

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 12 May 2019  
Fourth 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 9.36-43

**Second Reading:** Revelation 7.9-17

**Gospel:** John 10.22-30



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## Diary this week:



<b>Sun 12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christian Aid Week Begins</b></p> <p>10.00: <b>All Age Eucharist</b> at St Luke's          10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas'          14.30: <b>Service</b> at Time Court Care Home</p>
<b>Mon 13</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's          17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p>
<b>Tue 14</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's          10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i>          17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'          19.30: <b>Mercy in Motion</b> at Christ Church, East Greenwich</p>
<b>Wed 15</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's          10.30: <b>Coffee Morning</b> at St Luke's          12.00: <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Luke's          17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p>
<b>Thu 16</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's          NB: No Evening Prayer          18.00: <b>Tom's Youth Café</b> at St Thomas'          20.00: <b>Archdeaconry Service</b> at Southwark Cathedral          19.30: <b>The Cost of Discipleship Group</b> at 10 Mayhill Road</p>
<b>Sun 19</b>	<p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's          10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas'          14.30: <b>Service</b> at Charlton Park Care Home          17.00: <b>Prayer Group</b> at St Richard's</p>



### Thought for the week

'I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else'

CS Lewis

## **News and notices**

### **Thank you...**

To Alison Warder for representing St Thomas' at the funeral of Revd Christopher Morgan at Southwark Cathedral this week.

### **Christian Aid Week**

Christian Aid Week begins today and runs until 18<sup>th</sup> May. We again have the opportunity to collect funds at North Greenwich Station on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please let Michael know if you're able to take part: mjprgriffiths@hotmail.com or 07815 593 761

### **Looking Ahead**

St Thomas' Day – is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will worship together as two congregations in one place – St Thomas' Church. Our guest preacher will be Revd William David, Chaplain at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. William has recently been on a pilgrimage to India 'In the Footsteps of St Thomas'.

Annual trip to St Mary's Leigh – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. As usual we have been warmly invited to join friends in Leigh for afternoon tea followed by a service.

### **Discussion group for the 'Spiritual not Religious'**

Our Mission Action Plan includes running discussion groups for people who don't have a religious faith but are open to discussing the big questions in life. These groups often discover that Christians and non Christians aren't always as far apart as they may have thought they were. On MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 7pm we will have a dry run of one of these sessions for CHRISTIANS who are interested in finding out more and might like to run these sessions themselves in the future. Naz Georgis who created the model for discussion groups like this will be leading it. It's important these groups are held in an informal non-church venue, so we'll be meeting at the White Swan Pub in the upstairs room. Let Revd Liz know if you're interested.

### **St Richard's Day – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Bishop Karowei**

A card wishing Bishop Karowei well and sending our love and prayers has been sent to him on behalf of both congregations.

### **Confirmation classes...**

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

### **St Luke's Players**

St Luke's Players would like to know if anyone is interested in taking part or helping out with a pantomime. If so, please see Gwen or leave a message [stlukesplayers46@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesplayers46@gmail.com)

### **Mercy in Motion**

Bishop Karowei is looking forward to the Mercy in Motion tour 2019 which is at Christ Church East Greenwich on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mercyships.org.uk/tour) or call 01825 748870. Early bird tickets at £5 each ends Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. After that tickets cost £7 on line and £10 at the door.

### **First PCC Meetings**

The first meeting of the new PCCs are as follows:

- St Luke's Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm
- St Thomas' Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

### **First Communion**

If you have a child who is baptised and would like them to take their first communion, please contact Revd Liz or Liz Buck ([lizb@charlton.church](mailto:lizb@charlton.church)). Classes will start after the May half term school break with first communion celebration scheduled for the beginning of July.

## **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](mailto:mjppgriffiths@hotmail.com) or 07815 593 761

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Tickets just £5 can be booked on 020 8102 9654.

## **Almshouse flat available**

There is a vacancy at St Likes Almshouses in a bedsit with a kitchen dinner and bathroom. The rent is £90 per week with water bill, own electric use and council tax to pay. Open to anyone over the age of 55 with a connection to Charlton. Pets considered. Please contact Revd Liz or Rick Newman.

### **Music for a Summer's Evening...**

...concert is on Sunday 23rd June, 7pm at St Luke's. We're hoping a good sized audience will help us raise a good total towards St Luke's Restoration Fund. We'd really appreciate help publicising the event. 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! We also have fliers that you can share with your friends, family and neighbours. Our performers, many professional, are giving their time – making a great opportunity to turn the concert in to a real money spinner for the benefit of our wonderful church.

### **St Luke's Gardens**

The recently planted hedge, along boundary with Charlton Church Lane, will need regular watering to help it grow. If you are at St Luke's during the week could you please water the young plants? Those under the trees are especially vulnerable.

### **Pictorial History of St Luke's**

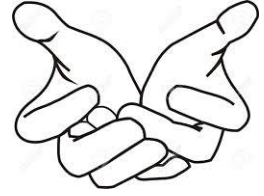
Did you know we have an album which has a pictorial history of our activities at St Luke's Church going back to the 1970s. You can find it at the back of St Luke's. Recently the album has come to a bit of a halt. If you have any pictures that you would like to share then please let Gwen Zammit have them together with date and where, please. If you have never looked at the album, then please feel free to do so, but of course don't remove it from the church.

### **Archdeaconry Service**

Our Churchwardens for the coming year, Jim, Miriam, Rick and John will be sworn in to their office at the Archdeaconry Service on Thursday in Southwark Cathedral, 8.00pm. Do come along if you can and offer them your support.

*News and prayer requests to be included in next week's newsletter can be sent to [news@charlton.church](mailto:news@charlton.church) or phoning 020 8858 8175 by 12 noon on Wednesday.*

# Prayer Extra



## *Prayer for Christian Aid Week*

*God our Mother and Father,  
we praise you for the blessings you shower upon us.  
Bless the lives of our sisters and brothers  
and their precious children.  
In life's saddest moments,  
may we feel your love most, O Jesus.  
Continue to dwell in our hearts, Lord.  
May your love keep us strong.  
Amen.*



*God of compassion,  
you loved and forgave us in Christ.  
You sought to reconcile all humanity in your love.  
May we enter fully into this reconciliation.  
Amen*

*Your gospel, Lord Jesus,  
proclaims reconciliation and renewal:  
peace where there was hostility,  
wholeness where there was brokenness,  
dancing where there was mourning,  
welcome where there was exclusion.  
Give us grace to be transformed into your likeness,  
and live it.  
Amen*

## **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archbishop John Sentamu; Our Mission Action Plan and Joseph who leads the St Richard's working group and St Luke's Masterplan Group;

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; Len Duval, our London Assembly Member; 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 work of Christian Aid and their supporters this Christian Aid Week

**Our local community:** Thorntree School; St Luke's Almshouses; CGL Aspire and their work with people with drug and alcohol dependency; Charlton Together

### **Those celebrating their birthday or anniversary last week:**

**To be married:** We pray for Annabel and Gareth; Nina and Adam; Holly and Harrison as they prepare for their weddings at St Luke's.

**To be baptised:** We pray for baby Louie to be baptized at St Luke's on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oscar and Felix to be baptized at St Thomas' on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We pray too for parents and godparents, that they will support these children on their lifelong journey with Jesus.

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

**R.I.P.:** Maureen Fordham; Wallace Rennie; Lily Filer; Jack Stride

**Year's Mind:** Francis O'Rourke Blakey; Brenda Ingram, Spencer Perceval, Wilfreda Lawson