

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 21 April 2019
Easter Sunday

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Revd Joe Lee

St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman and Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4-8

Gospel: John 20.19-31



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Diary this week:

Sun 21	10.00: Easter Festival Eucharist at St Thomas 10.00: Easter Festival Eucharist at St Luke's
Tue 23	10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i>
Sat 27	19.00: Welcare Quiz Night at St Thomas'
Sun 28	09.00: Holy Communion at St Luke's 09.45: London Marathon Festival outside St Luke's 16.30: Benefice Eucharist at St Thomas'



Thought for the week

'Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song' *Pope John Paul II*

Thank you...

To Bennett and Joe for their priestly ministries and all they have contributed to Holy Week.

News and notices

Welcare Quiz and Supper night – this Saturday

There's still time to join 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.

Next Sunday - London Marathon - Next Sunday

Next Sunday, the London Marathon takes place. It 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 have agreed the following:

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 the first year we are trying this format, so please let the PCC's know how you feel it worked. We'll be reviewing the activity to plan future years.

Most importantly, please make sure you've understood which services and activities are happening when and join in where you can.

Services in Easter week

There will be no Morning or Evening prayer during this 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.

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

Thank you to all who took part at the meeting at St Thomas' last week. Don't forget the APCM at St Luke's is on Monday April 29th 7.30pm

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'

Our next rehearsal is Sunday, 28th April at 3.30pm St Richard's. At their last meeting, they felt they would like to put on another pantomime but before that can happen new people are needed for backstage work, operating the lighting, acting, dancing, etc. A Dame, as well as a leading lady and man, would be required. If you are interested in this, please would you let Gwen know asap, as forward planning is essential. Contact: stlukesplayers46@gmail.com for information - no obligation. It is hoped that the performances would be at St Richard's instead of The Assembly Rooms.

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.

Easter Greetings from Mark and Nancy

We were pleased to receive greetings this week from the USA. Mark and Nancy Connewagyepong would like to wish their friends in Charlton a Happy Easter.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is between 12th and 18th May. We again have the opportunity to collect funds at North Greenwich Station on Wednesday 15th May. Please let Michael know if you're able to take part: mjgriffiths@hotmail.com or 07815 593 761

Keep up to date with our news

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St Richard's Prayer Meeting

Our next Prayer Meeting at St Richard's is on Sunday 5th May at 5.00pm

Revd Liz... Will be catching up on some days off this week and will only respond to urgent emails or phone calls.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Bishop Karowei; Our Mission Action Plan and Rick who is leading on developing a social justice project at St Luke's in partnership with other initiatives

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 Ukraine who elect a new President today; The work of Tearfund

Our local community: Charlton Park Academy; Time Court Care Home; Friends of Charlton Park; Clive Efford 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:

R.I.P.: Maureen Fordham

Year's Mind: Irene Lovett; Trixie Latter; Charles Prince

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