

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 16 June 2019
Trinity Sunday

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

St Luke's: Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-5

Gospel: John 16.12-15



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Diary this week:

Sun 16	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Trinity Sunday at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Trinity Sunday at St Thomas'</p> <p>12.45: Confirmation Class at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Care Home Service at Charlton Park Care Home</p> <p>17.00: Prayer Meeting at St Richard's</p>
Mon 17	<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 18	<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 19	<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 20	<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>
Sat 22	<p>11.00: First Communion preparation at St Thomas'</p>
Sun 23	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Corpus Christi at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Corpus Christi at St Thomas'</p> <p>12.45: Confirmation Class at St Luke's</p>



Thought for the week

'I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.' *Martin Luther King*

News and notices

Thank you

To Amabel Barlow for helping at Rucksack Music – our new music group meeting at St Richard's.

To everyone at St Thomas' who provides refreshments after the Sunday service so we can sit and enjoy each others' company over a cuppa!

Music for a Summer's Evening

We're just a week away from our Music for a Summer's Evening concert, and there's still ways you can get involved.

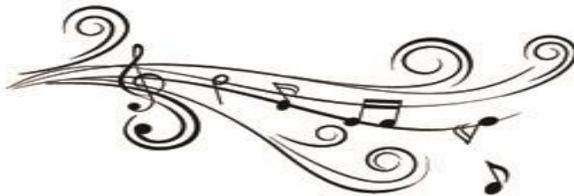
Please share information about the concert with your friends and family. You could send them an email or even a text message. Or you could share information on our social media accounts (email news@charlton.church if you need information to share).

We have a few posters that can still be distributed – please pick them up from the back of church today. Flyers too can be given to friends and neighbours.

Gwen has tickets in church today – please buy yours before you leave church. (They can also be bought by calling 020 8856 7373)

Finally, can you help get St Luke's ready next Sunday after the morning service by helping move things in to place?

Let's have one last push to support our musicians and make the concert a great success. Thank you!



St Richard's Prayer Meeting

Is today 5 – 5.45pm in the chapel. Come along, study scripture, and let's listen together for what God is trying to do in this place.

Can you make a cuppa?

Starting last Wednesday 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 15th, 22nd and 29th 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.

St Thomas' Day

Is on 7th July and we'll all be worshipping together at St Thomas' at 10am, so there's no eucharist at St Luke's that day. Please BRING SOME FOOD TO SHARE after the service so we can spend time together after our worship is finished. Our guest preacher is Revd William David, chaplain at QEH, who recently made a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Thomas'.

Trip to Leigh

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.

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

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

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.

Plants in the garden at St Luke's

Thank you to everyone who has been watering the plants at St Luke's. Please, if you are passing through The Village, can you stop off and water the new plants in the front and back gardens?

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



We believe in a loving God,
whose Word sustains our lives
and the work of our hands in the universe.
God is life.

We believe in God's son among us
who brought the seeds of life's renewal.
He lived with the poor to show the meaning of love.
Jesus Christ is Lord.

We believe in the Spirit of Life
who makes us one with God,
whose strength and energy renews our own.
The Spirit is love.

Camillo Torres, Colombia

Holy Trinity, you teach us that community is our way,
not individualism;
mutuality and not self-centredness;
interdependence not independence.
Help us to follow your call to community,
to live as brothers and sisters in one family,
to encourage one another in love.

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; British Orthodox Church; Our Mission Action Plan and our plans to develop a 'Holiday Church' project at St Richard's to build relationships with local young families; We thank God for the mission and witness that was Holy Trinity Church in Charlton and pray for our members who used to worship there.

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 The Democratic Republic of Congo where Ebola is spreading; The work of Embrace the Middle East; HM The Queen

Our local community: Fosdene School; Charlton Park Care Home; 68 The Heights; Central Charlton Residents Association;

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

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

To be married: We pray for 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 Oscar and Felix to be baptised 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.

R.I.P.: Gloria Perkins

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.