

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 7 July 2019 St Thomas Patronal Festival

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

Preacher: Revd William David

Celebrants: Revd Liz Newman &
Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Habakkuk 2.1-4

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.19-22

Gospel: John 20.24-29



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

Diary this week:

Sun 7	10.00: St Thomas Patronal Festival Eucharist at St Thomas' <i>followed by Bring and Share lunch</i>
Mon 8	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Tue 9	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 18.30: St Thomas' Standing Committee at St Thomas'
Wed 10	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.30: Coffee Morning at St Luke's 12.00: Holy Communion at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Thu 11	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 18.00: Tom's Youth Café at St Thomas' 19.30: The Cost of Discipleship Group at 10 Mayhill Road
Sat 13	15.00: Thanksgiving for Marriage at St Luke's
Sun 14	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: All Age Eucharist at St Luke's 12.45: New to St Luke's at St Luke's 14.30: Care Home Service at Time Court Care Home 17.00: Prayer Meeting at St Richard's



Thought for the week

'A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us'. *Pope Francis*

News and notices

Welcome

A warm welcome to Revd William David, Chaplain at Queen Elizabeth Hospital as our preacher for our patronal festival.

Thank you

To everyone for being a great example of a United Benefice – working together when needed to benefit both churches, but maintaining our own identities and telling our own stories.

TODAY – St Thomas Patronal Festival Lunch – TODAY

We hope you can stay after the service to share lunch together. Don't worry if you haven't brought food to share – there will be plenty for us all.

It will be a great time to congratulate our members who were confirmed last Sunday, and those who have been baptized recently and those receiving their First Communion today.

News from our PCC's

In June our PCCs made the following decisions:

Both PCCs:

- To adopt a role description for Communications Officer, Children's Church and Senior Children's Church Leader
- To increase our pledge to the diocese under the parish support fund by 7.5%

St Luke's:

- To adopt a core budget for this year and develop one for next year
- To create 'The Friends of St Luke's' with the aim of furthering the mission of the church and promoting the richness of the church's history through engaging with the community and being part of the historic setting of Charlton Village

St Thomas':

- To appoint Amelia Cortez as PCC Secretary
- To appoint Miriam Kakembo and Ali Edney as Parish Safeguarding Officers
- To launch a Syrian Refugee Support Project under the MAP priority – reaching isolated groups

The Bishop's Certificate

The Bishop's Certificate of Discipleship is a course run by Southwark Diocese. Its full name is Growing in Faith and Life. It's open to everyone, whether you'd just like to understand better why you believe what you believe or if you feel you may have a calling to authorized ministry in the church. The ten month course helps people learn about the Bible, doctrine and Anglicanism. And later on it becomes practical nurturing people's spirituality and prayer life.

This year Amelia Cortez and Pat Orton have been on the course and will receive their certificates in September at a service at the Cathedral. I am sure they would be happy to answer any questions you may have. The course is now taking bookings for next year. Please speak to Revd Liz if you are interested in putting your name forward this year.

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.

Greenbelt Festival

The Greenbelt Festival is from 23-26 August. To get the cheapest tickets you need to book early. Some people from our churches are already planning their trip. Visit www.greenbelt.org.uk for more details.

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!

Annual Trip to St Mary's Leigh – Afternoon of Sunday 21 July

We are always really spoiled when we go to Leigh – a lovely afternoon tea, friendship and worship and the sun normally shines too. In both churches there are lists for people who would like a lift – add your name please as soon as possible. And please let me know if you are planning to drive there and may have a spare place in your car.

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.

Situation vacant

A person with a disability and who uses a wheelchair is looking for a new Personal Assistant (Carer) from September. The rate is approx. £11 an hour for a 40 hour week. They must be over 25, able to drive and be flexible about hours (usually Monday to Friday) As it involves personal care, he is looking for a man. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who might be they should email doobert@mac.com for further details and an explanation of the role.

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!

Keep up to date with our news

You can keep up to date with news from our churches, even when you are away. This newsletter is posted on the website each week, and you can receive an email with a link to the newsletter each weekend. Send a request to news@charlton.church or speak to Michael this morning.

Regular Fellowship in our Churches – invite a friend

Do you have friends or relatives you wish would come to church more often? Why not invite them and come along to one of our weekly events:

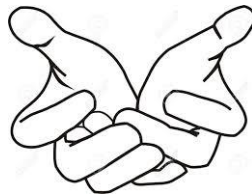
- **Tuesday Group** at St Thomas' from 10am each Tuesday. Call in for refreshments and take part in leisure activities. You can also stay for lunch. The Julian Corner is available for private prayer from 11am
- **Midweek Coffee Morning** at St Luke's every Wednesday from 10.30am. Have a cuppa and natter with friends. Holy Communion follows at 12 noon

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



*Lord, we can be so slow to believe.
Help us believe in you
even if we do not see you,
be patient in waiting for you
even if you seem to be taking your time,
and ready to trust in you
when we see you at work among us,
that we may say with Thomas,
'My Lord and my God!' Amen*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Revd William David, our visiting preacher, and the Chaplaincy team at Queen Elizabeth Hospital; Bishop Christopher; Our Mission Action Plan and for Liz, Deborah, Amelia and Joan who are leading on our plans to develop a Mental Health promotion project out of St Luke's and its memorial garden in partnership with the voluntary sector or statutory services; From our Deanery we pray for St Michael's Blackheath

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Prime Minister Theresa May, Jeremy Hunt and Boris Johnson who'd like to replace her, and those who will make that choice. May God's love and healing power may help heal the divisions in our country; The people of Hong Kong where political unrest continues; The work of USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel)

Our local community: Royal Greenwich Trust School; All living at Beecham Close; Charlton Park Riding for the Disabled; Friends of Charlton Park; All working for the Royal Borough of Greenwich

Those celebrating their birthday or anniversary last week:

To be married: We pray for Holly and Harrison as they prepare for their wedding.

Confirmation: We pray for Marlon, Sonia and Gladys who were confirmed last Sunday and Blanca who was 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 who receive their First Communion today... that they will walk with Jesus all the days of their lives

To be baptised: Please pray for the following children who have been baptized recently or baptized today: 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

Those who have asked for our prayers or who are sick:

R.I.P.: Gloria Perkins; Shirley Atterbury

Year's Mind: Cullen Holmes; Christopher Brown; Chieko Canon

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.