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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 19 January 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

**St Luke's:** Revd Liz Newman

**St Thomas':** Revd Joe Lee

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49.1-7

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1.1-9

**Gospel:** John 1.29-42



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 19</b>	<p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i></p> <p>14.30: <b>Service</b> at Charlton Park Care Home</p>
<b>Mon 20</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>19.30: <b>St Luke's PCC</b> at St Luke's</p>
<b>Tue 21</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>09.30: <b>Diddy Disciples</b> at St Richard'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>
<b>Wed 22</b>	<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>
<b>Thu 23</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</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>Sun 26</b>	<p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>19.00: <b>Concert by the Charlton Ensemble</b> at St Thomas' <i>Raising funds for the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter</i></p>

### Thought for the week



Do we bring our whole selves when we come to worship? Mind, senses, spirituality, emotions, body? Or do we leave some bits at the door?

# News and notices

## **Greenwich Winter Night Shelter Concert – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm**

We're just a week away now from the concert to raise funds for the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter. 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.

## Vocations

Do I have a vocation? Yes!

Every person is called by God. God calls each of us by name and the heart of responding to our vocation is to be the unique person God calls us to be.

Calling, or vocation, is one of the major themes in the Bible. Scripture is full of inspiring stories of very ordinary people who achieved extraordinary things when answering God's call and putting it into action. Each and every one of us forms a unique part of God's loving creation and, as such, each of us has a particular calling to fulfil in God's Kingdom plan.

For some, this vocation may lead to:

- being formally **licensed** or **commissioned** as a lay minister, or
- being **ordained** as a priest or deacon.

If you would like to talk further about your calling and responding to it, please speak to or contact one of the clergy, who will be happy to listen and support.

## Benefice Weekend Away – Reminder

A reminder that the benefice weekend away is happening between Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone who has booked to go has been told how much they owe. If you are paying all at once, please consider doing that as soon as you can. If you have chosen to pay in instalments, please remember there are now only 13 weeks before we go, so paying bit by bit will lighten the load.

Because of unforeseen circumstances there may be a couple of places still available – speak to Revd Liz if you're interested. And do start thinking about how we can entertain ourselves on the Saturday night we're away! Talent show? Karaoke? Singalong film? Quiz?

## **Candlemas – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Worshipping together at St Thomas'**

It's now a tradition that both congregations worship together at Candlemas. This year it's the turn of St Thomas' to host the service at our usual eucharist time of 10am. Please note there will be NO EUCHARIST AT ST LUKE'S THAT DAY.

Our guest preacher is PETER GRAYSTONE. Peter is a Christian writer who has worked and written for the Scripture Union, Christian Aid and the Church Army. He's produced many devotional texts and writes a regular column in the Church Times. More recently Peter has taken over leading the Bishop's Certificate for Southwark Diocese.

## **All Age Worship**

Our all age worship service (and booklets) at St Luke's are long overdue a rethink, and at St Thomas' the PCC recently decided to introduce an all age service on a monthly basis. An all age service is just what it says – for everyone. It is not a service aimed just at children. That doesn't mean that it will be everyone's favourite service, but it will, I hope, be a place where we consider the needs of others, remember that we worship with our whole selves and understand that we are different from one another but all precious in God's sight. It's a eucharist where we try our best to include everyone and are prepared to prefer other's needs above our own.

Over the next few Sundays there is a simple questionnaire inside your newsletter. Please fill it in and place in the All Age box. Your responses will help us plan what these service should look like. Thank you, Revd Liz.

## **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.

## **Weekly Activities in our Churches**

Every week in our churches, there are opportunities for us to get together and share fellowship.

- **Tuesday Group** Come to St Thomas' from 10am on Tuesday's for a chance to share time with friends and make new friends over refreshments. There are leisurely activities you can join in, and you can also stay for lunch. The Julian corner from 11am is an opportunity for silent prayer.
- **Midweek Coffee Morning** Wednesday's between 10.30am and 12 noon is the weekly coffee morning. Pop in for a cuppa and a natter. It is also a good opportunity to look round our historic church.
- **Midweek Communion** Holy Communion is celebrated after the coffee morning on Wednesday's at St Luke's at 12 noon.
- **Morning and Evening Prayer** Monday's to Thursday's each week, Morning Prayer is said at 8.30am in St Luke's. Evening Prayer is said at 5.30pm in St Thomas'. This is a lovely way to bookend the day.
- **Diddy Disciples** For our youngest members, Tuesday's from 9.30 – 11.00am at St Richard's Church Centre.

## ***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**

***This prayer comes from the Anglican Church of Kenya:***



*O Lord our God and creator of all,  
we thank you for the beauty of creation.  
Show us we pray,  
how to respect the fragile balance of life.  
Guide by your wisdom  
those who have power  
to care for or to destroy the environment,  
that by the decisions they make  
life may be cherished  
and a good and fruitful earth  
be preserved for future generations.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.*

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

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Archbishop Justin Welby; The work and mission of CMS (Church Mission Society) From our Deanery we pray for St Nicholas Kidbrooke; 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 and two of his children

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; HM Queen; People of Australia living in fear of the continuing bush fires; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Ireland, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive

**Our local community:** The staff and pupils at Our Lady of Grace School; All living at St Luke's Almshouses; 68 The Heights; Central Charlton Residents Association; 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; Calvin Clarke; Cyril Ward; Mary Tutor; Augustus Attafua

**Year's Mind:** George Zammit; Elsie Lovis; Bob Bland

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