

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 17 February 2019
Proper 2

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Jane Withers and Rev'd Lionel Kevis

St Luke's: Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17.5-10

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17-26



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Diary this week:

Sun 17	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i> 14.30: Service at Charlton Park Care Home
Mon 18	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 19.30: St Luke's PCC at St Richard's
Tue 19	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> 12.00: Funeral of Val May at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Wed 20	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 21	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 18.00: Tom's Youth Café at St Thomas' 19.30: The Cost of Discipleship Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road
Sun 24	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i>



Thought for the week

'Accept the fact that you are accepted'.

Paul Tillich

Thank you...

To Joseph Spooner and members of St Luke's masterplan Group for helping us move towards a vision of what our building needs to look like to be fit for mission in the 21st century.

To Iris Ford, our Electoral Roll Officer at St Thomas' for her work over so many years.

News and notices

Welcome

Our link with St Mary's Leigh, in the Diocese of Rochester, is a long and precious one. It is lovely to welcome Revd Lionel, Vicar and Jane Withers, Reader at St Mary's to preside and preach for us at St Thomas' this morning.

Rev'd Liz visits St Mary's Leigh this morning to preach and preside.

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.

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.

St Richard's Prayer Meeting

This won't be running until Rev'd Liz is back from holiday. The next meeting will be Sunday March 24th 5 – 5.45pm at St Richard's Chapel, Sundorne Road.

Putting people's names on the Intercessions List

People who are ill, dying or facing trying times often appreciate having their name on the intercessions list so we can pray for them as church communities. However, we MUST get their permission before doing so, otherwise we may be breaking confidentiality or acting against their wishes. If the person concerned doesn't have capacity to make this decision, then their next of kin must give their permission for their name to be added to our prayer list. And if someone you ask says no, don't forget you can still bring them before God in your personal prayers.

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

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.

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 Alfège

While the Rector is away...

Bennett (07908 786211 or email bennett@charlton.church) and Joe (07872347058 or email joe@charlton.church) can be contacted about urgent pastoral matters. Please leave them a message if you don't get hold of them first time. Churchwardens can be contacted about other church matters.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Liz, Bennett, Joe & Jean our clergy; Jane Withers and Rev'd Lionel Kevis our preacher and celebrant at St Thomas' this morning; Our Mission Action Plan and Sonia and Isla who are creating a Benefice-wide team to develop, support and enthuse a vision to nurture the faith and wellbeing of the young

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 Nigeria where parliamentary and presidential elections were postponed yesterday; The work of Tearfund

Our local community: Charlton Manor School; Time Court Care Home; All who work in the shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants of our Benefice; Matthew Penneycook one of the MP's representing 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; John Edney; Dennis Layell; Wendy Barnes

Year's Mind: Bill Strong; Brian Wedderburn; Peter Ingram

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