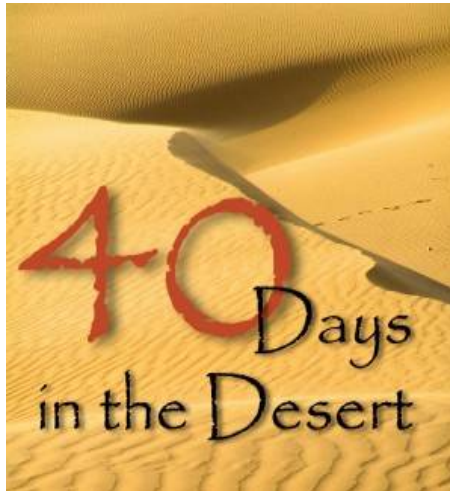




St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



Matthew 4:1

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness
to be tempted by the devil.

Services Sunday 5th March 2017

1st Sunday of Lent

St. Paul's

10.30am

United Holy Communion

Rev'd Trudie Wigley

This evening Alex Scott is at Bath Road Methodist Church
supporting the wider circuit

Welcome to the Dorcan Church.

If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.

Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.

What's on this week -		
Monday 6th March	2-4pm 4.00pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's Centre Management Committee, St Pauls
Tuesday 7th March	4.30pm 8.00pm	Finance Committee, St Pauls vestry Children and Young People's Sunday morning team meeting
Wednesday 8th March	AM 9.00am 9.00am 1.30am 7.30pm	Swindon Clergy Chapter Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Circuit Leadership, Lyneham
Thursday 9th March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
Friday 10th March	9.30am	Easter Cracker open training, St Tim's
Saturday 11th March	All day	"Marriage by design" at Christ Church

Building God's House – Update No.4:

The latest update of all the good things happening in *Building God's House* is available this weekend. Please make sure you receive your copy and take time to have a read of it.

There is much to be thankful for, and more to get ready for as together we are . . . Building God's House. If you have any queries or comments, please do speak to one of the Ministry team.

SERVICES Sunday 12th March 2017

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am All Age Service Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*, Teas: *Pam & Mari*, Sunday Club: *All Age Service*

4.00pm Informal Praise Rev'd Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Paul Tayler

For your prayers -

- For Amy and Michael, Josh and Amber, Georgina and Dave, three church family couples, attending a marriage preparation course this Saturday
- For ourselves as we start Lent, that we may examine ourselves and grow in holiness as we once again enter the passion story
- For preparations for Easter Cracked Open and the team who make it make it happen, and the schools which will come
- Those who are unwell, awaiting medical appointments or results, or anxious about the future.
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones.

It's your move.

Moving to THE senior school (key stage 3) can be rather a daunting experience, and as a church we go into our local schools to do a fun assembly, and leave some very helpful books to help with this. If you would like more details, and are interested in joining the team, please contact me. Diane 336420

EASTER CRACKED OPEN

The Training is at St Tim's on Fri. March 10th 9.30am. for both Teams. Abi is taking the Session, please let either Jo Bush or Margaret Hylton know if you are planning to come.

Dates for the various Schools will follow shortly.

Electoral Role - notice of revision:

Each year we are required to open the electoral role to revision before our Annual Meeting which is on Sunday 2nd April 2017. A notice has been placed at the door giving the legally required notice of 14 days before the window for revision opens on Sunday 12th March and then closes on Saturday 18th March. After this time the revised list will be displayed, as legally required, for the 14 days before our AGM.

If you are not on the electoral role and would like to be, or are not sure, please do speak with Barbara Wilcox our Electoral roll officer who will be able to help you (tel: 538695 / b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com).

By being on the electoral role it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan church, stand for Ecumenical Church Council and speak at the annual meeting, yet most importantly, it is a significant way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church. Do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.



**Flower Festival at St Timothy's
to celebrate the
40th Anniversary of the Church in Li-
den.**

Saturday 18th March 10am to 4pm
and Sunday 19th March 1pm to 4pm

All donations will go to
the Great Western Hospital
Brighter Futures Fund.

Contact Janette Causer
01793 618251 for further details.

Photos from 2016: If you have some favourite photos from the life of the church last year please could you email them to Jackie?
(dorcan.church.office@gmail.com) It would be good to share some of them at our upcoming AGM. Thank you.

A message from The Revd Wendy Tucker: I thought you might like to know that my ordination service (subject to District Probationer's Committee) will be on 25th June 2017 at St. Martin-in-the-Bullring Church in Birmingham at 4pm. I am not expecting that you will want or be able to come to this, but several friends have expressed a wish to know the details. At the least could I ask you to pray for me and for Nigel as we approach this next stage on the journey? The ordinations are ticketed so if you are thinking of coming you will need to apply for your tickets (details below) – I believe they go fairly quickly, so you would need to think about this soon.

'Tickets will be available for application via the Conference public online ticketing service on Monday 27th March 2017 (www.methodist.org.uk/conference). Please note that there is a limit of four tickets per applicant.'

Thank you so much for all the help, support, encouragement and prayers you have given to and for me up to this point – I am so very grateful to have been able to feel such care around me.

Wendy Tucker

KONCERT FOR KIBERIA SATURDAY 13th MAY ST PAUL'S

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED - A FANASTIC EVENING - DONT MISS IT

Crèche facility is now available in the Snug area for babies and young children.

Parents / carers are very welcome to bring their baby(ies) and young children into the creche during the service when the children and young people leave as announced by the minister in charge.

Please note that parents/carers will be required to fill out a registration / consent form for their child(ren) and to sign them into and out of the creche. Parents / carers are welcome to stay in creche with their child if they wish.

Would you please take your child to the toilet before bringing them into creche. If your child is unsettled, needs a nappy change or the toilet while in creche, a crèche leader / helper will come and inform you. Due to safeguarding parents/ carers will be required to see to their child's toileting needs.

THE REAL EASTER EGG

A Fairtrade Easter Egg which also tells the Easter Story.

Choose between the Original (£3.99) - A fresh new redesign, includes a 24 page Easter story activity book, a high quality milk chocolate egg (125g) and a Yummy Bar (25g)

Special Edition (8.50) - High quality milk chocolate egg (200g), an easter traditions booklet and an orange milk chocolate bar (80g)

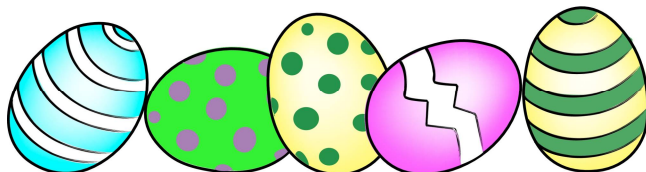
Dark (£5.50) Egg made from premium dark Fairtrade chocolate (155g) with a dark Yummy Bar (25g) and a 24 page Easter story activity book.

I will need orders **TODAY** please.

(Also available are a sharing box with 30 midi eggs and an Egg Hunt box with 6 midi eggs. For more information see me or the web site)

For more information see Nathalie or the web site

at www.realeasteregg.co.uk



LENT GROUPS

Groups start Monday 6th March. These will be weekly in five sessions for most groups, but every two weeks at one.

The Lent course this year is themed around our diocesan vision 'Creating connections' and leads participants to consider what it means to be a disciple connected to God, each other and our communities.

It is our prayer that, as we meet together in small groups across the Diocese to spend time exploring God's word through this resource, we would discover afresh what it means to be a follower of Christ bearing witness to His name.

If you want to sign up there is a list available at both Saint Timothy's and Saint Paul's. It outlines the existing groups who are all doing the lent course and the start dates, please put your name and contact number [with the group that you would like to attend](#). While we cannot guarantee you a slot in your choice we will do our best to accommodate you. Alternatively you can discuss with me.

Alex Scott - House Group Co-ordinator
Tel: 346507

Trying to read through the Bible? Do you use Bible Notes to help you?

In the next few weeks we will be putting out a few copies of 'Word for Today'. If you do not already use Bible Notes, this will be an opportunity to try them.

If you already do use Bible Notes then we welcome your feedback on how you find they help you in your walk of faith.

Alex Scott
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A Lenten reflection on Fasting and Feasting

Fast from judgment, Feast on compassion
Fast from greed, Feast on sharing
Fast from scarcity, Feast on abundance
Fast from fear, Feast on peace
Fast from lies, Feast on truth
Fast from gossip, Feast on Praise
Fast from apathy, Feast on engagement
Fast from discontent, Feast on gratitude
Fast from noise, Feast on silence
Fast from discouragement, Feast on hope
Fast from hatred, Feast on love
What will be your fast? What will be your feast

Rev. Ann Fontaine

Lent activity – 40acts:

In Messy church this month we explored generosity in the context of learning about the season of lent. The “take home” was a wallchart with highly practical and do-able ideas for 40 acts of generosity, one for each day of lent. Suggestions range from ideas such as “*tell someone what you like about them*” to “*giving some of your points on a loyalty card as a gift to someone*”.

The messy congregation will be following this over lent and invite you to join with them as we all journey towards Easter. There are ready-made packs of the Wallchart and other ideas at the back of the church and if we run out we can print some more.

Alternatively all the information is on the website 40acts.co.uk.

The Messy team

Future dates for the diary as at March 2017

1st March to 16th April

Lent course - Ministry team are recommending the diocesan "Creating Connections" Lent course which will be followed by house/cell groups, with additional new group(s).

More info in due course and from Alex Scott

18th/19th March

Flower Festival in celebration of 40th anniversary of the opening of St Timothy's.

10:30am Sunday 19th March service led by Revd Hilary Cooke

Sunday 2nd April 2017

United Service of Holy Communion at 10am followed by AGM at 11.15am

Wednesday 26th April 2017

"Creating Connections" Diocesan conference

30th April 2017

Sunday School for all - Exploring the theme of prayer. Does it work? Why is it sometimes difficult to do? And other tricky questions!

May-June 2017

"Giving in Grace" financial stewardship review, including exploring parables on generosity and an opportunity for us to review our giving

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Diocesan Visitation 7.30pm at Christ Church

Thursday 15th June 2017

7pm Confirmation for Dorcan and West Swindon Ecumenical Partnerships at Toothill Church

Tuesday 20th June 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Mark's

12th September 2017

Joint lay and clergy chapter

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at Liddington Village hall

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 9th March Tel 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail