

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 22 September 2019
14th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman

St Thomas': Revd Joe Lee

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 8.18 - 9.1

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

Gospel: Luke 16.1-13



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Diary this week:

Sun 22	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>12.00: Open House at St Luke's – volunteers welcome</p> <p>14.00: Care Home Service at Charlton Park Care Home</p>
Mon 23	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 24	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i></p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.39: St Thomas' PCC at St Thomas'</p>
Wed 25	<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>
Thu 26	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>NB: No Evening Prayer tonight</p> <p>19.30: Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road... <i>...studying 'Mere Christianity' by CS Lewis</i></p>
Sun 29	<p>10.00: Harvest Festival Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p>



Thought for the week

Born in 1098, Hildegard of Bingen wrote - "All of creation God gives to humankind to use. If this privilege is misused, God's justice permits creation to punish humanity." The visionary's words are coming true...

News and notices

Thank you...

... to Pat Lancaster, Jenny Dyson, Dominic Barlow, John Dawson, Jim and Sheila Kinsella and all the many people who helped to set up, clear away play, sing and cater for Iris Ford's 90th birthday party (St Thomas' tea party) last Sunday afternoon. It was a lovely occasion and wonderful to see so many people celebrating with Iris.

... to May Dappa, Beatrice Gayi-Aborozi and Juliana Sutton for cleaning at St Luke's – a much appreciated and needed task.

Benefice Weekend Fri 17th – Sun 19th 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.

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.

St Luke's Day and launch of Friends of St Luke's

On Sunday October 20th we'll be celebrating the festival of our patron, Saint Luke, and as usual will all worship together as one congregation at the usual time of 10am. Therefore there will be NO Sunday eucharist at St Thomas's that morning. We will be launching THE FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S that day and after the service there will be brunch and a celebratory cake to share. Please make sure you're there so we can all be together on such a special day!

Horn Fair – Sunday October 13th

The Horn Fair is on Sunday October 13th, the week before St Luke's Patronal Festival and we'll be advertising the friends of St Luke's there. If you can help by staffing our 'stall', please speak to Judith Barlow lukesfriends@charlton.church or Rick Newman rick@charlton.church

Wanted for work with young people

Liz Buck would like your help as she prepares for two events:

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

For 'Just about...': Postcard Memories. If you lived in Charlton during World War 2, I would very much value any memory (personal or otherwise) you have, written on a postcard for our School's event 'Just About the Poppies...' Please ask me for a postcard! 'Just About the Poppies...' is in November in the week leading up to Remembrance Day.

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 1st 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 or call 020 7939 9412.

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

Thank you from two nonagenarians...

...Lilly was so pleased to receive the beautiful flowers and the birthday card signed by so many people. She sends her thanks and love to everyone for remembering her birthday.

...A very big THANK YOU to everyone who was concerned in organising, catering and to those who attended my surprise birthday party last Sunday. I am sorry that I was not able to thank everyone personally who gave me cards and presents on the day and I hope you will all accept my heartfelt thanks for everything. It was certainly a very well-kept secret, I had no idea at all that it was planned. However, it will remain a much-treasured memory for me, along with many other memories of my long involvement with the church at St Thomas'. Thank you again, Iris

Stewardship Sundays – Invest in Hope

The first and last Sunday in October (6th and 27th) will be kept as Stewardship Sundays in both our churches. We'll all be asked how we can INVEST IN HOPE by making decisions about what we can give to the Mission of God here in Charlton – financially and through skills and gifts. Please start praying about how you can be generous givers back to the God who gives us all good things.

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.

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 26th September at 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?

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 15th 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.

Safeguarding

Our churches take safeguarding extremely seriously and have adopted and implemented 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.

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Inclusive Church; The Bible Society; We pray for the Y course starting at St Thomas' in October. That through it, others may discover God loves them and has a plan for their life; From our Deanery we pray for St John's Blackheath

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; For the millions of young people around the world taking part in climate protests, and that governments will take urgent action; 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 South Africa, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

Our local community: Charlton Manor School; Doctor and Dental Surgeries in our Benefice; Friends of Charlton Park; Valley Hill Hub; Clive Efford, 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.: Ron Creevy; Allan Nettleingham, Finn Nielsen

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.