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Two Week Edition

CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 1st September 2019

11th Sunday after Trinity

Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Bennett Spong

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 2.4-13

2nd Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16

Gospel: Luke 14.1,7-14

Sunday 8th September 2019

12th Sunday after Trinity

Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman

St Thomas': Bisi Akano-Adesoye
& Revd Bennett Spong

Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 18.1-11

2nd Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

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

Two Week Diary

Sun 1	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>11.30: Bible Study at St Luke's</p> <p>12.00: St Luke's Standing Committee at St Luke's</p>
Mon 2	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 3	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes Julian Corner</i></p> <p>NB: No Evening Prayer today</p> <p>17.30: St Luke's Grant Committee at St Luke's</p>
Wed 4	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>10.30: Midweek 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> <p>18.30: Finance, buildings and risks meeting at St Thomas'</p>
Thu 5	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road, SE7 7JQ</p>
Sun 8	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: All Age Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>11.30: Bible Study at St Luke's</p>
Mon 9	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>Time TBC: Almshouses trustee meeting at St Luke's</p> <p>20.00: Charlton & Woolwich Free Film Festival showing The Night of the Hunter at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 10	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.15: St Thomas' Standing Committee at St Thomas'</p>

Wed 11	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'
Thu 12	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas' 19.30: Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road, SE7 7JQ
Sat 14	10.00: Flinders Working Party at St Thomas'
Sun 15	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's 11.30: Bible Study at St Luke's 14.30: Benefice Afternoon Tea at St Thomas'



Thought for the week

September 1st: Effective evangelism depends on faithful proclamation of the Word. God will prepare the soil and bring forth the fruit, we must be faithful to plant the seed. *John MacArthur*

September 8th: True peace is based on justice, on equality, on the plan of God who has created us in his image and likeness and given us the ability to contribute to the common good. *St Oscar Romero*

News and notices

Thank you...

September 1st:

... to Stephan for being so reliable as a server at St Thomas'

... to Peter Griffiths for organising the Wednesday coffee rota at St Luke's

September 8th:

...to all who organised, participated or supported the Welcare Sponsored Walk last weekend, raising funds to help local families.

Afternoon Tea on 15th September at St Thomas'

We hope you can join our Afternoon Tea on Sunday 15th September at 2.30pm. This will be a lovely time for both our congregations to get together. It should be a super afternoon, and everybody is welcome.

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 BY 8th SEPTEMBER when you will also be expected to pay a deposit of £20. 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!

Charlton and Woolwich Free Film Festival

This year's free film festival begins on 6th September. It takes place in various venues around the locality, including St Thomas' Church on Monday 9th September. Why not come along and watch *The Night of the Hunter* starring Robert Mitchum.

Full details can already be found on Twitter and Facebook as well as www.freefilmfestivals.org/filmfestival/charlton

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 14th September to help out.

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

We've recently filled one of the vacancies at St Luke's Almshouses, and there is one more bedsit with a kitchen diner and bathroom available. 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.

Quiet at St Thomas' – starts 1st September

On 1st September we implement the PCC ideas at St Thomas' to create an atmosphere in church more prayerful as people arrive. It will help us prepare ourselves for worship and leave our catching up with friends until after the service. Do let the clergy know how you find it.

The Southwark Diocese Spirituality Day – To Be A Pilgrim

Saturday 19th October 2019 10.00 - 4.00 at Southwark Cathedral

There's still time to join 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 Compostela, 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

Benefice Study Group

We will begin studying CS Lewis' Mere Christianity beginning Thursday 5 September, 7.30pm at 10 Mayhill Road, SE7 7JQ. Open to anyone interested. Books available. Speak to Bennett Spong for more details.

News and prayer requests to be included in the newsletter on 15 September can be sent to news@charlton.church or phoning 020 8858 8175. Items need to be received by 12 noon on Wednesday 11 September.

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.

Our prayers for the week of 1st September:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Churches Together in Charlton; For our plans to develop Fresh Expressions of Church for young and old who are not church members, so they can come to know the love of Christ; From our Deanery we pray for St Nicholas' Kidbrooke

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The work The Children's Society; For the people of The Amazon whose land is on fire, and that governments around the world will take urgent action to tackle the climate emergency; Our government, our parliamentarians and our European partners, 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 Nigeria, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

Our local community: Our Lady of Grace School; 40 Littleheath; Charlton Parkside Community Hub; Charlton Triangle; All working for the Royal Borough of Greenwich

Those celebrating their birthday last week:

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

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

Year's Mind: Wendy Dibdin; Lillian (Mollie) Smith; Alan Curtis; Danny Cornelius; Maureen Graham

Our prayers for the week of 8th September:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Open Heavens Church; For Pilgrim's Programme, our discipleship plan. That through it our church family will grow in Bible knowledge, understanding and commitment to live prayerfully. We pray that learning more about God's word will deepen our desire to share faith and proclaim the good news; From our Deanery we pray for St James' Kidbrooke; United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG)

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The people of the Democratic Republic of Congo where more than 2,000 lives have been lost to Ebola; Our government, our parliamentarians and our European partners, 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 Ireland, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

Our local community: Charlton Park Academy; All living and working at Beecham Close; New Charlton Community Centre; Charlton Society; Our local Councillors representing wards in the Benefice

Those celebrating their birthday last week:

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

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

Year's Mind: Vic Skinner; Pamela Barlow; Europa Sutton; Fred Loveday