

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 3 November 2019 All Saints

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

**St Luke's:** Revd Joe Lee

**St Thomas':** Revd Bennett Spong

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Daniel 7.1-3,15-18

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1.11-23

**Gospel:** Luke 6.20-31



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*The Parishes of St Thomas Old Charlton and St Luke  
with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 3</b>	<p>10.00: <b>All Saints Day Eucharist</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: <b>All Saints Day Eucharist</b> at St Luke's <i>Includes Children's Church</i></p> <p>11.15: <b>Bible Study</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>12.15: <b>St Luke's Standing Committee</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>18.00: <b>All Souls Service</b> at St Luke's</p>
<b>Mon 4</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p>
<b>Tue 5</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i></p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: <b>St Thomas' PCC</b> at St Thomas'</p>
<b>Wed 6</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Just about Poppies</b> at St Thomas</i></p> <p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>10.30: <b>Midweek Coffee Morning</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>12.00: <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>18.00: <b>Just about Poppies</b> at St Thomas' – <i>a chance for adults to experience this activity</i></p>
<b>Thu 7</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Just about Poppies</b> at St Thomas</i></p> <p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>18.00: <b>TOMS Youth Café</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: <b>Study Group</b> at 10 Mayhill Road... <i>...studying 'Mere Christianity' by CS Lewis</i></p>
<b>Fri 8</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Just about Poppies</b> at St Thomas</i></p>
<b>Sat 9</b>	<p>11.30: <b>Act of Remembrance</b> Charlton Village War Memorial <i>approx. timing</i></p> <p>12.30: <b>Messy Church Meeting</b> at St Richard's</p>
<b>Sun 10</b>	<p>10.00: <b>Remembrance Sunday Eucharist</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: <b>Remembrance Sunday All Age Eucharist</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>11.15: <b>Bible Study</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: <b>Service</b> at Time Court Care Home</p>



### **Thought for the week**

'I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying.' Nelson Mandela

## **News and notices**

*Revd Liz is taking the 8am and 10am eucharists at St Alfege, Greenwich this morning, helping our Deanery friends who have a vacancy at the moment since the retirement of Revd Chris Moody*

### **Thank you...**

... to Liz Buck, Sybil Tasso and Pat Orton for processing the Friends of St Luke's subscriptions. Thanks for dealing with the practicalities of this important way in which we're engaging our community

... to Miriam Kakembo for organizing the reading and serving rota at St Thomas' so our worship runs smoothly and reverently each week

### **TONIGHT 6.00pm - All Souls Service at St Luke's - TONIGHT 6.00pm**

We welcome visitors to St Luke's this evening, where our clergy have taken the funeral of their family and friends over the last year. Our All Souls service is also a chance to remember and give thanks for those we love but see no more.

If you would like a loved one's name to be read out at the service, please add that name to the list in either of our churches. And please join us tonight to welcome our visitors.

### **Diddy Disciples**

On Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Saturday of each month. Please pray for this new congregation, that through it many children and adults will come to follow Jesus.

## ***We're looking for items and volunteers to help with some forthcoming activities for young people. Can you help?***

'Just About the Poppies' is on the 6th and 7th November and eight classes from local schools will be visiting St Thomas's to find out about Remembrance. If anybody from the congregation would like to come and find out what we're doing, there's an adult opportunity to take a quick look at what we do at St Thomas on Wednesday 6th November at between 6.0 pm to 7.0 pm.

Deanery 'Christmas Journey' for schools: Volunteers are needed for the 5th and 6th of December at St Thomas's - acting parts and to help children to make crafts. Training is on Saturday 16th November at 9.45 until 12.00 noon at Christ Church in Greenwich. Please let Liz B know if you can take part. You will need to attend the training session to rehearse if you are taking an acting role.

Update for School events: Thank you to everyone who donated bottle caps etc. The event is this week and we don't need any more.

We DO need wooden spring clip clothes pegs and volunteers to cut out sheep for the Christmas Journey. Thanks

## **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.

Contacting Revd Liz: Liz, our Rector, can be contacted by email [liz@charlton.church](mailto:liz@charlton.church) or by phoning 07922 587263. Liz usually has her day off on Friday.

## **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](http://www.gwns.org.uk) to register your interest. New volunteers MUST attend training, dates of which are listed on the website.

### ***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.*

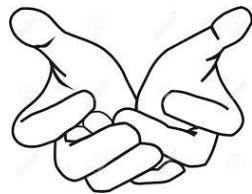
**Newsletter copy deadline:** News and prayer requests to be included in next week's newsletter can be sent to [news@charlton.church](mailto:news@charlton.church) or phoning 020 8858 8175 by 12 noon on Wednesday.

## **Prayer Zone**

*Lord, we give thanks for the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democratic society.*

*Give us wisdom to play our part at election time, that, through the exercise of each vote, your Kingdom may come closer.*

*Protect us from the sins of despair and cynicism, guard us against the idols of false utopias and strengthen us to make politics a noble calling that serves the common good of all. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



# **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archbishop John Sentamu; For Tom's Youth Café, that positive relationships with young people will grow and deepen; From our Deanery we pray for St John's Blackheath

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; Those killed or injured in the train fire in Pakistan last week; We hold before God all candidates in our General Election, that the policies they promote will be for the good of all and that we exercise our vote with care and responsibility; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Australia, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive; The work of The Children's Society

**Our local community:** The staff and pupils at Fosdene School; All living and working at 40 Littleheath; Staff who maintain our many parks in Charlton; Those who use the services or work at 68 The Heights; Our local Councillors representing wards in our Benefice

**Those celebrating their birthday last week:**

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

**R.I.P.:** Tatlyn May Clarke; James Holloway; Roy Leonard Edward Wood; Alice O'Callaghan

**Year's Mind:** Margaret Gledow; Pauline Clift; Leighasha Davis

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***