton Park Care Home</p>



Thought for the week

'You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.' *Desmond Tutu.*

What have your family members taught you about God? What have you taught them about God?

Thank you...

To Yvonne Simpson, Rob Simson and the trustees of St Luke's Almshouses who make it possible for four people to have a comfortable and historic home in Charlton.

Thanks as well to Judith Clark and Rick Newman for all they do as our Safeguarding Officers. Theirs is not a glamorous role and much of it happens 'behind the scenes' but their hard work helps make our churches safe places for children and young people, for vulnerable adults and for survivors of domestic abuse.

News and notices

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 today.

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.

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

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.

Choir Practice

Following a short break, Choir practice will start again on Tuesday 5th March, 7.30pm at St Luke's. New members are welcome as we begin items for Easter

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.

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!

Rev'd Liz Away

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

Dennis Layell - RIP

We were saddened to learn that Dennis Layell died last weekend. After the Scout Group (now 51st Royal Greenwich) was set up by Fr Colvin in 1946, Dennis its first leader. He went on to play a large part in the running of Greenwich District Scouting. His funeral will be at the Falconwood Crematorium on 26th February at 1pm. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

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 you may like to join:

Lent evenings commencing Wednesday 13th 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 to receive this email each week.

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 these in your prayers this week:

A prayer of St Augustine

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels and saints charge
over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones,
and all for Your love's sake. Amen.

Who are we, Lord, that you should love us?

And yet we are precious and beloved in your sight.

May we love one another as you love us - deeply,
abundantly, and without waiting for that love to be
deserved - and by this may everyone know that we are
your disciples. Amen

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archbishop John Sentamu;

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 Embrace The Middle East

Our local community: Royal Greenwich Trust School; Charlton Park Care Home; All who work at the Thames Barrier; The local Councillors representing wards in our Benefice; For our guests at the Winter Night Shelter and all who volunteer

Those celebrating their birthday or an anniversary last week:

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

R.I.P.: Val May; Francis Bernard Pacitti; John Edney; Dennis Layell

Year's Mind: Richard Ajulo Sr