

Our
Mission
Priorities

Nurturing
children and
young people

Sharing our faith
confidently

Reaching
isolated groups

Engaging with
our community

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 28 April 2019
Second Sunday of Easter

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Revd Bennett Spong

St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4-8

Gospel: John 20.19-31



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

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| 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' |
| Mon 29 | 08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 19.30: St Luke's Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Luke's |
| Tue 30 | 08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' |
| Wed 1 | 08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.30: Coffee Morning at St Luke's 12.00: Holy Communion at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' |
| Thu 2 | 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 Group at 10 Mayhill Road |
| Sun 5 | 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 17.00: Prayer Group at St Richard's |



Thought for the week

'Transformed people transform people'

Richard Rohr

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

Thank you to all who took part at the meeting at St Thomas'. A reminder that the APCM at St Luke's is Tomorrow evening, 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.

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

St Richard's Prayer Meeting

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

Rev'd Christopher Morgan - RIP

It is with much sadness that we heard that Rev'd Christopher Morgan died recently. Christopher was a good friend, preaching and presiding at St Thomas' several times in recent years. He died about two week ago after a comparatively short illness.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Christopher at Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday 8th May at 1.15pm. Please remember Christopher's wife, Alison, and their daughters in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

St Luke's Players'

Our next rehearsal is today, 28th April at 3.30pm St Richard's.

At our last meeting, we felt we 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.

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.

The Time Is Now

The threat that Climate Change is having on our planet has been much in the news recently. Protests in London have been disruptive for some, but the likelihood is that far greater disruption will be experienced if serious action is not taken soon.

On 26 June, thousands of people will come together in London's Westminster to celebrate our faith in action, lobby our political representatives, pray together and energise one another for the challenges to come. Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD are just some of the Christian agencies coming together with many other faith-based and secular organisations under the banner 'The Time Is Now.'

Some members of our churches are already keen to help ensure every single MP hears the message loud and clear: **that the time for action on climate change is now.** We'll be attending the lobby of parliament and meeting with our MP, Matthew Pennycook.

We'd love more people to join us. The more people taking part will make it harder for our political representatives to ignore the issue. Please contact Michael Griffiths if you'd like more information: mjppgriffiths@hotmail.com or 07815 593 761

Prayer Extra

*Risen Lord Jesus,
as our sisters and brothers knelt to pray
life was taken from them,
as others relaxed
life was taken from them.
In the presence of such evil
keep us firm in faith and constant in love
that the world might be filled
with your life, your light and your peace.
Amen.*



Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archdeacon Alastair; Our Mission Action Plan and Bennett, Michael and Rick who are leading on collaborating with others in campaigns for local housing justice

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; HM The Queen; 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 Sri Lanka following the horrific bombings there on Easter Sunday. For those who died, the bereaved, and those who are injured; The work of The Children's Society

Our local community: Royal Greenwich Trust School; 40 Littleheath; Valley Hill Hub

Those celebrating their birthday or anniversary last week:

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

R.I.P.: Maureen Fordham; Rev'd Christopher Morgan

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