

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 11 August 2019
Proper 14

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Bisi Akano-Adesoye
and Revd Liz Newman

St Thomas': Revd Joe Lee

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 1.1,10-20

Second Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

Sun 11	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: All Age Eucharist at St Luke's 12.00: Baptism of baby Savannah at St Luke's 14.30: Service at Time Court Care Home 17.00: Prayer Meeting at St Richard's
Mon 12	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Tue 13	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'
Wed 14	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.30: Coffee Morning at St Luke's 11.30: Holy Communion at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Thu 15	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Sun 18	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: All Age Eucharist at St Luke's 14.30: Service at Charlton Park Care Home



Thought for the week

When life gets too hard to stand, kneel.

News and notices

Thank you...

... to Gwen Zammit for mending the altar frontal at St Luke's.

... to Sheila Kinsella for her thoughtfulness.

Benefice Weekend Away

We have provisionally booked High Leigh Christian Centre for a **BENEFICE WEEKEND AWAY** for the weekend of Friday 17 – Sunday 19 April 2020. This is the weekend after Easter and the weekend before schools return from holiday and will be a great time for our church family to go away together.

The weekend will be about friendship, prayer, growing together, worship, getting to know each other, developing our mission and fun! There will be organised time together and free time and all meals are provided. The weekend will be for all ages. High Leigh is in Hoddesdon and takes just over half an hour to get to from Liverpool Street or Stratford Stations, or is less than an hour away by car.

COST: En-Suite Bedroom - £153.00 per person (incl. VAT)

Non En-Suite Bedroom - £122.40 per person (incl. VAT)

Children 0 - 5 free

Children 6 - 16 half price.

Costs include all meals from dinner on Friday to afternoon tea on Sunday, bedrooms and use of the ground and facilities, including an indoor games room, outdoor 5-a-side football pitch and outdoor activity play trail for children and adults.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ON THIS WEEKEND, YOU NEED TO LET REVD LIZ KNOW THIS SUNDAY OR NEXT – 18 AUGUST and you will be expected to pay a deposit of £20 by the start of September. PLACES ARE LIMITED AND IT WILL BE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

I am pleased to say that we have a grant to help subsidise places for people who want to come but may struggle to pay for themselves or their family. So if you'd like to come, just let Liz know and we'll take it from there. It will also be possible to pay off the total cost gradually if that is helpful.

What could be better? Friendship, worship, fun, food and drink and being together as a church community!

Quiet at St Thomas'

This month, St Thomas' PCC talked about how we can make the atmosphere in church more prayerful as people arrive, so we can all prepare ourselves for worship and leave our catching up with friends until after the service. Many people like to pray when they arrive at church, and they may be arriving with much on their mind that they need to bring to God. It's important we all respect this so we are able to prepare in a quiet setting.

This is what the PCC decided:

- Everyone who has a role in leading worship (clergy, lector, cross and book carrier) to arrive at church early enough to have all their tasks completed by 9.50am
- 9.50am the bell will ring and quiet reflective music will play while those leading the worship sit quietly in the choir pews
- 9.58am worship leader party go to the Nellie Raven room to pray and the service starts
- Sidespeople will give out books in the hall rather than in the church itself and use a low voice from 9.50am so everyone is encouraged to enter church quietly.
- After the service, let's make as much noise as we want as we share with each other over a cup of something.

We will be introducing this system from Sunday 1st September

Trip to the seaside

Greenwich Carers Centre have their annual outing on Thursday 22nd August 2019, £20 per person leaving from John Wilson Street at 9.30am.

Destination Brighton!

To book your place please ring 0208 102 9654

Holiday at Home

St John's Blackheath at the Standard is running Holiday at Home for those who fancy fun, food and friendship on Thursdays in August. 0208 305 0520 for more information.

Prayer Meeting at St Richard's

Today 5 - 5.45pm. Come and pray for St Richard's Church Centre and God's plans for a new congregation there.

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

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.

Prayer Station at St Luke's

The all-age prayer station at St Luke's currently has a them of 'Hope and Dreams.' Whether your age, why not stop and have a look?

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.

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.

Welcare Summer Fundraising Events

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning yesterday.

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.

Wednesday Coffee Morning and Midday Eucharist at St Luke's

These won't happen on 21st and 28th August

On 14th August the eucharist will be at 11.30am not noon.

Helping on Wednesday's

We need YOU! To help with the coffee morning at St Luke's 10 - 12 and with hospitality at Rucksack Music at St Richard's 1 - 3. Both on Wednesday's. Speak to Revd Liz.

This doesn't have to be a weekly commitment, but please ask yourself if you can do this for your church.

Revd Liz on Holiday

The Rector is away from the parishes between Monday 19th and Saturday 31st August and there will be no Morning or Evening Prayer during this time.

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 Zone

Friday was the Feast of Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union. Here we print the collect for Mary Sumner:



*Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of
family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed your family may be
strengthened and your people served;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
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; Archbishop John Sentamu; We pray for all our work to reach out to the young, to teach them about Jesus, encourage them into his ways and help them grown in his love; From our Deanery we pray for St George's Westcombe Park

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The work of Christian Aid; For those killed in the USA mass shootings this week, and those who mourn them, as well as for political courage to reform the laws of gun control; HM The Queen; Our government and all politicians, that 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 Ghana, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

Our local community: Woodhill School; St Joseph's Court; Charlton Athletic Football Club; All who work at the Thames Barrier

Those celebrating their birthday last week: Iris Ford; Don Mace

Thanksgiving for new life: baby Jazlyn, daughter of James and Yvonne Gnanaseelan, and for babies Isla Rainbow and Eli James

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

Baptism: Baby Savannah to be baptized at St Luke's today, her parents and godparents. We pray that she will discover for herself that she's precious in God's eyes.

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

R.I.P.: Pamela Evans

Year's Mind: Ivy Davis

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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.