

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 15 August 2019  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

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

**St Thomas':** Revd Liz Newman

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1.12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 15.1-10



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

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 15</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's 11.30: <b>Children's Church meeting</b> at St Thomas' 14.30: <b>Tea Party</b> at St Thomas' <i>with food and entertainment</i>
<b>Mon 16</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas' 19.30: <b>St Luke's PCC</b> at St Luke's
<b>Tue 17</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Wed 18</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 10.30: <b>Midweek Coffee Morning</b> at St Luke's 12.00: <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Thu 19</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Sat 21</b>	16.00: <b>Bishop's Certificate Graduation</b> at Southwark Cathedral
<b>Sun 22</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's 14.00: <b>Care Home Service</b> at Charlton Park Care Home



### Thought for the week

Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness. *Helen Keller*

## **News and notices**

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

...to everyone who helped with the clear up of Ann Flinders' grave yesterday at St Thomas' and to Jim for organising it.

...to Alison Leggatt for her painstaking watering and tidying of the church garden at St Luke's

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

It's TODAY at 2.30pm and everyone is invited – come and have fun!

### **Thanks to Bisi**

Today is Bisi's last day with us before she returns to Holy Trinity Eltham to continue her long term placement. Thank you Bisi for all you have added to our churches in the time you have been here. You have enriched our life and we'll be sad to see you go.

Please keep Bisi in your prayers as she starts her last year of ordination training.

### **Benefice Weekend Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

We've had a lot of interest in the Benefice Weekend away and have now closed the list. If you missed your chance to put your name down, please let Revd Liz know and she can keep you on a reserve list should anyone drop out. All those who have put their names down must pay a £20 deposit per person (or per family if you have children) by Sunday 22nd September. Please give your money to Liz Buck at St Luke's and Ally Warder at St Thomas's.

### **Bishop's Certificate Graduation**

For the past year, Pat Orton and Amelia Cortez have been studying on the Bishop's Certificate course. On Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> they will be receiving their certificates from Bishop Christopher at a service of celebration at Southwark Cathedral at 4pm. Do come along and support them.

### **Children's Church – Back at St Luke's, coming to St Thomas'!**

Thanks to Sonia for all her hard work in getting Children's Church up and running again at St Luke's and to Rick for getting all the DBS checks done. We'll soon be starting Children's Church at St Thomas' too.

### **Happy Birthday Lily – 99 Yesterday!**

Lily Carter, the oldest member of our church community, was 99 yesterday. We are very sad she can't be with us - she's still regaining strength after a couple of setbacks - but we hope she knows she belongs to our family and that we love her!! Please sign the card which will be taken round to her later today.

### **Wanted for Schools Project**

We need 27 plastic milk cartons (empty and clean!) by the 1<sup>st</sup> November. We're collecting the pint size/500 ml ONLY. Please give to Liz Buck (bagged, preferably).

### **Choir Practice at St Luke's**

Following a Summer break, St Luke's Choir is starting rehearsals again to prepare music for Christmas. The next choir practice is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and the meetings will probably then be on a weekly basis.

John Dawson, our organist at St Thomas', has once again agreed to accompany the choir for the Carol Service (date TBC). If you would like to join the choir this term then you would be most welcome provided you are willing to audition, i.e. give us a tune. We need all parts (soprano, alto, bass and tenor). We have lots of fun as well as trying to take our music seriously, so please give us a try. You might like to join for just this term – and help us make our Christmas special.

### **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.

## **Harvest**

Harvest this year is going to be a bit complicated!! It's on Sunday 29th September at St Thomas and Sunday 13th October at St Luke's and we'll be inviting Scout and Guide groups to both services. Please remember to bring tinned or packet food and toiletries to be given to those in need. Thank you

## **Black History Month**

Southwark's 2019 Black History Month Celebration will take place at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 5th October. It starts at 10:30am with a celebration Eucharist. Bishop Christopher will preside and Southwark's MU president Comfort Idowu-Fearon will be giving the address. Music will be provided by the Amies Freedom Choir, a choir made up of previously trafficked women who are using music as part of their healing journey. After the service there are workshops on offer: BAME women and Social Justice; BAME women in lay leadership and BAME women in ordained leadership. If you plan to attend, please register through the Eventbrite page <https://southwarkbhm2019.eventbrite.co.uk> For more information e-mail [marlene.collins@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:marlene.collins@southwark.anglican.org) or call 020 7939 9412.

## **Greenwich Winter Night Shelter**

We're delighted to say that Charlton Benefice will be hosting not just one but two evenings of Greenwich Winter Night Shelter this winter. St Thomas' will host the Friday night as usual and St Richard's will be the Saturday night venue.

## **Deanery Forum**

The Deanery is the group of Church of England churches in this area, stretching from Woolwich in the east to Greenwich in the west, Charlton in the north and Kidbrooke and Blackheath in the south. Every 3 years our churches elect representatives to Deanery Synod, who then attend 3 meetings per year. Charlton Deanery is going to experiment with these meetings. They will become Deanery Forums, open to any members of our churches who may want to come along. The next Deanery Forum is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 8pm, venue to be confirmed, and the subject will be Eco Church. If you are interested / passionate about the environment and the positive contribution our churches can make to the climate emergency, please come along.

## **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

## **St George's Community Lecture Series**

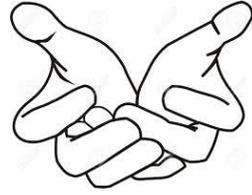
Our friends and neighbours at St George's Church, Westcombe Park, have an interesting series of talks coming up. Later in the year Revd Canon Dr Robert Reiss will talk on the subject 'What can we really believe about Jesus Christ' and Very Revd Jeffrey John on Thank God for Equal Marriage. The series starts on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 8.00pm with Revd Canon Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Director of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation at Diocese of Southwark. Rosemarie's subject is What's the point of the parish church?

## ***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



## ***A Prayer for our Nation***

*God of hope,  
in these times of change,  
unite our nation  
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
and help us to build a future  
in which all may prosper and share;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## ***A Prayer for those who Govern***

*Eternal God,  
fount and source of all authority and wisdom,  
hear our prayer for those who govern;  
give to Elizabeth our Queen grace  
as the symbol of loyalty and unity  
for all our different peoples;  
give to the parliaments in these islands,  
and especially to our Government,  
wisdom and skill, imagination and energy;  
give to the members of the European institutions  
vision, understanding and integrity,  
that all may live in peace and happiness, truth and  
prosperity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

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

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; British Orthodox Church; Church Mission Society (CMS); We pray for our plans to develop discussion groups with people who are spiritual not religious; From our Deanery we pray for St Michael's Blackheath

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; The people of the Bahamas where another storm is predicted following Hurricane Dorian; Our government and all politicians, that God's love and healing power will help heal the divisions in our country; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Germany, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

**Our local community:** Royal Greenwich Trust School; St Luke's Almshouses; Greenwich Carers Centre; Charlton Park Riding for the Disabled; Matthew Pennycook, one of the MP's representing our Benefice

**Those celebrating their birthday last week:**

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

**R.I.P.:** Evelyn Little; Ron Creevy; Allan Nettleingham, Finn

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

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