

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 14 April 2019
Palm Sunday

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

St Luke's: Revd Joe Lee

Today's Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 50.4-9a

New Testament: Philippians 2.5-11

Gospel: Reading of The Passion



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Holy Week Diary



Sun 14	<p>09.50: Palm Sunday Eucharist at St Thomas' <i>Meet corner of Heathwood Gardens & Woodland Terrace</i></p> <p>09.50: Palm Sunday Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Meet next to Co-op in The Village</i> <i>Followed by Bible Study</i></p> <p>11.30: St Thomas' APCM at St Thomas'</p> <p>14.30: Service at Time Court Care Home</p>
Mon 15	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: Creative Worship for Holy Week at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 16	<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>19.00: Agape meal (includes Communion) at St Thomas'</p>
Wed 17	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>10.30: 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> <p>20.00: Stations of the Cross at St Luke's</p>
Thu 18	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Pilgrim Course at 32 Weyman Road</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>20.00: Liturgy of Maundy Thursday at St Luke's</p>
Fri 19	<p>13.00: Good Friday Liturgy and Communion at St Luke's <i>followed by walk to St Thomas' for...</i></p> <p>14.45: Good Friday Reflection at St Thomas'</p>
Sat 20	<p>10.30: Messy Easter at St Richard's Church Centre <i>for families with children aged 12 and below</i></p>
Sun 21	<p>10.00: Easter Festival Eucharist at St Thomas</p> <p>10.00: Easter Festival Eucharist at St Luke's</p>



Thought for the week

“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supplies.”

Hudson Taylor



Holy Week and Easter News

Holy Week – Services and Flyers

Everyone who attended services during Holy Week last year commented on how enriching and moving it was to come together every day and focus on Jesus’ road to the cross. But we also noticed that it tends to be ‘the usual suspects’ who come to services outside of Sundays, and we just felt sorry that more people hadn’t been able to experience the variety of worship in this most important week for Christians.

With this newsletter last week were two flyers promoting our Holy Week and Easter services. If you haven’t already, please share one with a friend or neighbour and encourage them to come along to church with you.

Agape Meal

We hope you can join in the Agape meal and Communion on Tuesday. It is a time when we share fellowship together over a meal and share Holy Communion together. To help us, please sign the list to confirm you are coming, or email news@charlton.church

Messy Easter

For the first time this year we are celebrating MESSY EASTER at St Richard’s on Easter Eve morning, Saturday 20th April. This is aimed at families with children 12 and below and we’ll need lots of help. Please speak to Isla Carlin, Sonia Baidoo or Revd Liz if you can help out.

This is also a super event to which you could invite people you know with a young family. We still have a few postcards, and they make an ideal invite.

Easter Lilies and flowers

If you’d like to donate an Easter lily or contribute to the flowers in church in memory of a loved one, please give your donation (any amount) to Pat Orton at St Luke’s or one of the Churchwardens at either church.



Thank you...

To Amelia Cortez, Pat Orton and Michael Griffiths for all the printing, stapling and collating of service booklets that they have done in time for Holy Week. And to Joseph Spooner for his great work in setting out the content of the booklets and Marjorie for her proof reading.

Thanks too to our churchwardens for doing all the necessary preparation for our annual inspections by the Area Dean. It is a large responsibility and we are so grateful to them for the work they do – often unglamorous and unnoticed, but essential.

News and notices

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting dates

Don't forget the important dates of our Annual meetings:

- St Thomas' TODAY 14th April 11.30am
- St Luke's Monday April 29th 7.30pm

Welcare Quiz and Supper night

The annual Quiz and Supper is on 27th April at 7pm at St Thomas'. Tickets are £10, which includes a fish and chip supper (Please bring your own drink). Contact Joan Lake, or Peter & Jean Griffiths for tickets.

Rob Simson

Rob is grateful for your prayers following his treatment. He'll be away from our churches for a few weeks, and we'll update here when he is back.

Marathon Sunday – April 28th

The London Marathon is wonderful spectacle, brings communities together, celebrates human achievement and raises millions of pounds for good causes. As Christian communities we recognize that the Marathon does much for the common good and it's right we should support it. Because it is on a Sunday morning, though, and because roads are closed off from early morning, it does impact on who can get to our churches. And because the runners come past St Luke's it would feel very wrong if we weren't there to cheer them on, but instead were in church worshipping a God who sends us out into our community to love and serve it. Our PCCs are therefore suggesting that the following happens this year:

St Luke's Parish Eucharist is a said eucharist only, with no sermon and an early 9.00am start. Straight after the service we will congregate outside the church, offering refreshments, giving people information about who we are and blessing the passing runners with holy water. Throughout this time Chariots of Fire and Keep on Running will be rung on the church bells.

St Thomas' There will be a normal Parish Eucharist but this will start at 4.30pm instead of 10 am. The roads will be open again by this time so anyone who wants to come will be able to get to church. This will also give members of St Thomas' congregation a chance to join St Luke's congregation in The Village to offer hospitality and cheer on the runners. It will also give members of St Luke's congregation who can't get there in the morning a chance to attend the eucharist at St Thomas'.

This is an experiment this year and we will discuss and review afterwards. Please let the clergy or Churchwardens know if you are able to help with refreshments and information giving at St Luke's on Marathon Sunday. And please support our efforts to connect with our neighbours and give everyone a chance to worship on April 28th.

Services in Easter Week

There will be no Morning or Evening prayer during Easter Week (Monday 22nd – Friday 26th April). And there will be no Coffee Morning or Midday Eucharist at St Luke's on Wednesday 24th April. We will be back to normal from Monday 29th April.

St Richard's Day

For the first time (in recent history at least!) we are going to celebrate St Richard's Day this year at St Richard's Church Centre in Swallowfield Road. The date will be Saturday 15th June and there will be a variety of activities, stalls, worship, refreshments etc etc. We need VOLUNTEERS to help make this happen. St Richard's Day will be a chance to show hospitality to our neighbours, let them know what our plans are for the centre and hear their views on the needs of local people. And it will be a chance to have some fun. The more person power, the better the outcome, so please speak to Revd Liz if you can help in any way. Thank you.

St Luke's Players

St Luke's Players are meeting this afternoon at 4.15pm at St Richard's to discuss future events including participation in "Music for a Summer's Evening" on **Sunday 23rd June 7.00pm**. (A date for your diary!).

The group would welcome newcomers, including children (any age). If you are interested, please come along this afternoon. The Players Drama Group is an open to anyone whether they attend church or not - part of St Luke's outreach. If you are unable to get there today, then please ring Gwen on 020 8856 7373 for information re rehearsals, etc.

Mercy in Motion

Bishop Karowei is looking forward to the Mercy in Motion tour 2019 which is at Christ Church East Greenwich on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). The Mercy in Motion Tour is an evening of story and song with the Bishop of Woolwich and his wife Dr Mosun. Bishop Karowei and Dr Mosun will share inspiring stories of transformed lives from his recent trip to our hospital ship, the Africa Mercy. There will also be performances by Lou Fellingham.

Tickets from www.mercyships.org.uk/tour or call 01825 748870. Early bird tickets at £5 each ends Monday 15th April. After that tickets cost £7 on line and £10 at the door.

Bread of Life by Springs Dance Company

Springs Dance Company will be performing the Bread of Life at Christ Church East Greenwich on Saturday 20th April at 6pm. Tickets are available on Eventbrite. (Tickets £5 - £7.50 and includes glass of wine or soft drinks with bread and cheese)

Bread of Life is a deeply moving production of movement, story and music. Inspired by the first Easter, yet set today, the show is a stirring response to the invitation 'Come and eat'. Bursting with life, human relationship and struggle and exploding with joy, this show is a feast for all.

Prayer Extra



*God of reconciling hope,
as you guided your people in the past
guide us through the uncertainties of the present time
and bring us to that place of flourishing
where our unity can be restored,
the common good served
and all shall be made well.
In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.*

*Lord, may we hear your voice clearly and follow it,
not thinking we know already what you will say.
May we recognise you as our King,
without making you into the king we want.
Keep us from remaking you in our image;
rather let us rejoice that we are made in yours.
Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Bishop Christopher; Our Mission Action Plan and Deborah, Joan, Amelia and Liz who are leading on developing a Mental Health promotion project out of St Luke's and its memorial garden in partnership with the voluntary sector/ statutory services

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Our Prime Minister and all MP's who continue to debate Brexit, and that God's love and healing power may help repair the divisions in our country; The people of Sudan where a coup took place last week, that peace and stability may come to their country; The work of Embrace the Middle East

Our local community: Our Lady of Grace School; Charlton Park Care Home; Greenwich Carers Centre; Matthew Pennycook one of the MP's representing our Benefice

Those celebrating their birthday or an anniversary last week:

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

Year's Mind: Carmel Zammit; Beresford Hutchinson; Amory Leggatt; Amy Benson; George Partridge; John Skinner; Alice Branchett

*Prayer requests and information for next week's newsletter:
news@charlton.church or call 020 8858 8175 by noon on Wednesday*