

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 18 August 2019
9th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Joe Lee

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

Second Reading: Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2

Gospel: Luke 12.49-56



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

Diary this week:

Sun 18	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's 14.30: Service at Charlton Park Care Home
Tue 20	10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i>
Sun 25	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's

NB. Midweek Services this week

Please be aware there is no Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer this week. The Wednesday Coffee Morning and Midweek Communion will also not take place.

The usual mix of midweek activities will begin again on 2nd September.



Thought for the week

Our theology would improve if we thought more of the church being given to the Spirit than of the Spirit being given to the church. *John V Taylor*

News and notices

Thank you...

... to people who visit Rita so she knows she's still part of our church community

... to Ali Edney and Miriam Kakembo – for replacing Judith as Safeguarding Officers for St Thomas

ACT TODAY – Benefice Weekend Away – ACT TODAY

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 TODAY 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.

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.

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 again to everyone who helped and supported the Coffee Morning last Saturday. You'll be pleased to know that £436.00 was raised.

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.

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 Wednesdays. 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.

Keep up to date with our news

You can stay up to date with news from our churches even when you can't attend church one week. This newsletter is added to the website each week at www.charlton.church. We can also send you an email each week to let you know when it is ready to download. Contact news@cahrlton.church if you'd like to receive this.

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

*You call us, Lord, to follow your will
and work to your calling;
grant that we may never be so full of
our own plans that we fail to hear your plans for us,
never so full of our own busyness that we fail to do
business with you.
May your dreams fill ours and lead us.
Amen.*



Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Liz, Bennett, Joe and Jean our clergy; For Tom's Youth Café, that positive relationships with young people will grow and deepen.; From our Deanery we pray for St Alfege Greenwich

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The work of Embrace The Middle East; The people of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where Ebola is spreading; 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 Antigua, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

Our local community: Pound Park Early Years and Children's Centre; Charlton Park Care Home; All who work in our shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants; Staff who maintain our many parks in Charlton

For young people receiving exam results: That they may go on to realise their God-given potential and understand their worth is not determined by grades.

Those celebrating their birthday last week:

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

Married: We pray for Holly and Harrison who were married at St Luke's last Wednesday, and their children Dylan and Isla.

Baptism: Baby Savannah who was baptized at St Luke's last week, 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: Kit Jones; Doris Tarrant

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.