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confidently

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isolated groups

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our community

# CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Sunday 4 August 2019  
Proper 13

*Today's Preacher and Celebrant:*

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

**St Thomas':** Revd Liz Newman

*Today's Readings:*

**First Reading:** Hosea 11.1-11

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3.1-11

**Gospel:** Luke 12.13-21



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## Diary this week:

<b>Sun 4</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Luke's
<b>Mon 5</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Tue 6</b>	<i>NB: No Morning Prayer today</i> 10.00: <b>Tuesday Group</b> at St Thomas' <i>includes The Julian Corner</i> <i>NB: No Evening Prayer today</i>
<b>Wed 7</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 10.30: <b>Coffee Morning</b> at St Luke's 12.00: <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Thu 8</b>	08.30: <b>Morning Prayer</b> at St Luke's 17.30: <b>Evening Prayer</b> at St Thomas'
<b>Sun 11</b>	10.00: <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St Thomas' 10.00: <b>All Age Eucharist</b> at St Luke's 12.00: <b>Baptism</b> of baby Savannah at St Luke's 14.30: <b>Service</b> at Time Court Care Home 17.00: <b>Prayer Meeting</b> at St Richard's



### Thought for the week

Before the service: Speak to God

During the service: Listen to God

After the service: Speak and Listen to each other

## **News and notices**

### **Thank you...**

... to Iris Ford, as she approaches that special birthday, for all she has contributed to St Thomas' over so many years and for her ongoing help and presence. And thanks Iris for the example you set us all in 'getting on with it' without complaint, even when your body doesn't obey orders!

### **Quiet at St Thomas'**

This month, St Thomas' PCC talked about how we can make the atmosphere in church more prayerful as people arrive, so we can all prepare ourselves for worship and leave our catching up with friends until after the service. Many people like to pray when they arrive at church, and they may be arriving with much on their mind that they need to bring to God. It's important we all respect this so we are able to prepare in a quiet setting.

This is what the PCC decided:

- Everyone who has a role in leading worship (clergy, lector, cross and book carrier) to arrive at church early enough to have all their tasks completed by 9.50am
- 9.50am the bell will ring and quiet reflective music will play while those leading the worship sit quietly in the choir pews
- 9.58am worship leader party go to the Nellie Raven room to pray and the service starts
- Sidespeople will give out books in the hall rather than in the church itself and use a low voice from 9.50am so everyone is encouraged to enter church quietly.
- After the service, let's make as much noise as we want as we share with each other over a cup of something.

**We will be introducing this system from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

### **Trip to the seaside**

Greenwich Carers Centre have their annual outing on Thursday 22nd August 2019, £20 per person leaving from John Wilson Street at 9.30am.

Destination Brighton!

To book your place please ring 0208 102 9654

## **PCC update from July**

In July, our PCC's discussed the following:

### **St Luke's:**

- We agreed in principle to the appointment of a Benefice Administrator and made a decision about recruitment once the budget is finalised
- We adopted Rob Simson as Parish Safeguarding Officer in addition to Rick Newman
- We decided to keep the first and last Sunday in October as Stewardship Sundays
- We adopted a Health and Safety Policy and appointed Rob Simson as Health and Safety Officer
- We voted to proceed with the plan for the new lighting scheme
- We set some financial guidelines for events and PCC spending
- We celebrated receiving a £2,000 grant for a benefice weekend away and a £1,500 grant to launch Friends of St Luke's, both from Southwark Diocese
- We heard about the new Discipleship Plan for our churches

### **St Thomas':**

- We appointed Helen Jakeways as Chair of the Finance, Buildings and Risk Committee
- We agreed in principle to the appointment of a Benefice Administrator and made a decision about recruitment once the budget is finalised
- We agreed to make applications for grants for a Benefice weekend away and to fund the Enquirer's Course
- We agreed to keep the first and last Sunday in October as Stewardship Sundays
- We decided to introduce a plan to encourage prayerful quietness before the service
- We adopted a Health and Safety Policy and appointed Jeffrey McKinson as Health and Safety Officer
- We heard about the new Discipleship Plan for our churches
- We celebrated receiving a £2,000 grant from RBG to install new gates and notice board

### **Holiday at Home**

St John's Blackheath at the Standard is running Holiday at Home for those who fancy fun, food and friendship on Thursdays in August. 0208 305 0520 for more information.

### **The Southwark Diocese Spirituality Day – To Be A Pilgrim**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 10.00 - 4.00 at Southwark Cathedral

Join us in Southwark Cathedral for a day conference of prayer and reflection. We will consider what it means to be a pilgrim on the Christian journey – in your heart, in your head or on your feet.

Keynote speakers: Dr Meg Warner, Old Testament scholar and Bishop Christopher, who has been Bishop of Southwark since 2011

With Workshops on - Meeting God through hospitality, using your daily commute as a time of encounter with God, Walking the labyrinth, Danced prayer, The experience of pilgrimage, Hearing God's call, Spiritual direction; a companion for the journey, , Walking the Camino, Stories about Spain's much-travelled Camino de Santiago de Compestela, How lovely on the mountains, A Bible exploration about feet and walking

All this will take place in the context of uplifting worship.

Prayer stations and a marketplace of stalls will be open throughout the day.

Tickets £8 in advance £10 on the door. Search the Southwark Diocese website or speak to Revd Liz

### **PCC Secretary for St Luke's**

Are you able to minute our monthly PCC meetings, send out agendas and other papers, bring correspondence from the diocese to the attention of the Rector and Churchwardens and prepare a report for the Annual Church meeting? This ESSENTIAL role at St Luke's is vacant and we need someone to take it on – guidance and training provided. So if you have those skills and would be prepared to help, please speak to Revd Liz or one of the Churchwardens.

### **Plants in the garden at St Luke's**

Thank you to everyone who has been watering the plants at St Luke's.

Please, if you are passing through The Village, can you stop off and water the new plants – particularly the hedging plants in the front churchyard by the side of Charlton Church Lane. Thank you.

### **Prayer Station at St Luke's**

The all-age prayer station at St Luke's currently has a them of 'Hope and Dreams.' Whether your age, why not stop and have a look?

### **Looking Ahead...**

On the afternoon of Sunday 15th September there will be an afternoon tea party at St Thomas'. More details to follow but everyone will be welcome.

### **Almshouse flat available**

There is a vacancy at St Luke's Almshouses in a bedsit with a kitchen diner and bathroom. The rent is £90 per week with water bill, own electric use and council tax to pay. Open to anyone over 55 with a connection to Charlton. Pets considered. Please contact Revd Liz or Rick Newman.

### **Situation vacant**

A person with a disability and who uses a wheelchair is looking for a new Personal Assistant (Carer) from September. 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.

### **Welcare Summer Fundraising Events**

Please support a Coffee Morning and sale in St Luke's churchyard on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August from 10am. Offers of cakes and help on the day would be much appreciated. Please speak to Joan Lake if you can do this.

The annual Sponsored Walk in the Park will be on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August in Charlton Park. Details and sponsorship forms are available from Peter Griffiths or Joan Lake. Several of our regular walkers are not available this year so we are keen to attract new blood. The full walk is 10km but participants will be seeking sponsorship for taking part rather than so much a kilometre so young or old please come and join us and help raise funds for a very worthy cause.

### **Wednesday Coffee Morning and Midday Eucharist at St Luke's**

These won't happen on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August

On 14<sup>th</sup> August the eucharist will be at 11.30am not noon.

### **Helping on Wednesday's**

We need YOU! To help with the coffee morning at St Luke's 10 - 12 and with hospitality at Rucksack Music at St Richard's 1 - 3. Both on Wednesdays. Speak to Revd Liz.

This doesn't have to be a weekly commitment, but please ask yourself if you can do this for your church.

### **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; Archbishop Justin; Our Mission Action Plan and for Joseph who leads the St Richard's Working Group and St Luke's Masterplan Group; From our Deanery we pray for Old Royal Naval College Greenwich;

**The World:** The Diocese of Manicaland; For all around the world who live with the effects of severe weather, including those in the UK flooded this week. That governments around the world will act seriously to address the climate emergency; Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his new Government. May God's love and healing power help heal the divisions in our country; We pray for the lands in which we were born - today we remember especially Sierra Leone, praying that peace and justice will reign there and that your church there will thrive.

**Our local community:** Windrush School; Greenwich Welcare; Oxleas House; Guiding Groups in Charlton; St Peter's Boxing Club

**Those celebrating their birthday or anniversary last week:**

**To be married:** We pray for Holly and Harrison as they prepare for their wedding.

**Baptism:** Baby Savannah to be baptized at St Luke's next week, her parents and godparents. We pray that she will discover for herself that she's precious in God's eyes.

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

**Year's Mind:** Lilian Wells; Sarah Nkata; Gwen Algar

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

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