

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 12 January 2020 Baptism of Christ

Today's Preacher and Celebrant:

St Luke's: Revd Joe Lee

St Thomas': Revd Bennett Spong

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9

Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17



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

Diary this week:

Sun 12	<p>10.00: All Age Eucharist for Baptism of Christ at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i></p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for Baptism of Christ at St Thomas'</p>
Mon 13	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 14	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>09.30: Diddy Disciples 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 15	<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 16	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road... <i>...studying 'Mere Christianity' by CS Lewis</i></p>
Sat 18	<p>11.30: Messy Church at St Richard's <i>until 14.30</i></p>
Sun 19	<p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for 3rd Sunday of Epiphany at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: Parish Eucharist for 3rd Sunday of Epiphany at St Luke's</p>



Thought for the week

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

St Theresa of Calcutta

News and notices

Greenwich Winter Night Shelter Concert – Sunday 26th January, 7pm

Come along to support Greenwich Winter Night Shelter and enjoy a wonderful evening of popular classics for cello, voice and piano from the Charlton Ensemble.

Tickets £10. Reservations 07989 740252 or 020 8854 0841

Items needed for Messy Church in February

Messy Church's families will be making 'Blessings Bags' for our homeless guests at St Richard's next month.

St Richard's and St Thomas' give shelter to 15 homeless people once a week, as part of Greenwich's Winter Night Shelter.

Messy Church takes place on the third Saturday of each month at St Richard's Church Centre - join us - all are welcome!

We have taken advice from GWNS about the contents of our Blessings Bags and we hope our amazing congregations at St Luke's & Thomas' can gift some of the following travel/mini sized items.

We only need 15 of each:-

- Travel tooth brush (the fab green grocer's opposite St Luke's sell single bamboo toothbrushes alternatively)
- Tooth paste
- Face mirror
- Tissues
- Wet wipes / skin cleansing wipes
- Hair brush / comb
- Small treat e.g. a bar of chocolate / dried fruit & nuts / biscuits
- Small note pad & lidded pen

Please label your gifts Messy Church and leave them in the office or pass them to Sonia Baidoo / Ali Edney

Deadline Sunday 8th February for gifts to be left for Messy Church.

All regular activities return this week

We hope you've had a restful time over the Christmas and New Year break. The regular activities in our churches start up again this week:

- **Morning Prayer** is at 8.30am at St Luke's, Monday to Thursday
- **Evening Prayer** is at 5.40pm at St Thomas', Monday to Thursday
- **Diddy Disciples** starts again on Tuesday each week, 9.30am at St Richard's Church Centre
- The **Tuesday Group** meets at 10.00am every Tuesday at St Thomas'
- The **Midweek Coffee Morning and Communion** is at St Luke's on Wednesday's from 10.30am. It is followed at 12 noon by **Holy Communion**

The monthly **Messy Church** is this Saturday at St Richard's Church Centre at 11.30am

Situation vacant

A person with a disability and who uses a wheelchair is looking for a new Personal Assistant (Carer) to start ASAP. The rate is approx. £11 an hour for a 40-hour week. They must be over 25, able to drive and be flexible about hours (usually Monday to Friday) As it involves personal care, he is looking for a man.

If anyone is interested or knows anyone who might be they should email doobert@mac.com for further details and an explanation of the role.

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



A prayer for Australia:

*God of compassion,
look upon the land of Australia and
heal it,
and deliver it from fire and destruction.
As we stand in prayer before you for all who are
suffering,
be with those who seek to bring this crisis to an end.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archdeacon Alastair; The work and mission of USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) From our Deanery we pray for St John's Blackheath; Stephen Cottrell who prepares for his consecration as Archbishop of York, and Archbishop John Sentamu preparing for his retirement; Our friends at Open Heavens Church who grieve the death of Pastor Gabriel

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the Government; That tensions between Iran and USA will ease; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Nigeria, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive

Our local community: The staff and pupils at Fosdene School; All living and working at Beecham Close; All who work in our shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants; The staff who maintain our many parks in Charlton; Our guests at the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter, and our volunteers who welcome them

Those celebrating their birthday last week

Those who have asked for our prayers or who are sick

R.I.P.: Pastor Gabriel Diya; Praise Emanuel Diya; Comfort Diya; Pat Sax

Year's Mind: David Holmes; Jean Orton; Denis West

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.