

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 25 August 2019  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

**St Luke's:** Revd Bennett Spong

**St Thomas':** Bisi Akano-Adesoye & Revd Joe Lee

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 1.4-10

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12.18-29

**Gospel:** Luke 13.10-17



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 25</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's 14.30: <b>Service</b> at Charlton Park Care Home
<b>Tue 20</b>	10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i>
<b>Sun 1</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's 12.00: <b>St Luke's Standing Committee</b> at St Luke's

### **NB. Midweek Services this week**

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

The usual mix of midweek activities will begin again on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



#### Thought for the week

“God always forgives, we forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives. If you give her a slap, she will give you one. I believe that we have exploited nature too much.” *Pope Francis*

## **News and notices**

### **Thank you...**

... to Yvonne Simpson, Rob Simson and Rick Newman – for all their hard work with St Luke's Almshouses

... to Helen Jakeways – for being such a good friend to St Thomas' Church

### **The Walk for Greenwich Welcare...**

... is this Saturday morning, 31<sup>st</sup> August, from 10.30am. Taking part are Amelia, Alison, Bella, Joelle, Marie, Sonia and Yvonne from our churches. If you've yet to be approached by one of our walkers yet and you would like to sponsor someone, you'll find forms at the back of church which you can use. Please sign up today and show your support not only for our walkers but for this very worthy local Christian-based charity. *Thank you, Peter*

### **Marjorie Harvey RIP**

It is with sadness that we learned that Marjorie Harvey died recently. Marjorie was a member at St Thomas' when her husband, Lance, was Vicar in the 1980's. We thank God for the ministry she shared with us, and pray that she may Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

### **Charlton and Woolwich Free Film Festival**

This years' free film festival begins on 6<sup>th</sup> September. It happens in various venues around the locality, including St Thomas' Church on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. They'll be showing The Night of the Hunter starring Robert Mitchum.

Full details can already be found on Twitter and Facebook and will soon be available at [www.freefilmfestivals.org/filmfestival/charlton](http://www.freefilmfestivals.org/filmfestival/charlton)

### **Afternoon Tea at St Thomas'**

On the afternoon of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm there will be an afternoon tea party at St Thomas'. It should be a lovely afternoon and everybody is welcome.

### **Flinders working party**

We'll be cleaning the area at St Thomas' where Ann Flinders, wife of Matthew Flinders, is buried. Please join us at 10am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September to help out.

## **Benefice Weekend Away – DEADLINE EXTENDED**

It's not too late to show your interest in joining the Benefice Weekend Away in April.

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 NEXT WEEK** 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!*

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

### **Quiet at St Thomas' – starts next Sunday**

The PCC at St Thomas' 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 1<sup>st</sup> September**

### **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.

### **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.

### **The Southwark Diocese Spirituality Day – To Be A Pilgrim**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

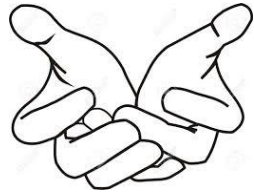
Please, if you are passing through The Village, can you stop off and water the new plants – particularly the hedging plants in the front churchyard by the side of Charlton Church Lane. Thank you.

### ***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



*Help us, Lord, to make straight your path into the lives and hearts of those around us;*

*fill us so full of your life that it overflows,  
so full of your love that we cannot help but share it,  
so full of your light that we can do no other than shine,  
for all to see.*

*Amen.*

*O God, who made the earth and all that is in it:  
we remember before you*

*the Amazon rainforest and all other places  
where disaster threatens what you have made.*

*Be with those who care for the earth's resources,  
and those who defend them against fire and calamity,  
and make each of us thankful  
for everything you have given us.*

*Amen.*

## **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Miriam, Sheila, Kathy, Roberta & Rob our SPA's and Peter SPA Emeritus; For our Just About Schools Project, that through its church relationships with the schools in our benefice will grow and children will learn more about the Christian faith; From our Deanery we pray for St John's Blackheath; For the organisers and all attending the Greenbelt Festival, including those from our churches

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; The work Tearfund; That governments around the world will take urgent action to tackle the climate emergency facing our planet; 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 Grenada, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

**Our local community:** Fosdene School; Time Court Care Home; 68 The Heights; Central Charlton Residents Association; Len Duvall our London Assembly Member

**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 or an anniversary birthday last week:**

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

**R.I.P.:** Pamela Evans; Marjorie Harvey; Evelyn Little; Ron Creevy

**Year's Mind:** Rose Skinner; Jill Knowles

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

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