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 13 October 2019

At St Luke's:

Harvest Festival

At St Thomas':

17th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:
St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman
St Thomas': Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

St Luke's:	**St Thomas':**
Genesis 1.9-13	Jeremiah 29.1,4-7
1 Corinthians 9.6-14	2 Timothy 2.8-15
Matthew 6.25-end	Luke 17.11-19

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Diary this week:

Sun 13	10.00: **Stewardship Sunday Eucharist** at St Thomas' 10.00: **Harvest Festival All Age Eucharist** at St Luke's 11.15: **Bible Study** at St Luke's 12.00: **Horn Fair** at Charlton House and St Luke's 14.30: **Service** at Time Court Care Home
Mon 14	08.30: **Morning Prayer** at St Luke's 17.30: **Evening Prayer** at St Thomas'
Tue 15	08.30: **Morning Prayer** at St Luke's 10.00: **Tuesday Group** at St Thomas' *includes The Julian Corner* 17.30: **Evening Prayer** at St Thomas'
Wed 16	08.30: **Morning Prayer** at St Luke's 10.30: **Midweek Coffee Morning** at St Luke's 12.00: **Holy Communion** at St Luke's 17.30: **Evening Prayer** at St Thomas'
Thu 17	08.30: **Morning Prayer** at St Luke's 17.30: **Evening Prayer** at St Thomas' 18.00: **TOMS Youth Café** at St Thomas' 19.30: **Study Group** at 10 Mayhill Road… …*studying 'Mere Christianity' by CS Lewis* 20.00: **Deanery Forum** at Christchurch, Greenwich
Sun 20	10.00: **St Luke's Patronal Festival Eucharist** at St Luke's *NB: No service at St Thomas'* 11.15: **Bible Study** at St Luke's 14.30: **Service** at Charlton Park Care Home

Thought for the week

You take care of the sowing. God will take care of the growing

News and notices

Welcome…

…to members of the Sea Scouts, Cubs and Beavers joining us for Harvest today at St Luke's.

Thank you…

… to everyone who brought gifts to our harvest Thanksgiving service at St Thomas in September and today to St Luke's. They will help to nourish homeless people and those who are struggling to feed their families.
… to everyone who filled in an *Invest in Hope* response form last Sunday. Revd Liz will be in touch with you.

NEXT SUNDAY* - St Luke's Patronal Festival and launch of Friends of St Luke's - *NEXT SUNDAY

Please join us next Sunday, October 20th, when we'll be celebrating the festival of our patron, Saint Luke. As usual we will all worship together as one congregation at the usual time of 10am. Therefore there will be NO Sunday eucharist at St Thomas's next Sunday morning.

We will be launching THE FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S too next Sunday. After the service there will be continental brunch and a celebratory cake to share.

Please make sure you join us, so we can all be together on such a special day!

TODAY* – Horn Fair – *TODAY

The Friends of St Luke's will have a presence at the Horn Fair, which is TODAY from 10 - 4pm, at Charlton House. We'd like to keep the church open between 12 and 4pm so visitors to the Horn Fair can be directed over here to visit. Please speak to Judith Barlow or Rick Newman

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.

Children's and Young People's activities

There's lots happening in our Churches to support our work with children and young people. Over the next two pages we report on some fantastic new initiatives, as well as giving a reminder of existing activities.

We thank God for the vision and commitment of all who are enabling this work, and there's ways you can get involved too…

First, a thank you to everyone who has collected milk cartons and provided memories from World War 2 – we now have plenty of both.

A new request: If anyone has an old (not electronic and preferably not too heavy) typewriter we can borrow for display purposes only, please let Liz Buck know.

We're looking for volunteers for two activities. Can you help?

'Just About the Poppies' is being held for schools in the Charlton Benefice. It's a two-day children's learning experience at St Thomas' on the theme of Remembrance. Local schools will join us on the 6th and 7th November. Volunteers are needed on the day (school hours) and to help put some resources together before hand. Offers of help to Liz Buck or Revd Liz.

'Christmas Journey' (5th and 6th December) is a way of teaching the Christmas story to Year 2 children. This year it's being facilitated at St Thomas' as well as other churches in the deanery. Actors are required as well as volunteers for craft activities etc. Please talk to Liz Buck or Revd Liz if you can help in anyway or contribute financially to support this worthwhile project. There is a training day for the Christmas Journey on 16th November at Christchurch in Greenwich.

On the following page we report on two new 'Fresh Expressions' of worship are launching next month at St Richard's, and remind you about three activities that are already happening:

Diddy Disciples

On Tuesday November 19th we're launching Diddy Disciples at St Richard's. Diddy Disciples is a creative and playful new worship and Bible storytelling resource for babies, toddlers and young children. We are running it every Tuesday between 9.30 and 11am in term time and we're running it as a Fresh Expression of church. That means it will be a non-traditional form of church aimed at people who don't already go to church. Please pray for this new congregation emerging at St Richard's and please spread the word to people who care for babies, toddlers and young children who might like to come along.

Messy Church

Not one but 2 new ways of being church at St Richard's! Starting on Saturday November 16th at 11.30am, we are launching Messy Church. Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church. Sonia is leading a team who will be running Messy Church once a month on the third Sunday of each month. Please pray for this new congregation, that through it many children and adults will come to follow Jesus.

Children's Church

Children's Church takes place at St Luke's during the Sunday Eucharist (except during the monthly All Age Eucharist). Children can join the leaders in the Choir Vestry after the Collect is read. Children's Church will soon be launching at St Thomas' too!

TOMS Youth Café

We are working with our friends at Greenwich Youth for Christ to deliver this youth café for young people in secondary school. It's a chance to chill, play and chat in a friendly atmosphere. Join us at St Thomas' each Thursday at 6pm.

Rucksack Music

We're pleased to be working with Rucksack Music each Wednesday during term-time. They provide music and singing for pre-school children. At 1pm each Wednesday we welcome people to St Richard's with cake and a cuppa. Can you volunteer to help? The music starts for an hour at 1.50pm.

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.

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.

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.

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. The will become Deanery Forums, open to any members of our churches who may want to come along. The next Deanery Forum is Thursday 17th October 8pm at Christchurch Greenwich, 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.

Prayer Zone

When times are uncertain,
when there is anxiety about the future,
when so many yearn for peace;
open our eyes, Lord, to see your presence & your activity;
open our ears to hear your guidance & your call;
open our hearts to know your love, and our hands to share it.
Amen

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Bishop Karowei; We pray for our working in partnership with Charlton Together and Charlton Neighbourhood Plan, so that our community may be a place where all can live well; From our Deanery we pray for Old Royal Naval College Greenwich

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The people Syria, where forces from Turkey have invaded the north of the country; Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London; 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 Vietnam, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive; The work of Christian Aid

Our local community: Windrush School; All living at St Joseph's Court; G51 Scout Group; Guiding members in Charlton

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.

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.