

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 9 June 2019  
Pentecost

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

**St Thomas':** Revd Joe Lee

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

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Genesis 11.1-9

**Second Reading:** Acts 2.1-21

**Gospel:** John 14.8-17[25-27]



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 9</b>	<p>10.00: <b>All Age Eucharist</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>12.45: <b>Confirmation Class</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: <b>Care Home Service</b> at Time Court</p>
<b>Mon 10</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.00: <b>Spiritual not Religious</b> Taster group upstairs at White Swan</p>
<b>Tue 11</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i></p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>18.00: <b>St Luke's Grant Committee</b> at St Luke's</p>
<b>Wed 12</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>10.30: <b>Coffee Morning</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>12.00: <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p>
<b>Thu 13</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>18.00: <b>Tom's Youth Café</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: <b>The Cost of Discipleship Group</b> at 10 Mayhill Road</p>
<b>Sat 15</b>	<p>11.00: <b>First Communion preparation</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>13.00: <b>St Richard's Day</b> at St Richard's <i>Concludes with Worship at 16.00</i></p>
<b>Sun 16</b>	<p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for Trinity Sunday</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for Trinity Sunday</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>12.45: <b>Confirmation Class</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: <b>Care Home Service</b> at Charlton Park Care Home</p> <p>17.00: <b>Prayer Meeting</b> at St Richard's</p>



### Thought for the week

'When we work, we work. When we pray, God works'.

*Hudson Taylor*

## **News and notices**

### **Thank you**

To Michael Griffiths, who tirelessly puts together this newsletter every week. It keeps us all informed about what's happening in the benefice and beyond. Michael is also wonderful at focusing our attention on the people, places and matters that need our prayer.

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

St Richard's Day is next Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June. We still have a few fliers which we'd like to deliver 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 12<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Thank you

### **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.

### **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.

### **First Communion**

First Communion classes are at St Thomas' Church, 11.00am, on 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please speak to the rector or Liz Buck if you are interested. Children need to be baptised before they can be admitted to First Communion.

### **PCC Secretary for St Luke's**

Are you able to minute our monthly PCC meetings, send out agendas and other papers, bring correspondence from the diocese to the attention of the Rector and Churchwardens and prepare a report for the Annual Church meeting? This ESSENTIAL role at St Luke's is vacant and we need someone to take it on – guidance and training provided. So if you have those skills and would be prepared to help, please speak to Revd Liz or one of the Churchwardens.

### **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.

**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 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)

### **Picnic in the Park**

We have been offered an opportunity to run a children's tent for Picnic in the Park at Maryon Park on the 30th June. We are focussing on the environment and 'Care for All Creation' and need small recycled materials (empty cardboard food boxes, kitchen rolls etc) to facilitate model making. If you are able to help us to provide these, please let me know. We would prefer that boxes are NOT just left at the back of the churches. Please bag up all items before donating. NO plastic, please! Thanks. *Liz Buck*

### **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 [mjppgriffiths@hotmail.com](mailto:mjppgriffiths@hotmail.com)

### **Almshouse flat available**

There is a vacancy at St Like'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.

### **Confirmation Service**

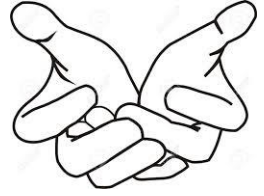
The Deanery Confirmation service this year is at St Mary's Woolwich at 6pm on Sunday June 30th. We have 3 candidates for confirmation and one who will be reaffirming her commitment to Christ. Please put this date in your diary and come along to support our sisters and brother in Christ.

### **Safeguarding**

*Our churches take safeguarding extremely seriously and have adopted and implement our Diocesan procedures and guidelines contained in A Safe Church. These are in line with those agreed by the House of Bishops. For further information please see the Safeguarding noticeboard at St Thomas', St Luke's and St Richard's, or visit the website. The Parish Safeguarding Officers and Rector would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.*

*We all have a responsibility to make our churches safe places for all. If you have any concerns, please bring them to the attention of the Rector, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Churchwardens or a PCC member without delay.*

## Prayer Extra



*God of justice, grant me the wisdom to  
see right from wrong.*

*Let my heart be guided by honesty  
and my lips speak truth.*

*In times of doubt,  
cloak me in courage the colour of trust.*

*Birth in me the passion for unity and peace  
so that I may be a good news bearer for all.*

*In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

*God, the bringer of good news,  
forgive our lust for power  
and free us from the temptation to oppress others.  
Instil in us the determination to see your good news  
made real in us and those around us,  
as we share in the mission of your Son Jesus  
to fulfil your promise of freedom from poverty and  
oppression. We pray in his name. Amen.*

*Stay with us Lord,  
open our eyes and set our hearts on fire,  
as you open your word,  
as you break your bread,  
as we live your life.  
Enrich us with your grace,  
empower us by your Spirit,  
enfold us in your love,  
as we walk the journey of faith with you. Amen*

*In your love Lord,  
you guide us by your Spirit into all truth.  
May we set our hearts on you,  
on knowing you deeply and wonderfully,  
that we may hear your voice in the heart of our being,  
know your presence to the depths of our existence,  
love you with all that we are. Amen*

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

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Open Heavens Church; Our Mission Action Plan and our plans to pilot a Fresh Expression of worship for children / families at St Luke's and / or St Richard's

**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; The people of Sudan where violence and political instability persist; The work of Christian Aid

**Our local community:** Pound Park Early Years and Children's Centre; St Josephs Court; All who work in our shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants, and those who maintain our parks and open spaces; Clive Efford, one of the MP's representing our Benefice

We pray for the launch of Rucksack Music at St Richard's and for our growing relationships with local families.

We pray for St Richard's Day – that a light will be lit and a new church emerge there in time

We pray that our plans to support Syrian refugees living near St Thomas' bears fruit.

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

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

**Confirmation:** We pray for Blanca, Marlon, Sonia and Gladys as they prepare for confirmation / to reaffirm their commitment to Christ.

**First Communion:** We pray for children in both our churches preparing for First Communion

**To be baptised:** We pray for baby Louie who was baptised at St Luke's last week and Oscar and Felix to be baptised 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

**Year's Mind:** Sheila Balkaran

*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.*



*Happy Birthday  
St Luke's and  
St Thomas'!*