

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 20 October 2019
St Luke the Evangelist

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

Preacher: Revd Liz Newman

Celebrant: Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 16.6-12a

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.5-17

Gospel: Luke 10.1-9



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Diary this week:

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| Sun 20 | <p>10.00: St Luke's Patronal Festival Eucharist at St Luke's <i>NB: No service at St Thomas'</i></p> <p>11.15: Bible Study at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Service at Charlton Park Care Home</p> |
| Mon 21 | <p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: St Luke's PCC at St Luke's</p> |
| Tue 22 | <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> |
| Wed 23 | <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 24 | <p>18.00: TOMS Youth Café at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road... <i>...studying 'Mere Christianity' by CS Lewis</i></p> |
| Sat 26 | <p>10.30: Y-Course begins at St Thomas'</p> |
| Sun 27 | <p>10.00: Stewardship Sunday Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Stewardship Sunday Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Includes Children's Church</i></p> <p>11.15: Bible Study at St Luke's</p> <p>11.30: St Thomas' Children's Church Leaders Mtg at St Thomas'</p> |



Thought for the week

Imagine a Bible without the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son or Lazarus and the rich man. Imagine a Bible without the story of the 10 lepers cleansed and Jesus' dinner with Zacchaeus. These passages and many others can only be found in Luke's gospel. How different might our understanding of the Gospel be if it wasn't for our patron saint?

News and notices

Thank you...

... to Judith Barlow, Peter Andrews and Rick Newman for all their hard work to get us to this launch day for the Friends of St Luke's.

... to everyone who played a part in producing such a lovely guidebook to the church – especially George Burton, Rick Newman, Joseph Spooner and Gwen Zammit and to our financial and other supporters including Shane, Viscount Gough.

... at St Thomas to Maria Pechinig and Jim Kinsella for their beautiful singing in church.

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.

Revd Liz...

... will be on leave on Thursday AND Friday this week - so there will be NO Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer this Thursday.

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.

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.

We're looking for items and volunteers to help with some forthcoming activities for young people. 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.

Items needed: We're looking for a few items to help with some of our activities. Please let Liz Buck know if you can donate the following:

- bottle tops (milk, water, lemonade etc.)
- screw top lids (metal or plastic from jam jars, pickle jars, coffee jars, etc.)
- wooden pegs - we need 260 new wooden clothes pegs (spring loaded variety) for the Christmas Journey. They must be wood not plastic.

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.

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.

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.

Newsletter copy deadline: 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; Archdeacon Alastair; We pray for the strengthening of bonds between our churches and community, that we might offer places of hospitality and welcome and encourage all to cross the threshold; From our Deanery we pray for St Georges Westcombe Park

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The people Afghanistan, where a bomb killed more than 60 people attending the mosque for Friday prayers; 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 Jamaica, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive; The work of Embrace the Middle East

Our local community: Woodhill School; All living and working at Charlton Park Care Home; St Peter's Boxing Club; Charlton Athletic Football Club; Len Duvall, our London Assembly Member

Those celebrating their birthday last week

Those who have asked for our prayers or who are sick

R.I.P.: Tatlyn May Clarke

Year's Mind: Margaret Holmes

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.