

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 6 October 2019 Stewardship Sunday

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman

St Thomas': Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Gospel: Luke 19:11-26



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

Sun 6	<p>10.00: Harvest Festival Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>11.15: Bible Study at St Luke's</p>
Mon 7	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 8	<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>11.30: Funeral of Alan Nettelingham at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.00: Choir Practice at St Luke's</p>
Wed 9	<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 10	<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... <i>...studying 'Mere Christianity' by CS Lewis</i></p>
Sun 13	<p>10.00: Stewardship Sunday Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Harvest Festival All Age Eucharist at St Luke's</p> <p>11.15: Bible Study at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Service at Time Court Care Home</p>



Thought for the week

'For it is in giving that we receive'
Francis of Assisi

News and notices

Thank you...

... members of our Standing Committees who carry on the business of the PCCs between meeting when needed and set agendas

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 Friends of St Luke's will have a presence at the Horn Fair, which runs 10 – 4pm on Sunday 13th October at Charlton House. We'd like to keep the church open on 13th October between 12 and 4pm so visitors to the Horn Fair can be directed over here to visit. Please speak to Judith Barlow (lukesfriends@charlton.church) or Rick Newman (rick@charlton.church)

Stewardship Sundays – Invest in Hope

Today and 27th October are our 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.

Concert for Welcare

The Ferrier Operatic Society's Annual Concert in aid of Greenwich Welcare will be held on Friday 11th October in St Mary's Church, Welling at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Joan Lake - see poster for details. Your support for our local Christian based charity will be appreciated.

Benefice Weekend

A total of 49 people will be coming to the Benefice weekend next April. We look forward to spending a great 3 days together. Revd Liz will soon let people know what they owe and deadlines for payment. There will be an option to pay small amounts over the next few months if that helps with budgeting.

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.

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

It's not too late to join the choir as we prepare music for Christmas. We meet on Tuesday evenings. Have a word with Gwen Zammit if you're interested, and she can confirm the details.

Greenwich Winter Night Shelter (GWNS)

Would you like to join a team that makes a big difference to people's lives? GWNS is recruiting more volunteers for this winter's shelter that opens mid November. St Thomas Friday night's venue and St Richard's on Saturday. St Richard's particularly needs more volunteers. Could you get involved in this rewarding opportunity? www.gwns.org.uk to register your interest. New volunteers MUST attend training, dates of which are listed on the website.

Revd Joe Lee

We thank God that Joe's operation went well, and he is now at home recovering. He won't be around for a few weeks as he regains his strength.

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

All Souls Service – St Luke's, Sunday 3 November, 6.00pm

A chance to remember and give thanks for those we love but see no more. Everyone is welcome. If you would like a loved one's name to be read out at the service, please add that name to the list in both churches.

Lay Ministry Reading Rota

The rota for lay ministers in our services is always pinned to the noticeboard at the back of both our churches. If you are on the reading rota and have difficulty either downloading the rota from your e mails, are not in email contact or just need to refresh your memory, please take a look! If you need your own personal copy, see Liz Buck at St Luke's or Miriam Kakembo at St Thomas'.

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.

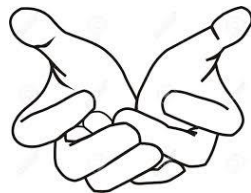
Safeguarding

Our churches take safeguarding extremely seriously and have adopted and 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.

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.

Prayer Zone



*Breath of life,
who bore in your womb all created order,
teach us to respect all creatures,
as witnesses to the Gospel,
which encourages us to fight for the preservation of
nature,
restoring the dream of Eden and perfecting what you
have given us as a gift.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we present our prayers.
Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Bishop Christopher; We pray for plans to develop a social justice project at St Luke's, so disadvantaged people can experience God's care.; From our Deanery we pray for Christchurch East Greenwich

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The people of Ukraine and Russia and that tensions will ease further between their countries; HM The Queen; 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 Sweden, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

Our local community: Cherry Orchard School; Oxleas House; Charlton Together; Greenwich Street Pastors; Greenwich Welcare

Those celebrating their birthday last week:

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

R.I.P.: Allan Nettleingham; Finn Nielsen; Bishop Roy Williamson

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.