



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

6th March 2016

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



*"Regardless of what else you put on, wear love.
It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it"*

Colossians 3:14

SERVICES - 6th March

St. Paul's

10.30am United Holy Communion Revd Trudie Wigley

In the service today, we are delighted to be commissioning all those who serve and care for us as church links.

During communion today there will be an opportunity to receive prayer. If you would like to receive this ministry, then after having come to the table, please come to the area to the left of the communion table where there will be a team offering confidential and personal prayer.

1.00pm Baptism Rev'd Trudie Wigley

We welcome the family and friends of Noah Rogers as he is baptised today

This morning Paul Tayler is at Stanton, Alex Scott at Christ Church Marlborough, Colin Parsons at Aldbourne and Andrew Wigley at Queen's Drive, supporting the wider Anglican and Methodist churches.

Readings Joshua 5: 9-12 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
6th March Psalm 32: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b - 32

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.

Church links:

In the service today, we are delighted to be commissioning all those who serve and care for us as church links. We have recently re-invigorated our pastoral care and each person has a named person who acts as a church link. Their role is to care for us in prayer and to look out if they don't see us for a while. If they are called on, they are also available as a listening ear.

We have worked hard on building a list of everyone's names and communicating who each person's church link person is, but if you are unsure then please do look at the sheets at the table at the back this morning and also have a word with Barbara Wilcox.

What's on this week - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 7th March	AM 2-4pm	Nythe Assembly Monday Club - Scrabble and Dominoes
Wednesday 9th March	AM 9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Clergy chapter at Wanborough Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's ECC St Tim's
Thursday 10th March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
Friday 11th March	AM	Covingham School, Easter Cracked open

SERVICES 13th March**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley and Paul Tayler
10.30am	All Age Service	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
Welcome: <i>Martin & Simone</i> , Teas: <i>Janice & Shanice</i> , Sunday Club: <i>All age Service</i>		
4.00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley And John Monaghan
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Prayers

Your prayers, for:

- Those for whom Mothering Sunday is a difficult time
- Our outreach to children and young people
- Those who work in the financial and economic centres of the world, that they might seek the common good
- For ourselves this Lent, that we might be a Mothering Community

Peter Fretwell:

It is with sadness we share that Peter died peacefully at home on 17th February. Peter's funeral will be on 17th March at 11am St Paul's, Covingham, followed by the committal at Kingsdown Crematorium. All are welcome as we meet to give thanks for Peter's life. Our prayers are with Dorothy, Stephen & Debra, and the family, at this difficult time. May Peter rest in peace and rise in glory.

Electoral Role – 14 days' notice of start of revision:

Each year we are required to open the electoral role to revision before our Annual Meeting which is on Sunday 24th April 2016. The window for revision is from 20th March to 3rd April 2016 and the revised role will be displayed in both churches for 14 days from Sunday 10th April.

Ahead of the opening for the revision of the roll 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 (538695).

By being on the electoral role it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan church, stand for ECC and speak at the annual meeting, as well as being an important way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church. Do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.



What's it all about? An opportunity to ask questions and learn about the Christian faith

We are looking to run some short and informal sessions in late April/early May to explore the Christian faith and give an opportunity to ask questions.

As a way of playing your part in the vision of Building God's house, please do prayerfully consider who you might encourage to join these sessions, and don't forget to ask them! Invitations are available at the back of the church with more information.

Open meeting - Monday 21st March 2pm @ St Pauls 50th Anniversary

Do you have some ideas, suggestions, thoughts about our
50th Anniversary celebrations
please come along and share at the open meeting.
For those unable to attend, please email, phone or speak to me
Diane 336420 diane.killick@Hotmail.co.uk

Here are some 'online' resource links for prayer and spiritual reflection

<http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/> – just click on the date, and listen. There is also an 'App' for mobile phones & devices.

<https://www.wordlive.org/173539.id#.VsWp3CfctQI> – Scripture Union; They can also send you a daily email.

<https://www.wordlive.org/Session> – online scripture union resource.

<http://thykingdom.co.uk/> - Online prayer initiative

<http://www.justpray.uk/> - there will be a lot more about this in the coming weeks; Remember the 'fuss' about the 'Lords Prayer' being shown in cinema recently. Click on this one NOW.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/> - Download, subscribe or listen online to the Weekly 'Podcast'. There is a lot here, Lent, Prayer +much more.

<http://www.sacredspace.ie/> - Daily prayer, plus 'App' available.

<http://www.justpray.uk/resources/apps/> - Apps and more Apps

Hope you find these useful. Stuart

Have you thought of being confirmed?

In July, we shall be joining our friends in Parks and Walcot for our ecumenical confirmations. Is confirmation something you might like to consider as part of your Christian journey? Or do you know someone you would like to encourage to think about taking this next step?

Please do think and pray about the possibility of confirmation, and if you would like to find out more and what it's all about then please do speak with any member of the ministry team.

We'd love to talk with you in confidence and explore further.

We have a number of books surplus to requirements on various Subjects: they will be in a box at St Paul's for perusal this Sunday, please have a look. *Diane*

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An evening with Stuart Townend – 19th April.

If you like the modern hymns such as “In Christ alone”, “How deep the father’s love” and “The Lord’s my shepherd (I will trust)” then this is an evening for you! Stuart Townend wrote these hymns, and on Tuesday 19th April, he will be visiting Swindon as a part of his Spring Tour.

He will be performing with his band at St. Joseph’s Catholic College, Swindon at 7.30pm on the 19th April.

Tickets are available from the Lighthouse Bookshop, Highworth, the Rainbow bookshop, Swindon, or to buy online (booking fees apply) - find the link at www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.co.uk. See you there!

Future Dates for the diary As at March 2016

Monday 14th March 2016

Eye of the Needle Lectures - New College - 7.30pm - Dr Michael Lloyd.
The Mission of the Church in a contemporary society. Facing the big challenges together”

Friday 18th March 2016

Archdeacon Triennial Inspection of St Paul’s (10am) and St Timothy’s (12:30pm)

Friday 15th April

Flame FM a ‘Question Time’ style debate 7pm
at The Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill, Swindon

Tuesday 19th April

An evening with Stuart Townend, (Performance, chat & Worship)
7pm, St. Joseph’s College, Ocotal Way, Swindon

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Sunday 24th April 2016

Dorcan Annual General Meeting

Saturday 16th May 2016

Safeguarding Leadership Training (SG2) at St Paul’s 10-4pm
For Churchwardens, LLMs, supervisors/leaders of children & young people’s work
or work with vulnerable adults. Booking via Diocesan office essential.

Wednesday 6th July 2016

Ecumenical Confirmations, St Johns, Parks & Walcot

Friday 16th-Sunday 18th September 2016

Dorcan church 50th anniversary weekend! Hold the date.



Building God's House - Practical matters

The latest update shared last month, talked of the practical matters that are important as part of supporting the vision of Building God's House.

We have worked hard on the publicity, yet are conscious of the great ideas shared about new notice-boards, a cross on the roof, improved signage at St Timothy's etc. A number of these suggestions were first shared many years ago, and have not come to life as no-one has been able to take them forward.

In this season of the life of Dorcan, are we able to make it happen? If you feel strongly about these things, and/or are able to offer some time and ideas, then might you be able to work with others and see these things happen?

Please do think and pray about this, and speak to any members of the min-

Leaflets and flyers for your information and to share with others, Facebook and Twitter!



Have you seen the increasing range of publicity available on the life and activities of this church?

We have a host of new leaflets on all kinds of things:

activities for children and families (Tiny Tots, Messy Church, all age worship), handy flyers on the month's services,

the upcoming enquirer's course etc. These are here for you, and to give to others so please do take some to give away. We also have a new Facebook page "Dorcan church notice board" which shares details of services and church-related information, so do go on there and like the page! And coming soon is Twitter. This is all good stuff and is part of improving our publicity which we said we would do as part of our vision of "Building God's house".



All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 10th March
Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)