

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 14 July 2019
Proper 10

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman

St Thomas': Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Amos 7.7-17

Second Reading: Colossians 1.1-14

Gospel: Luke 10.25-37



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

Sun 14	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: All Age Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>12.45: New to St Luke's at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Care Home Service at Time Court Care Home</p> <p>17.00: Prayer Meeting at St Richard's</p>
Mon 15	<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 16	<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 17	<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 18	<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: Deanery Synod with Bishop Christopher at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: The Cost of Discipleship Group at 10 Mayhill Road</p>
Sun 21	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>12.00: Baptism of Harry Thompson at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Care Home Service at Charlton Park Care Home</p> <p>Afternoon: Annual Trip to Leigh for Tea and Evensong</p>



Thought for the week

Today I will choose joy!

News and notices

We're in The Bridge!

This month and next St Luke's and St Thomas are the centre page featured churches. Free copies available in both churches.

Thank you

To our Safeguarding Officers working hard to ensure our churches are welcoming, inclusive and safe places for everyone.

Godspeed...

...to Bennett who leaves soon to go to the States for the summer.

Congratulations..

...to Revd Joe Lee on the 40th anniversary of his priesting TODAY. Thank you Joe for your service to so many Christian communities and disadvantaged groups over the years.

The Southwark Diocese Spirituality Day – To Be A Pilgrim

Saturday 19th October 2019 10.00 - 4.00 at Southwark Cathedral

Join us in Southwark Cathedral for a day conference of prayer and reflection. We will consider what it means to be a pilgrim on the Christian journey – in your heart, in your head or on your feet.

Keynote speakers: Dr Meg Warner, Old Testament scholar and Bishop Christopher, who has been Bishop of Southwark since 2011

With Workshops on - Meeting God through hospitality, using your daily commute as a time of encounter with God, Walking the labyrinth, Danced prayer, The experience of pilgrimage, Hearing God's call, Spiritual direction; a companion for the journey, , Walking the Camino, Stories about Spain's much-travelled Camino de Santiago de Compestela, How lovely on the mountains, A Bible exploration about feet and walking

All this will take place in the context of uplifting worship.

Prayer stations and a marketplace of stalls will be open throughout the day.

Tickets £8 in advance £10 on the door. Search the Southwark Diocese website or speak to Revd Liz

Looking Ahead...

On the afternoon of Sunday 15th September there will be an afternoon tea party at St Thomas'. More details to follow but everyone will be welcome.

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

For the victims of knife crime



*Thus says the Lord:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more. (Jeremiah 31.15)*

*Compassionate God,
hear our cries,
dry our tears,
heal our pain,
and give us determination
to work for an end to the violence
that takes our young people from us.
Give peace in our communities,
peace in our cities
peace to those bereaved
and your everlasting peace
to those who have died. Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Bishop Karowei; Our Mission Action Plan and for Rick who will lead on to develop a social justice project at St Luke's in partnership with other initiatives; From our Deanery we pray for St John's Blackheath

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The people who died, and those who were injured in a suicide bomb attack in Kismayo, Somalia; 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 help heal the divisions in our country; The work of CMS (Church Mission Society); We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially the United States of America, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church will thrive there.

Our local community: Charlton Manor School; All living at St Luke's Almshouses; Valley Hill Hub; The Charlton Champion website; The local Councillors representing wards in our Benefice

Those celebrating their birthday last week:

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

To be baptised: We pray for baby Harry who will be baptised at St Luke's next week, his parents and godparents as he begins his journey with Jesus

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

R.I.P.: Gloria Perkins; Shirley Atterbury; Leo (the young man stabbed in Tellson Avenue last week)

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.