

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 24 November 2019
Christ the King

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Liz Newman

St Thomas': Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6

Second Reading: Colossians 1.11-20

Gospel: Luke 23.33-43



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

Diary this week:

Sun 17	<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>
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>
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Thought for the week



It's important to develop deep roots that can access the resources we need in times of drought. It is trusting in God that sends our roots deep, helping to live and grow no matter what our lives bring. *Paula Gooder*

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...

... Did you know that Iris Ford chooses our hymns every week at St Thomas'? Thank you Iris for doing this task so reliably and well.

... to everyone who helps with the monthly Care Home services, bringing worship and friendship to residents at Time court and Charlton Park Care Home.

Deanery 'Christmas Journey' for schools

- We'd still like some more wooden spring-loaded clothes pegs – needed 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 any way with crafts, please let Liz B or Rev. Liz know asap.

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.

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.

Christmas Postcards – Advanced notice

As has been the case in recent years, we have ordered postcards to be distributed around our Benefice to advertise our Christmas services. They have been an effective way of inviting people to share in God's love at Christmas.

Please look out in the newsletter for details of how you can help us deliver the cards.

General Election Hustings

There are two sets of hustings taking place for the Greenwich and Woolwich constituency. It is a great opportunity to quiz our election candidates and let them know your priorities and concerns.

Wednesday 4th December, 7.30 for 8pm at Christ Church Greenwich, Trafalgar Road

Saturday 7th December, 11.00am at The Assembly Rooms, The Village

Greenwich Winter Night Shelter Day Centre

The organisers of GWNS are piloting a Day Centre on Tuesday's at The Forum on Trafalgar Road. There will be 3 shifts throughout the day, and volunteers will help keep guests company, assist guests with facility use and rotas, serving tea & coffee to guests and providing additional support as directed such as with computer use. If you're interest in volunteering for this visit <https://gwns.org.uk/> or ask Rev Liz for more 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.

Prayer Zone



*Loving God,
you have taught us that the power of
the heart is greater than the power of
wealth and might.*

*Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our King;
to him be glory and power for ever.
Amen.*

*Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good
works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Churches together in Charlton; We pray for our plans to develop discussion groups with people who are spiritual not religious; From our Deanery we pray for St Michael's Blackheath; The work of The Bible Society

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; For people of Bolivia where the political crisis is leading to food shortages; HM The Queen; 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 the USA, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive

Our local community: The staff and pupils at Royal Greenwich Trust School; The Doctor and Dental surgeries in our Benefice; Charlton Society; Greenwich Carers Centre; Our guests at the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter, and our volunteers who welcome them; The public enquiry in to the proposed development at Charlton Riverside and that a just solution will be reached

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: Philip Woodward

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.