

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 21 July 2019
Proper 11

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Joe Lee

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Amos 8.1-12

Second Reading: Colossians 1.15-28

Gospel: Luke 10.38-42



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

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>Afternoon: Annual Trip to Leigh for Tea and Evensong</p> <p><i>NB: Because of the trip to St Mary's, Leigh, the service at Charlton Park Care Home has been postponed until next week.</i></p>
Mon 22	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 23	<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 24	<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 25	<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>
Sun 28	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist 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>



Thought for the week

True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. *CS Lewis*

News and notices

Thank you...

...to Judith Clark, whose last Sunday with us is today. Judith has been a wonderful and faithful addition to St Thomas' congregation for several years and has contributed so much to our life here, through the sheer amount of hard work she has done, the roles she's taken on (Chair of the finance committee, goal lead for Tom's Café, PCC member, Deanery Synod member, Safeguarding Officer) and through the Christian person that she is. Judith, you are impossible to replace, but we understand why you have to go and you go with our blessings. May God go with you.

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.

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.

Annual Trip to St Mary's Leigh – This afternoon – Sunday 21 July

It's not too late to join the group going to Leigh this afternoon. We are always really spoiled with a lovely afternoon tea, friendship and worship and the sun normally shines too. Please speak to Rev'd Liz or Rick if you'd like to go...

The Bishop's Certificate

The Bishop's Certificate of Discipleship is a course run by Southwark Diocese. It's 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.

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.

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.

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 3reading the thank you letters they send. There is a folder in each church for you to browse!

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.

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!

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.

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.

Welcare Summer Fundraising Events

Please support a Coffee Morning and sale in St Luke's churchyard on Saturday 10th August from 10am. Offers of cakes and help on the day would be much appreciated. Please speak to Joan Lake if you can do this.

The annual Sponsored Walk in the Park will be on Saturday 31st August in Charlton Park. Details and sponsorship forms are available from Peter Griffiths or Joan Lake. Several of our regular walkers are not available this year so we are keen to attract new blood. The full walk is 10km, but participants will be seeking sponsorship for taking part rather than so much a kilometre so young or old please come and join us and help raise funds for a very worthy cause.

Safeguarding

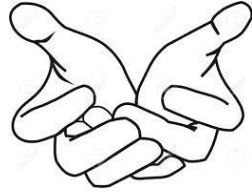
Our churches take safeguarding extremely seriously and have adopted and implement our Diocesan procedures and guidelines contained in A Safe Church. These are in line with those agreed by the House of Bishops. For further information please see the Safeguarding noticeboard at St Thomas', St Luke's and 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.

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.

Prayer Extra

*'But let justice roll down like waters,
And righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.'* Amos 5: 24



*As flood waters rise, destroying homes and livelihoods,
as still water grows stagnant threatening disease,
as embankments are weakened causing increasing concern,
as lives are put on hold and families are devastated
by intense monsoon rains in Bangladesh, India and Nepal,
we raise our voices with the prophet of old,
and cry for justice to roll down like waters -
justice for those who are suffering the most,
but have done the least to cause the problem.
We long for righteousness like an ever-flowing stream
to quench the deep thirst and fill the hungry bellies
of those who have had enough of empty promises -
of relief packages and carbon reduction commitments.
The time is now for climate justice,
for the righteousness that brings fullness of life.
May all our hungers and thirsts be filled.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

*From Christian Climate Action, part of the Extinction Rebellion
protest at Waterloo last week,*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Bishop Karoweij; Our Mission Action Plan and for Rick, Bennett and Michael who are leading on collaborating with others in campaigns for local housing justice; From our Deanery we pray for St Mary's Woolwich; The work of The Bible Society

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The people Bangladesh, India and Nepal where devastating flooding has killed hundreds and millions needing shelter, clean water and medical supplies; Prime Minister Theresa May, Jeremy Hunt and Boris Johnson, one of whom will replace her this week. May God's love and healing power help heal the divisions in our country; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Uganda, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church will thrive there.

Our local community: Thorntree School; The Doctor and Dental Surgeries in our Benefice; CGL Aspire and their work with people with drug and alcohol dependency; Charlton Together; Matthew Pennycook, one of the MP's representing our Benefice

Those celebrating their birthday or an anniversary 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 today, 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; The young man stabbed in Tellson Avenue recently

Year's Mind: Joyce Harrison