

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 19 May 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

St Luke's: Revd Joe Lee

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 11.1-18

Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6

Gospel: John 13.31-35



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Diary this week:

Sun 19	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>12.45: Confirmation Class at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Service at Charlton Park Care Home</p> <p>17.00: Prayer meeting at St Richard's</p>
Mon 13	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: St Luke's PCC at St Luke's</p>
Tue 14	<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>
Wed 15	<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>
Thu 16	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>18.00: Tom's Youth Café at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: The Cost of Discipleship Group at 10 Mayhill Road</p>
Sun 26	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p>



Thought for the week

Beware the religion that turns you against another one. It's unlikely that it's really religion at all.

Joan D. Chittister

News and notices

Thank you...

To everyone who donated to or collected for Christian Aid this week.

Thy Kingdom Come

Between Ascension (Thurs 30th May) and Pentecost (Sunday 9th June) churches all over the world are joining a global wave of prayer - THY KINGDOM COME. One simple idea is for us all to pray for 5 friends or family to come to know God and follow Christ. In both our churches next week onwards, there will be simple leather bracelets available. The idea is that you tie 5 knots in these bracelets, each one for someone you are praying will come to know God. Then pray for your 5 every day.

Looking Ahead

St Thomas' Day – is on Sunday 7th 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 21st 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 10th 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 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!

St Richard's Day Flyer Distribution

Please help make St Richard's day a success by distributing flyers to the streets nearby. Flyers here SOON!

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 a leave a message stlukesplayers46@gmail.com

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). Classes will start after the May half term school break with first communion celebration scheduled for the beginning of July.

Music from the Movies

Sunday 26th May 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Leigh

A musical evening featuring some of the most iconic tunes from your favourite films.

Tickets available on the door: £10.00 adults, £5.00 children

Children's Church at St Luke's...

... is paused at present. Activities for children during the service are available in the Lady Chapel.

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.

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: mjggriffiths@hotmail.com or 07815 593 761

Almshouse flat available

There is a vacancy at St Lokes 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.

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.

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.

Race for Life

Amelia Cortez is taking part in the Race for Life at Blackheath to raise funds for Cancer Research. If you'd like to sponsor her in the 5km run, she has a sponsor form for you to sign – or she can send you a link to her online fundraising page.

St Richard's Prayer Meeting...

... is tonight 5.00 – 5.45pm. We'll be asking God's guidance as we move towards a vision for our centre.

Keep up to date with our news

You can catch up with the news from our churches, even when you can't get to church. This newsletter is added to the website each week, and you can receive an email with a link each week. Send your request to news@charlton.church

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

Prayer Extra



A prayer for our Churchwardens

*Lord and heavenly Father,
You have united us in one body
in the work of your church in these parishes:
Give our Churchwardens
grace to faithfully and wisely discharge their duties,
guide them with your Holy Spirit.
Keep their vision clear, their sympathies broad,
their resolution firm, their zeal unabated.
And grant that whatever they do in word or deed,
they may do all for your glory and in the name of Jesus
Christ, your Son and our Redeemer.
Amen*

A prayer for our nation

*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.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Liz, Bennett, Joe and Jean our clergy; Our Mission Action Plan and Isla and Sonia who are leading on creating a Benefice-wide team to develop, support and enthuse a vision to nurture the faith and wellbeing of the young; Bible Society

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 North Korea where they are facing drought and food shortages.

Our local community: Chery Orchard School; Doctor and Dental surgeries in our Benefice; Greenwich Street Pastors; RG51 Scout Group; All working for RB Greenwich

Those celebrating their birthday or an 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 2nd and Oscar and Felix to be baptized at St Thomas' on 23rd 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: Margaret Gill