

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 5 May 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Cyril Young and Revd Liz Newman

St Luke's: Revd Joe Lee

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]

Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

Gospel: John 21.1-19



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

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
Mon 6	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Tue 7	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 8	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.30: Coffee Morning at St Luke's 12.00: Holy Communion at St Luke's 13.15: Christopher Morgan Thanksgiving at Southwark Cathedral 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Thu 9	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 12	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 14.30: Service at Time Court Care Home



Thought for the week

'Sabbath is that uncluttered time and space in which we can distance ourselves from our own activities enough to see what God is doing' *Eugene Peterson*

News and notices

Thank you...

To St Luke's Bible Study group for organizing refreshments for neighbours watching the Marathon last Sunday – the runners didn't need warming up but the spectators did so thanks for offering this hospitality!

To everyone who helps with Care Home services each month that give vulnerable and frail people, who may not be able to worship with others otherwise, a chance to do so. We've made many friends at Charlton Park and Time Court.

Welcome...

To Cyril Young, returning to preach at St Thomas' this morning. It's lovely to have you and Felicity back with us in Charlton this weekend.

St Richard's Day – Saturday 15th June

Liz is looking for HELPERS on the day – all sorts of tasks need doing to make this community outreach event a success. PLEASE SPEAK TO LIZ ASAP if you're free and willing!

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week begins next Sunday and runs 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

News about Bishop Karowei

After being hospitalized with a pulmonary embolism, Bishop Karowei is having a period of convalescence followed by a phased return to light duties. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Confirmation classes...

...start on Sunday 19th May. Bennett and Liz need to know if you are interested, so please speak to either of them asap.

This newsletter is added to the website each week (www.charlton.church). To receive an email each week with a link to the newsletter contact news@charlton.church.

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 three weeks 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, 3rd May at 3.30pm St Richard's. At our last meeting, we felt we would like to put on another pantomime. 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, will be required. If you are interested in this, please 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 Karwei 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 Karwei 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

Welcare News

Thank you to everyone who supported Welcare's Quiz and Supper Evening last weekend. The evening raised a total £462 which will go to help with 'the extras' needed to facilitate the work of the Welcare Centre: costs that are not covered by Grants etc. Particular thanks to St Thomas's for the free use of the hall, to Jim Kinsella who set up for us beforehand and to Rick and Liz for the Quiz itself. Good wishes, Peter Griffiths and Joan Lake

Don't leave me now...

... is a play exploring the impact of young onset dementia on two very different families. It's being performed at The Stables in Hornfair Road at 3pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 23rd May. Tickets just £5 can be booked on 020 8102 9654.

Update and news from our Annual Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended and took part in our Annual Meetings. If you've not seen them, reports for the meeting were compiled in to an Annual Report. They are a fascinating insight in to the huge amount of work and mission happening in our churches. Please ask for a copy if you haven't seen it.

At the meetings, each church elected their Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Reps and Parochial Church Councillors. We're hugely grateful to the following who were elected – and please pray for them:

St Thomas': Churchwardens: Miriam Kakembo; Jim Kinsella
Deanery Synod: Judith Clark; Amelia Cortez
PCC: Catherine Tongue; Alison Warder; Jeffrey McKinson; Sarah Ajulo;
Summer John

St Luke's: Churchwardens: Rick Newman; John Chipperfield
Deanery Synod: Liz Buck; Michael Griffiths
PCC: Rob Simson; Roberta Bassah; Jennifer Lodge; Sonia Baidoo;
Amelia Cortez; Joseph Spooner; Judith Barlow; Pat Orton

Churchwardens and Deanery Synod reps also serve on the PCC

At the Archdeaconry Service at which we dedicate ourselves to God's service and support the Churchwardens and PCC members who have done so on behalf of our churches. It takes place at 8pm on Thursday May 16th at Southwark Cathedral. Everyone is welcome.

Music for a Summer's Evening...

...concert is on Sunday 23rd June, 7pm at St Luke's. We'll be raising funds for St Luke's Restoration Fund. Last year we raised £700 and think there's an opportunity to raise more this time. Can you help us with publicity? We're looking for people willing to take posters into shops, etc in all parts of Charlton, Greenwich, Woolwich and Blackheath (Village & Standard). Many hands make light work! Our performers, although mostly professional, are giving their time free. Let's support them by publicising the concert widely and making it a real money spinner for the benefit of our wonderful church. Very many thanks in advance.

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.*

*God of all time,
God beyond and behind time,
may we know what is too late and what is too soon.
May we always recognise the right time in the light of
your timeless love.
Amen*

*O God, Father, moment by moment you hold me in
being, on you I depend.
O God, eternal Son, friend and brother beside me, in you
I trust
O God, Holy Spirit, life and love within me, from you I
live.
Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archbishop Justin Welby; Our Mission Action Plan and Liz who is leading on working with local organisations to develop a programme of liturgies at community venues to mark significant places, times and events; All elected to serve as Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Rep and PCC members at our APCM's; United Society Partners in the Gospel

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London; 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; All affected by Cyclone Fani

Our local community: Charlton Manor School; Beecham Close; Charlton Champion news website

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; Wallace Rennie; Lily Filer

Year's Mind: Pauline Innocent; Ursula Rice; Alice Chantler; Revd Jim Smith;

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