

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 23 June 2019

Corpus Christi

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

St Luke's: Revd Joe Lee

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 14.18-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Gospel: John 6.51-58



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Diary this week:

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: Final Confirmation session at St Luke's</p> <p>19.00: Music for a Summer's Evening Concert at St Luke's</p>
Mon 24	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 25	<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> <p>19.30: St Thomas' PCC at St Thomas'</p>
Wed 26	<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 27	<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 29	<p>11.00: First Communion preparation at St Thomas'</p>
Sun 30	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>18.30: Confirmation Service at St Mary's Woolwich</p>



Thought for the week

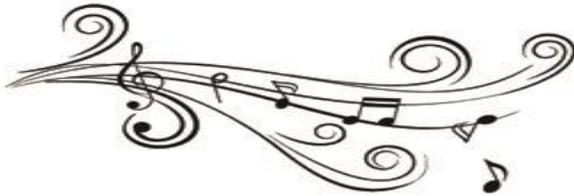
Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realising you were the prisoner.

News and notices

Thank you

To everyone who helped in any way at St Richard's Day.

To those who carry the cross and the bible at St Thomas' during our eucharist, helping our worship to be dignified and reverent.



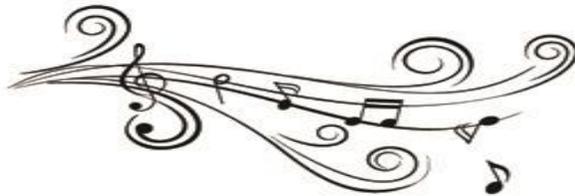
Music for a Summer's Evening

Our concert, Music for a Summer's Evening, is **TONIGHT at 7.00pm** (23 June)! Some good news – **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO COME!**

Doors open at 6.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale this morning from Gwen at £12 each or tonight at £13.

We'd really appreciate if anyone can stay behind for a short while after the service this morning to help move items ready for the concert. Please gather at the steps of the chancel as soon as you have had your coffee. Many thanks.



Confirmation Service

Please join us next Sunday, 6.00pm at the Deanery Confirmation service. It is being held at St Mary's Church, St Mary Magdalene Crescent, Woolwich, London, SE18 5AR Woolwich.

What a joy it will be to see Marlon, Sonia and Gladys confirmed, and Blanca received into the Church of England.

Please come along to support our sisters and brother in Christ.

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'.

Can you make a cuppa?

Our friends at Rucksack Music now meet at St Richard's Church Centre on Wednesdays from 1pm during term time. Rucksack Music run music and singing sessions for preschool children. They have relocated 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.

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.

School's Project

There are 6 primary and 4 secondary schools in our parishes, and none of them is a church school. That means we have to work very hard to build relationships and we don't have an automatic 'in' that churches with their own schools do. The School's Project that is part of our Mission Action Plan is a wonderful way of engaging our local primary schools, sharing our faith with children, teachers and parents, and building relationships with local people. Find out more about what the children learn and experience by reading the thank you letters they send. There is a folder in each church for you to browse!

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

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.

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.

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 – particularly the hedging plants in the front churchyard by the side of Charlton Church Lane. Thank you.

Look out for...

For 6 weeks over the summer we'll be joined by an ordinand on placement. Bisi Akano-Adesoye is just about to start her third and final year of training for the priesthood and she will be preaching and helping to lead worship at both churches. Bisi is local, very friendly and we'll be delighted to be able to help with her formative experiences as she prepares for ordination next year. She works full time so most of the time she spends with us will be on Sundays. Her first Sunday is 28th July and her last one 8th September. Please make her very welcome!

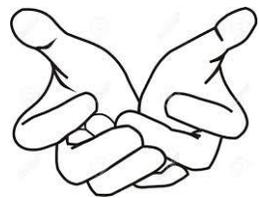
Safeguarding

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 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.*



Collect for Corpus Christi

*Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruits of your redemption;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Inclusive Church; Our Mission Action Plan and Miriam, Alison and Anne who will develop a Benefice discipleship plan that strengthens the knowledge, deepens the faith and builds the confidence of congregation members

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Prime Minister Theresa May, 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 refugees around the world, and those displaced within their own country; The work of Tearfund; Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London

Our local community: Our Lady of Grace School; Time Court Care Home; Charlton Parkside Community Hub; Charlton Triangle

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.

Those celebrating their birthday or an anniversary last week:

To be married: We pray for Nina and Adam who were married yesterday; and for Holly and Harrison as they prepare for their wedding.

Confirmation: We pray for Marlon, Sonia and Gladys as they prepare to be confirmed next week and Blanca who will be received in to the Church of England.

First Communion: We pray for Oscar, Cheyanne, Kayden, Juliana, Justin, Kenya, Kayin, Antonio, Phillip, Deborah, Valentina, Faith and Tania preparing to receive their First Communion... that they will walk with Jesus all the days of their lives.

To be baptised: Please pray for the following children to be baptized in our churches in the coming days: Oscar, Felix, Kayden, Deborah, Juliana, William, Mary, Christy, Justin, Kenya and Kayin. We pray too for parents and godparents, that they will support these children on their lifelong journey with Jesus.

R.I.P.: Gloria Perkins

Year's Mind: George Leman; Mary Leman; Emma Cheshire; John Ajulo

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.