

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 17 November 2019
2nd Sunday before Advent

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Joe Lee

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2a

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

Sun 17	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Includes Children's Church</i></p> <p>11.15: Bible Study at St Luke's</p> <p>14.30: Service at Charlton Park Care Home</p>
Mon 18	<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 19	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>09.30: Diddy Disciples starts at St Richard'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 20	<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 21	<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 24	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Christ the King at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Christ the King at St Luke's <i>Includes Children's Church</i></p> <p>11.15: Bible Study at St Luke's</p>



Thought for the week

'Integrity is doing the right thing even when no-one is watching'
C S Lewis

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 Bennett for being Co-Ordinator of Greenwich Winter Night Shelter for another year at St Thomas'. And to Jim Kinsella on whom we rely for so much done with such grace.

... to Sonia Baidoo for leading the Messy Church Team yesterday in their first regular Messy Church at St Richard's.

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.

Deanery 'Christmas Journey' for schools

- We STILL need wooden spring-loaded clothes pegs for the 'Christmas Journey', so would be grateful for more! (We will need 180 more to reach our target).

- Liz Buck has templates and card for anyone willing to cut out sheep shapes.

- If you are able to volunteer to help set up scenery for the Christmas Journey on Wednesday December 5th (afternoon/evening) or can help in anyway with crafts, please let Liz B or Rev. Liz know asap.

Plus a thank you from Liz B: Thank you to everyone who supplied us with resources for 'Just About the Poppies'. It went very well!

Christmas Switch-On

Join us at Charlton House on Thursday 28th November, 4pm - 6pm for the Christmas Tree switching on of the lights. There will be a mini Christmas market, carols accompanied by Dominic Barlow and Revd Liz will be leading us in reflecting on our hopes for 2020. Free entry or book a £5 ticket on Eventbrite if you'd like a mince pie and mulled wine.

Public Inquiry at The Valley

One of the goals of the Benefice MAP is for ***collaboration with others in campaigns for local housing justice***. This has seen us actively involved in planning for the future of the Charlton Riverside area. There are already number of planning applications, the first of which has been heavily opposed based on it paying little account of the Charlton Riverside Masterplan. If approved, this initial scheme would see an excessive number of over-size (ten-storey) blocks and have a negative impact on local roads, public transport, schools and health services. As a benefice we are particularly concerned about the lack of thought given by developers to building communities, as opposed to simply putting up apartment blocks.

This scheme was already refused by RBG Planning Board in 2018 and by Mayor of London Sadiq Khan in January this year, but the developers are now appealing to the national Planning Inspectorate. As a result, a Public Inquiry has been convened.

Community group Charlton Together (of which Charlton Benefice is an active member), have led a long campaign opposing the scheme, and are encouraging as many local residents and interested people to come along to the inquiry and show community support. The inquiry runs for 12 days starting **Tuesday 19th November for 10am, at The Valley.**

Advent Carol Service – Sunday 1st December 7pm

As usual we will be marking the start of Advent with our Benefice Carol Service at St Thomas' Church. We will be joined by our friends from St Mary's Leigh and the service will be followed by refreshments (and the first mulled wine of the season!!) Do come along so we can reflect together on the world's need of light and prepare ourselves to meet Christ when he comes again. Please note the slightly later start time of 7pm.

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.

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, not to reduce everything to economic value, or demand satisfaction from our dealings with others; rather let us be lavish with our love, as you are lavish with your love to us. May we find our purpose in that love, and be a people of blessing to all. Amen.



Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Miriam, Sheila, Kathy, Roberta & Rob our SPA's and Peter SPA emeritus; For Pilgrim's Programme, our discipleship plan. That through it our church family will grow in Bible knowledge, understanding and commitment to live prayerfully. We pray that learning more about God's word will deepen our desire to share faith and proclaim the good news.; From our Deanery we pray for St James Kidbrooke;

In our own church life, we pray for:

...our PCCs as they prepare to make important decisions about our finances and budget for the coming years.

...all those who attended Messy Church at St Richard's yesterday – that this may be the start of their journey into faith.

...Diddy Disciples and for Cathy Walker and Revd Liz leading it on Tuesday.

We pray for fun, joy, and that through it, the littlest people will become disciples of Christ.

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; People affected by flooding, both in the UK and across central Europe; 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 Pakistan, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive; The work of Church Mission Society (CMS)

Our local community: The staff and pupils at Charlton Park Academy; All living at St Luke's Almshouses, and those who donate their time to manage the properties; Charlton Triangle; New Charlton Community Centre; Clive Efford, one of the MP's representing our Benefice; Our guests at the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter, and our volunteers

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; Revd Peter Milligan

Year's Mind: Margaret Massey; Jane Aylwin; Muriel West

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.