

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 2 June 2019
Ascension

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

St Luke's: Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

Gospel: Luke 24.44-53



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

Sun 2	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>12.00: Baptism of baby Louie at St Luke's</p> <p>12.15: Standing Committee at St Luke's</p> <p>12.45: Confirmation Class at St Luke's</p> <p>17.00: Prayer meeting at St Richard's</p>
Mon 3	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 4	<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 5	<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 6	<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 9	<p>10.00: All Age 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: Care Home Service at Time Court</p>



Thought for the week

Tithe if you love Jesus - anyone can honk!

News and notices

St Richard's Day - Fliers to Deliver

St Richard's Day - Saturday June 15th - 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 Wednesdays June 12th 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 30th) and Pentecost (June 9th). 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 12th 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

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.

Children's Church at St Luke's is paused at present. Activities for children during the service are available in the Lady Chapel.

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 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

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.

A message from the Rice Family

Jackie, David and Emilia send their love to everyone in Charlton. Their move to Kent has happened quicker than expected and so that's where they are now at weekends, settling into a new community. The Rice family want to thank everyone for the very happy years they spent at St Luke's. They hope to have a farewell drinks party in Charlton in July. Please pray for them all as they adapt to life in a different place and especially that they will be able worship God there in their new home.

The Time Is Now...to combat Climate Change

There's still time to join the Lobby of Parliament of 26 June. See the posters in church and speak to Michael for more information. 07815 593 761 or mjgriffiths@hotmail.com

Almshouse flat available

There is a vacancy at St Luke's Almshouses in a bedsit with a kitchen diner and bathroom. The rent is £90 per week with water bill, own electric use and council tax to pay. Open to anyone over 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.

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.

Morning and Evening Prayer

Mondays to Thursdays, Morning prayer is said at St Luke's at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at St Thomas' at 5.30pm. If no-one else comes, and Revd Liz is praying alone, the doors are kept shut for safety reasons and so it looks as if the church is closed. Many people have weekday commitments so Morning and Evening Prayer are just not possible for them, but if you're not one of those people, please consider coming along. Praying together is a wonderful way to start and end the day, and it means our doors can be open to the world!

Confirmation Service

The Deanery Confirmation service this year is at St Mary's Woolwich at 6pm on Sunday June 30th. We have 3 candidates for confirmation and one who will be reaffirming her commitment to Christ. Please put this date in your diary and come along to support our sisters and brother in Christ.

Prayer Extra



Prayer for the Inquest into the London Bridge Attack

Lord Jesus, your scars bore witness to your suffering as you stood before your friends.

*Bless those whose scars have been reopened,
whose memories have been stirred,
whose pain has been revealed,
whose selfless acts recalled,
whose heroic actions told,
whose stories have been shared,
whose tears have been shed,
as testimonies are heard
in the London Bridge Inquest.*

*Hold us with your wounded hands
and bring us your peace.*

Amen.

Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

Almighty God,

*your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:*

*inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts*

*with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word*

*may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Prayers for Ascension

*O God of earth and sky,
as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to
heaven,
so we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to be in
all places.
Though he is hidden from our sight,
enable us to abide in him
by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit,
until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation. Amen.*

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into
heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the
ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be
similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word
and deed, according to your will for
me. And may I do so prudently and
joyfully, with your help, your
guidance, and your grace! And
remembering this glorious event,
help me to seek what is above,
Heaven, where you are seated at the
right hand of God our creator!
Amen.*



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.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Churches Together in Charlton; Our Mission Action Plan and Liz B who leads on strengthening the reach and impact of the Schools Project and increasing congregational support for it and ownership of it

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Our Prime Minister, those who would like to be her replacement and those who will make that choice, that God's love and healing power may help heal the divisions in our country; For the organisers, spectators and all taking part in the Women's Football World Cup and the Men's Cricket World Cup

Our local community: Woodhill School; Oxleas House; Charlton Athletic Football Club; All who work at the Thames Barrier; Matthew Pennycook, one of the MP's representing our Benefice; Greenwich Welcare

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 today 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

Year's Mind: Michael Tant; Walter Burton; Mary Nkata; Isabella Coomber; Marjorie French