

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 26 January 2020
3rd 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 9.1-4

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1.10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23



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Diary this week:

Sun 26	<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 <i>Followed by Bible Study</i></p> <p>19.00: Concert by the Charlton Ensemble at St Thomas' <i>Raising funds for the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter</i></p>
Mon 27	<p>08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's</p> <p>17.30: Evening Prayer at St Thomas'</p>
Tue 28	<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> <p>19.30: St Thomas' PCC at St Thomas'</p>
Wed 29	<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 30	<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 1	<p>10.30: The Y Course starts at St Thomas' <i>Until 12.30. See advert for details</i></p>
Sun 2	<p>10.00: Benefice Eucharist for Candlemas at St Thomas' <i>No service at St Luke's this week</i></p>



Thought for the week

People are dying. And all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of economic growth. How dare you!

Greta Thunberg

Thank you to ...

... Deborah Jones for all her work in getting St Luke's 2020 budget completed

... Bennett and his volunteers for running the programme at St Thomas' helping Syrian refugee women develop their English skills

News and notices

TONIGHT - Greenwich Winter Night Shelter Concert - TONIGHT

The Charlton Ensemble return to St Thomas' Church at 7.00pm tonight for a 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.

Tickets can still be bought on the door and cost just £10.

NEXT SUNDAY - Candlemas - NEXT SUNDAY

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.

Marks of Mission

A reminder of the marks of mission – the reason church exists...

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth



THE Y COURSE

Cringe free. Totally relevant. Cynic friendly.

No questions off limits

No pressure

No cucumber sandwiches
(but brunch is guaranteed)

**SATURDAY MORNINGS AT
ST THOMAS'
OVER BRUNCH**

Starts Saturday February 1st, 2020

10.30am – 12.30pm

For six weeks

Six weeks to question:

- If God is there how can we know?
- Why so much suffering?
- Too many religions to believe any?
- And more

Do you know anyone who might be interested?

If so, tell them about it.

Everyone welcome, no matter what your beliefs!

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 17th and Sunday April 19th. 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?

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.

Lighting at St Luke's

In case you worry nothing seems to be happening and that we'll soon be sitting in complete darkness, here's an update! Everything is sorted for the lighting system at St Luke's to be completely replaced. We have the plans drawn up and the contractors ready to go. But we just want to have a few more attempts at raising money from grants to help with the costs before we say 'go ahead'. We've already received a grant from Allchurches, but that only makes a small dent in the total bill. If we can raise some more grant contributions that means we'll need less of our money for the lighting and we'll be left with more for the many other things we want to do. So thanks for your patience and understanding. The lighting WILL get done, we promise! *Revd Liz and the Churchwardens*

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Liz, Bennett, Joe and Jean our clergy; The work and mission of the Bible Society; From our Deanery we pray for St James Kidbrooke; Stephen Cottrell who prepares for his consecration as Archbishop of York, and Archbishop John Sentamu preparing for his retirement; We pray for the Y course starting at St Thomas' on Saturday. That through it, others may discover God loves them and has a plan for their life.

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; Mayor of London Sadiq Khan; People in China living in fear of coronavirus and those trying to prevent it spreading; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Germany, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive

Our local community: The staff and pupils at Charlton Park Academy; All working at the Doctor and Dental surgeries in our Benefice; Charlton Parkside Community Hub; Charlton Triangle; 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.: Pat Sax; Calvin Clarke; Cyril Ward; Mary Tutor; Augustus Attafua

Year's Mind: Ron Spencer

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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.