

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 26 May 2019  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

**St Thomas':** Revd Joe Lee

**St Luke's:** Revd Liz Newman

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Acts 16.9-15

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5

**Gospel:** John 14.23-29



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*The Parishes of St Thomas Old Charlton and St Luke  
with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 26</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 12.45: <b>Confirmation session 2</b> at St Luke's
<b>Mon 27</b>	NB: No Morning and Evening Prayer today
<b>Tue 28</b>	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>St Thomas' PCC</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Wed 29</b>	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'
<b>Thu 30</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas' 18.00: <b>Tom's Youth Café</b> at St Thomas' 19.30: <b>The Cost of Discipleship Group</b> at 10 Mayhill Road
<b>Sun 2</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 12.00: <b>Baptism</b> at St Luke's 12.45: <b>Confirmation session 3</b> at St Luke's 17.00: <b>Prayer meeting</b> at St Richard's



### Thought for the week

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.

*Corrie Ten Boom*

## **News and notices**

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

To our choir at St Luke's and to Jim and Maria at St Thomas who enhance our worship at both churches with their singing.

### **St Richard's Day - Fliers to Deliver**

St Richard's Day - Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> - is fast approaching and fliers are now available to be delivered to homes in certain streets. If you can deliver, please put your name next to a road and take the correct number of fliers. Delivery needs to happen by Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Thank you

### **Thy Kingdom Come Pray for 5 Leather Wrist Bands**

Please take one of these bands and tie 5 knots in it, each one for a person you want to come to know God. Pray for them as you tie each knot. Then pray for them each day for the whole of the period between Ascension (May 30<sup>th</sup>) and Pentecost (June 9<sup>th</sup>). You don't need to stop then! Wrist bands cost us approx 40p each so if you can make a donation to cover costs it will be gratefully received.

Pray for 5 is part of *Thy Kingdom Come* – a worldwide wave of prayer in the Church of God.

### **Can you make a cuppa?**

Starting on Weds June 12<sup>th</sup> at St Richard's Church Centre, Rucksack Music will be running weekly term time music and singing sessions for preschool children. They are relocating from Charlton House. This is a great mission opportunity for us as we have a chance to work with Rucksack Music to get to know local families. To welcome parents and children as they arrive we will be offering 'Cuppa and Cake' between 1pm and 1.45pm. If you could be on a rota to offer this hospitality, please let Revd Liz know.

### **Looking Ahead (1)**

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'.

## **Looking Ahead (2)**

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 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)

## **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.

## **Music from the Movies**

Tonight (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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](mailto: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.

### **The next St Richard's Prayer Meeting...**

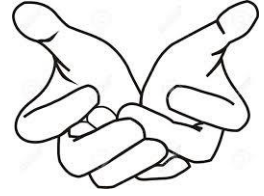
... is next Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> June) 5.00 – 5.45pm. We'll be asking God's guidance as we move towards a vision for our centre.

### **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](mailto:news@charlton.church)

*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



*Living Christ,  
You are present with us in all times, sharing the  
brightness of our joy and walking with us through  
times of darkness.  
You speak words of wisdom into our folly,  
You speak words of reassurance into our fear,  
You seek out those who are lost and looking for the way.*

*In these times of confusion, uncertainty and fearfulness about our  
nation's future, we need your wisdom, your reassurance and your  
compassion.*

*Speak to all of us now, leaders, citizens, fearful residents, those with a  
voice and those whose voices seem never to be heard. We lay before you  
the life of our nation and long for your gentle rule to be established  
amongst us.*

*As our leaders try to make decisions that will address an impasse,  
Give them wisdom and a true capacity for discernment, that at the  
forefront of people's minds is not political advantage but the wellbeing of  
all people.*

*As people feel fearful of what the future holds, help us to build a  
community in which all feel welcome and heard and a truer sense of  
belonging to one another is established.*

*As we witness heated argument that could so readily turn to aggression,  
Sooth us and inspire in us all your gentleness,  
that we may curb attitudes that lead to strife.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who sought to welcome the  
stranger, to bind up the broken hearted and to pave the way for costly  
peace making.*

*Amen.*

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

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Miriam, Sheila, Kathy, Roberta & Rob our SPA's, and Peter SPA Emeritus; Our Mission Action Plan and Tom's Youth Café led by Judith and our friends at Youth for Christ

**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 India and Prime Minister Narnendra Modi who won a new term as Prime Minister last week

**Our local community:** Windrush School; Queen Elizabeth Hospital; St Peter's Boxing Club; Guiding members in Charlton; Our local Councillors representing wards in our Benifce; Greenwich Foodbank

### **Those celebrating their birthday 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:** Barbara Burton