

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 27 October 2019 Stewardship Sunday

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Bennett Spong

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 45.22-25

Second Reading: Romans 15.1-6

Gospel: Luke 4.16-24



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

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>
Mon 28	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 29	<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>19.30: St Thomas' PCC at St Thomas'</p>
Wed 30	<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 31	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <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>
Sun 3	<p>10.00: All Saints Day Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: All Saints Day Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Includes Children's Church</i></p> <p>11.15: Bible Study at St Luke's</p> <p>12.15: St Luke's Standing Committee at St Luke's</p> <p>18.00: All Souls Service at St Luke's</p>



Thought for the week

'It is in giving that we receive'

Contacting Revd Liz

Liz, our Rector, can be contacted by email liz@charlton.church or by phoning 07922 587263. Liz usually has her day off on Friday.

News and notices

Thank you...

... to Amelia Cortez for her dedication to Tom's youth cafe
... to Pat Orton for printing and stapling the service booklets for our personal festival

Stewardship Sundays – Invest in Hope

Today is the second of our Stewardship Sundays. 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.

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 - UPDATE: There will be an opportunity to find out what volunteers need to know for 'Just About Poppies' (7th and 8th November.) Please let Liz B know if you are enabling this event. We would like to get people together on Monday 4th November around 4.30 pm to talk over themes, activities, responsibilities and safeguarding etc.

Christmas Journey, 6th & 7th December – UPDATE: Training is on the 16th November morning only at Christchurch in Greenwich for all volunteers who are acting parts or enabling children around the event. Please put it in your diary and let Liz B know. You can email her on lizb@charlton.church.

We need about ten volunteers willing to cut out templates for sheep. Please can you let Liz B know asap if you can spend some time doing this in advance of the event. You can do this at home and it only requires you cutting out around twenty templates.

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.

Prayer Zone

*Help us, Lord,
to do what we know needs to be done
to honour your image in others.*

*Even when times seem dark, when night surrounds,
strengthen us to focus on your light, your promises.*

*In our serving, surprise us with your presence,
your new life, your dawning day. Amen.*



Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archbishop Justin Welby; Lord, we pray that you will show us how our churches can help those who feel alone or lost, and bring your light into lives lived in darkness; From our Deanery we pray for St Alfege Greenwich

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The people Argentina whose elections start today; 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 New Zealand, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive; The work of Tearfund

Our local community: Pound Park Early Years and Children's Centre; All living and working at Time Court Care Home; All who work at the Thames Barrier; All who work in our shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants; All working for the Royal Borough of Greenwich

Those celebrating their birthday last week:

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

R.I.P.: Tatlyn May Clarke; The 39 people who died in the back of a lorry in Purfleet this week

Year's Mind: Nellie Phillips; Esther Norris

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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.