

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 15 March 2020  
Third Sunday of Lent

*Today's Preacher and Celebrants:*

**St Luke's:** Revd Joe Lee

**St Thomas':** Revd Lionel Kevis

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Exodus 17 v 1 - 7

**Second Reading:** Romans 5 v 1 - 11

**Gospel:** John 4 v 5 – 42



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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 15</b>	<p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i></p> <p>11.45: <b>Lent Group</b> at St Thomas'</p>
<b>Mon 16</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>19.30: <b>St Luke's PCC</b> at St Luke's</p>
<b>Tue 17</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i></p> <p>15.00: <b>Lent Group</b> at 32 Weyman Road</p>
<b>Wed 18</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>19.30: <b>Spiritual not Religious</b> learning session upstairs at The White Swan</p>
<b>Thu 19</b>	<p>08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's</p> <p>19.30: <b>Lent Study Group</b> at 10 Mayhill Road... <i>...studying Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis</i></p>
<b>Sat 21</b>	<p>11.30: <b>Messy Church</b> at St Richard's <i>until 14.00</i></p>
<b>Sun 22</b>	<p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday</b> at St Thomas'</p> <p>10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday</b> at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i></p> <p>11.45: <b>Lent Group</b> at St Thomas'</p>



### Thought for the week

Don't worry: God is never blind to your tears, never deaf to your tears and never silent to your pain. He sees, he hears, and he will deliver.

# News and notices

## Welcome...

It's lovely to welcome Rev'd Lionel Kevis to St Thomas' this morning. Lionel is the Vicar at St Mary's Leigh, where Rev'd Liz takes the service this morning. The friendship between our churches is something we cherish, and it is with joy that we pray for our friends at Leigh every week.

## Thank you to...

... Ali Edney for all she does for both our churches with such a heart to serve others.

## Coronavirus and being church

We are all aware of the changing situation with coronavirus and the possibility that we'll get to the stage in this country where public buildings need to close until the virus is a retreating threat. If that does happen, we will be in a situation unknown to most of us. It will be unsettling, but the situation will challenge us to think about what it means to be church when we can no longer meet in a building. Please have a think about how church can continue to be a source of spiritual nourishment, especially at such a difficult time.

- Who would welcome sermons / blogs / thought for the day on the website?
- Who would welcome regular emails encouraging our faith?
- Who would like to join a WhatsApp group where we could support each other's faith in challenging times?
- Who would welcome a supportive phone call from someone at church?

Please make your thoughts and feelings known to clergy and churchwardens after the service today or contact us by email, phone or the website. Revd Liz

## Serving at St Luke's

If you are interested in joining the serving team at St Luke's, then please let us know. Speak to Rob Simson or one of the clergy or churchwardens. It would be great to build up the serving team.



## Services for Holy Week and Easter

**Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00am:** Palm Sunday Eucharist at St Luke's and St Thomas'

**Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30pm;** Creative Worship for Holy Week at St Thomas'

**Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00pm:** Agape Eucharist at St Thomas'

*a meal of love with Holy Communion*

**Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8.00pm:** Stations of the Cross at St Luke's

**Maundy Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8.00pm:** Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

*with foot-washing and the watch at St Luke's*

**Good Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00pm:** Good Friday Liturgy St Luke's

**2.45pm:** Good Friday Reflection at St Thomas'

**Holy Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11.30am:** Messy Easter at St Richard's Church Centre *until 2.00pm*

**Easter Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**5.45am:** Sunrise Service at the Thames Barrier Park

**10.00am:** First Eucharist of Easter with lighting of the paschal fire  
at St Luke's and St Thomas'

## **Lent Courses**

It's not too late to join in our Lent groups this year:

- Tuesday afternoons, 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, 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'. Led by Sheila Kinsella and Ally Warder, this course will also be based on the book Lentwise – Spiritual Essentials for Life by Paula Gooder.



## **Keep up to date with our news**

You can keep up with news from our churches, even when you are unable to get to church. This newsletter is added to the website each weekend at [www.charlton.church](http://www.charlton.church).

You can also receive an email with a link to the newsletter each week. Request a copy from [news@charlton.church](mailto:news@charlton.church).

## **Standing orders/BACS payments**

We really value your generosity in enabling our church to fulfil our calling and mission by your contributions to the weekly plate in the form of cash. Without your generosity we would be unable to pay our necessary weekly outgoings, such as heating, or our contribution to the Parish Support Fund, which contributes towards our rector's salary and support we receive from the diocese.

The current national health crisis has presented us with two problems; counting cash may be a health risk for the people who count it and there may be restrictions for some people in attending main worship. We would ask you to consider contributing either by standing order or by BACS (online transactions). Both of these methods are easy for you to set up. Please either email the rector, wardens or treasurer for bank information. If you make a transaction, please subject it with the words 'Parish Giving' and your name to enable us to identify it. Thank you.

*Liz Buck and Ally Warder*

## **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.

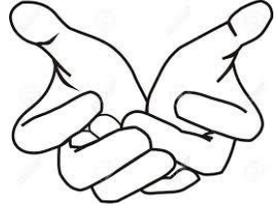
## ***Safeguarding***

*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



*Loving God,  
source of healing and comfort,  
fill us with your grace,  
that the sick may be made whole,  
that those who care for us may be strengthened,  
that the anxious may be calmed,  
and those most vulnerable be protected  
in the power of Spirit  
in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,  
or watch, or weep tonight,  
and give your angels and saints  
charge over those who sleep.  
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ,  
rest your weary ones,  
bless your dying ones,  
soothe your suffering ones,  
pity your afflicted ones  
shield your joyous ones.  
And all for your love's sake.  
Amen.*

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

**The Church:** Our friends at St Mary's, Leigh; Rev'd Lionel Kevis who visits St Tomas' today; Bishop Christopher; The work of United Society Partners in the Gospel; From our Deanery we pray for St Alfege Greenwich; We pray for our working in partnership with Charlton Together and Charlton Neighbourhood Plan, so that our community may be a place where all can live well.

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; For authorities talking the spread of Covid-19; Refugees around the world; HM The Queen; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Australia, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive

**Our local community:** The staff and pupils at Pound Park Early Years and Children's Centre; All living and working at Beecham Close; Charlton Athletic Football Club; All who work at the Thames Barrier; Our guests at the Greenwich Winter Night Shelter, and our volunteers who welcome them

**Those who celebrated a birthday last week:**

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

**R.I.P.:** Michael Hanson; Muriel Garriques; Revd Irene Page; Vera O'Brien

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