

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:

Sun 15	10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i> 11.45: Lent Group at St Thomas'
Mon 16	08.30: Morning Prayer at St Luke's 19.30: St Luke's PCC at St Luke's
Tue 17	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
Wed 18	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 19.30: Spiritual not Religious learning session upstairs at The White Swan
Thu 19	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 21	11.30: Messy Church at St Richard's <i>until 14.00</i>
Sun 22	10.00: Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday at St Thomas' 10.00: Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday at St Luke's <i>Followed by Bible Study</i> 11.45: Lent Group at St Thomas'



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 5th

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

Monday April 6th

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

Tuesday April 7th

7.00pm: Agape Eucharist at St Thomas'

a meal of love with Holy Communion

Wednesday April 8th

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

Maundy Thursday April 9th

8.00pm: Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

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

Good Friday April 10th

1.00pm: Good Friday Liturgy St Luke's

2.45pm: Good Friday Reflection at St Thomas'

Holy Saturday April 11th

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

Easter Sunday April 12th

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.

You can also receive an email with a link to the newsletter each week. Request a copy from 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.

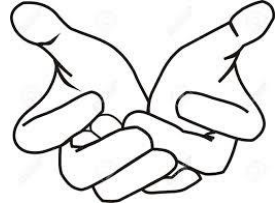
Safeguarding

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 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.