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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 23 February 2020  
Sunday next before Lent

*Today's Preacher and Celebrants:*

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

**St Thomas':** Revd Joe Lee

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Exodus 24. 12-end

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 1. 16-end

**Gospel:** Matthew 17. 1-9



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

## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 23</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i>
<b>Mon 24</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's
<b>Tue 25</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> 19.30: <b>St Thomas' PCC</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Wed 26</b>	07,00: <b>Ashes to Go</b> at Charlton Station <i>until 9.15</i> 10.30: <b>Midweek Coffee Morning</b> at St Luke's 12.00: <b>Ash Wednesday Communion</b> at St Luke's 19.00: <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b> at St Richard's Chapel
<b>Thu 27</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 19.30: <b>Study Group</b> at 10 Mayhill Road... <i>...studying 'Mere Christianity' by CS Lewis</i>
<b>Sat 29</b>	10.30: <b>The Y Course</b> continues at St Thomas'
<b>Sun 1</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i> 12.00: <b>Baptism</b> at St Luke's



### Thought for the week

'In a world where you can be anything, be kind.'

*Caroline Flack RIP*

# News and notices

## Thank you to...

... Judith Barlow and her team for organising our first Friends of St Luke's event this week and to Joseph Spooner for such an enlightening talk.

... Angelique, Sheila and Jenny for planning such an exciting calendar of social events at St Thomas' this year.

## Ash Wednesday – 26 February

The tradition for many years has been for us to take part in an Ecumenical service for Ash Wednesday. For various reasons that isn't happening this year, and so it's an opportunity to do something different. On Ash Wednesday there will be:

- Ashes to Go – offered to passers-by and commuters at Charlton station 7 – 9.15am
- Holy Communion with ashing 12 noon at St Luke's
- Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm St Richard's Church Centre.



Everyone is welcome to everything!!!

## Lent Courses

We have three opportunities to take part in study groups during Lent:

- Tuesday afternoons starting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2.30 – 4pm at the home of Jean and Peter Griffiths, 32 Weyman Road SE3 8RY  
We will be following Paula Gooder's *Lentwise – Spiritual Essentials for Real Life*
- Thursday evenings starting 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at the home of Bennett Spong, 10 Mayhill Road SE7 7JQ. We will be reading *The Screwtape Letters* by CS Lewis
- Sunday's 11.30am-1pm at St Thomas' starting on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Led by Sheila Kinsella and Ally Warder, this course will also be based on the book *Lentwise – Spiritual Essentials for Life* by Paula Gooder.



There are sign-up sheets for all 3 Lent courses in both churches – please put your name down if you intend to come.

### **From Revd Liz...**

It has become very clear that if we're to realise the vision we have for our churches, to keep on top of all the day to day things churches have to do and respond to the challenge posed by all the new housing developments happening in our parishes over the coming years, then we need far more people from the congregations taking responsibility for a range of tasks, issues and needs.

Having spoken with the churchwardens, I also know that their role is a huge one that would be much better shared between a team of people. I am therefore suggesting that we form a benefice leadership team, made up of people who could take responsibility for particular areas of church life and encourage others to help them. This team would support one another so that no-one feels left alone. It would spend time in prayer and reflection on the example of Jesus. It would make sure things that need doing get done.

If you feel you could be a part of this team, please speak to me or to one of the churchwardens (Jim and Miriam at St Thomas', Rick and John at St Luke's).

If we don't get enough people to form the team, I will be recommending that we reduce our vision. That is really not something I want to do, because I believe we're being called to all the many things we have embarked on or plan. But I also can't allow people to burn out or to get disillusioned.

We want to grow in faith, service and numbers. So please pray and ask yourself, could I be part of this team? Or could I help in some other way?

Ring, email or text me – 07922587263 revdlizn@gmail.com

### **Choir Practice for Easter**

The Choir at St Luke's is meeting to practice an anthem for Easter. The first rehearsal is this Tuesday, 25 February at 7.30pm. New members are welcome. Please come in via the entrance near The Village.

*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.*

## **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?

Finally, if you're yet to pay for the weekend, Liz B at St Luke's or Ally at St Thomas' will be pleased to receive your payment. They'll be happy to receive a cheque or you may prefer to pay by BACS.

*If you're paying by BACS, please identify your payment with 'WEEKEND' and your name. Please also email them once the payment has been made (lizb@charlton.church or allywarder@hotmail.com)*

## ***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; British Orthodox Church; From our Deanery we pray for Christchurch Greenwich; We pray for our plans to develop discussion groups with people who are spiritual not religious.

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; The work of Embrace the Middle East; The people of Ireland where political parties begin negotiations to form a new government; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Vietnam, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive

**Our local community:** The staff and pupils at Cherry Orchard School; All living and working at Charlton Park Care Home; CGL Aspire; Charlton Together; Our guests at the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter, and our volunteers who welcome them; Matthew Pennycook, one of the MP's representing the wards in our Benefice

**Those celebrating their birthday last week:**

**To be married:** We pray for Emily and Luke as they prepare for their marriage at St Luke's later this month

**To be baptised:** We pray for those to be baptised on March 1<sup>st</sup>: Kian, Michaela and Jeremy, their families and godparents.

**Those who have asked for our prayers or who are sick:**

**R.I.P.:** Pat Sax; Cyril Ward; Augustus Attafua; Mary Tutor

**Year's Mind:** Peter Ingram

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