

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 1 March 2020 First Sunday of Lent

Today's Preacher and Celebrants:

St Luke's: Revd Bennett Spong

St Thomas': Revd Liz Newman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 2 v15-17, 3 v1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5 v12 -19

Gospel: Matthew 4 v1-11



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with Holy Trinity Charlton working together*

Diary this week:

Sun 1	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i> 12.00: Baptism at St Luke's
Mon 2	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's
Tue 3	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.00: Tuesday Group at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> 15.00: Lent Group at 32 Weyman Road 19.30: St Thomas' PCC at St Thomas'
Wed 4	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 10.30: Midweek Coffee Morning at St Luke's 12.00: Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thu 5	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 19.30: Lent Study Group at 10 Mayhill Road... <i>...studying Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis</i>
Sat 7	10.00: Deanery Forum at St Richard's 10.30: The Y Course continues at St Thomas'
Sun 8	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: All Age Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i> 11.45: Lent Group at St Thomas' 14.30: Service at Time Court Care Home



Thought for the week

'God loved us before he made us, and his love has never diminished and never shall'. *Julian of Norwich*

News and notices

Thank you to...

... Alison Leggatt, Rick Newman and Amelia Cortez for helping Liz and Bennett with Ashes to Go at Charlton Station on Ash Wednesday morning. Altogether we ashed 77 commuters and passers by



Lent Courses

We have three opportunities to take part in study groups during Lent. The Tuesday and Sunday groups have slight amendments to the previously advertised times. Please take a look:



- Tuesday afternoons starting 3rd March 3.00-4.00pm 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 5th 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 8th 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

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?

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)

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.

Deanery Forum, Saturday 7th March 10-12.30, St Richard's Church Centre

All welcome. The theme will be Food Poverty in Greenwich and the Deanery Leadership Team will be commissioned by Archdeacon Alastair.

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.

Prayer Zone

*We are dust, O Lord,
and to dust we shall return;
keep us from setting our minds and hearts
on the things of this world;
may we instead be focused in all humility
upon the treasures of your kingdom -
seeking them not for our own gain,
but for the blessing of all.
Amen*



Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Church: Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; The work of Inclusive Church; From our Deanery we pray for The Old Royal Naval College Greenwich; We pray for plans to develop a mental wellbeing project at St Luke's, that through it people will find refreshment, belonging, purpose and hope

The World: The Diocese of Manicaland; The work of Tearfund; The authorities in China and all around the world trying to contain the spread of Corona virus; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Jamaica, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive

Our local community: The staff and pupils at Windrush School; All living and working at Time Court Care Home; Greenwich Street Pastors; RG51 Scout Group; Our guests at the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter, and our volunteers who welcome them; Clive Efford, one of the MP's representing our Benefice

To be baptised: We pray for those to be baptised today: 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; Michael Hanson

Year's Mind: Rosina Burton; Hedley Senior; Rev'd Lance Harvey; Eileen Page

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.