



**St. Paul's, Covingham**  
**St. Timothy's, Liden**  
**Eldene Church**

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12th April, 2015

### **SERVICES - 12th April—1st Sunday after Easter**

#### **St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Revd Stuart Fisher and Paul Tayler
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler

#### **St. Tim's**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Colin Parsons
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#### **For your prayers this week-**

*Students & teachers* returning refreshed to their new term  
*All involved in the Election Campaign*, for truth and clarity  
*For all refugees*, especially those in Yemen

<b>Lectionary</b>	Acts 4: 32-35	1 John 1: 1-2
<b>Readings:</b>	Psalms 133	2 John 20: 19-31
12th April		

**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.**

<b>THIS WEEK</b>		
Monday 13th April	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship Group— Thorne Rd. Eldene
Tuesday 14th April	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Clergy Chapter at St. John's Cell Group— Fitzmaurice Cl. Covingham Men's Fellowship— Bryanston Way, Nythe Cluster meeting at Stratton St. Margaret's vicarage
Wednesday 15th April	9.00am 1.30pm 7.00pm  7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Election Hustings— North- St. Barnabas Church—Gorse Hill South—Emanuel URC, Old Town Cell Group— Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thursday 16th April	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Tim's (AW) Cell Group— White Edge Moor, Liden Deanery Synod at Gorse Hill. All invited.
Friday 17th April	9.30am 2-4pm 7.30pm	Training for Living Church, St. Paul's Friday Club at St. Paul's (with speaker) Cabaret & Supper Evening—St. Paul's

<b>SERVICES—19th April</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
<b>10.00am</b> (n.b. earlier time)	United Holy Communion	Rev'd A. Ward Jones Rev'd A. Wigley
Sunday Club: <i>Jo &amp; Helen</i> , Welcome: <i>Colleen &amp; friend</i> , Teas: <i>St. Tim's</i>		
After refreshments we continue with the Dorcan Church AGM. Please remember to bring along your AGM papers with you.		
4.00pm	Messy Church	Messy Church Group

**How is God calling you . . .** to express your faith through the life of the church? Could you help support the life of the church by joining the team of **Church Stewards**, or by being a representative **Member of Church Council**? Nominations for these positions are now sought; forms are now available in each centre and should be returned to Diane Killick or Viv Craig by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. This is an exciting time in the life of the Church; please consider prayerfully whether you might serve in one of these ways. Thank you.

**As some of you are aware** our son Nathan has been preparing for the possibility of going into the priesthood. He has now reached the stage of the selection panel and will be meeting them from the 13th to the 15th of April. Could we please ask you to remember him in your prayers. Many thanks Pete and Debbie Mulcock,

**Annual Congregational Meeting:**

Our annual congregational meeting is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April and will be held at 11:15 am, after our United Service with Holy Communion at St Paul's, which starts at the **earlier time of 10 am.**

Our preacher will be Revd A Ward Jones, Chair of the Bristol District of the Methodist Church. Please do make every effort to attend this important meeting as we give thanks for the life of our church during 2014, and look forward to the year ahead. With Messy church in the afternoon we will not be holding a shared lunch afterwards, but beforehand we will be treated to cakes and fruit to keep us going!

Papers are now available which include an agenda, annual reports and financial accounts for 2014. Please do read these ahead of the meeting as many people have contributed to the reports and they give a good outline of our activities.

**Informal Service:** Please note that the informal service will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month for April. Therefore it will not be held on Easter Day (5<sup>th</sup> April) as originally advertised but on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. It will take on a slightly different format next month and will be led by you! Diane Killick will be co-ordinating this service so please do share with her any poems, songs, reflections that you might like to include within this service.

**2016-2018 Diocesan Strategy and Bristol Diocesan Newsletter:** The latest edition of the Diocesan newsletter is now available and do pick up a copy today. There are some reflections on the visit from ++Justin Welby to the diocesan last September and having confidence in sharing our stories of God, as well as outlining the Diocesan strategy for 2016-2018. The strategy is a bold one, with the goal of addressing how we proclaim the good news of Jesus in THIS generation. It is a strategy that asks some challenging questions and with it will ask us whether we are prepared to make some challenging and radical changes to how "we do things". Whilst it is exciting, it is also a great step forward in faith. Moving the strategy from high level to what it make look like "on the ground" is currently being discussed at all levels in the diocese, and we have an opportunity to respond in a special meeting on Thursday April 16th at 7:30 at Gorse Hill. This is open to all and is a chance to have your say with Oliver Home, Diocesan Secretary. Please do prayerfully consider coming along and be an active part of planning and outreach for the next few years.



## **Cabaret & Supper Evening**

St Paul's Church Centre Friday 17th April 7.30  
Come along for an entertaining evening featuring

Rod Wheatley vocalist,

and have a go on the Karaoke mike.

Fish and chips provided, please bring your own drink

Tickets available from Diane K. 336420

£10.00 per person

### **“Par-TEA” Invite – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April:**

We have been invited by our friends at Morrisons to a Communi-TEA Party on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The event will be taking place between 9am-3pm and we are invited to drop in for tea and cake with funds raised going to Morrison's charity partner Sue Ryder. We have a good relationship with Morrisons and they regularly hire St Paul's centre for their staff training and it would be lovely if we could support them.

They ask us to RSVP with approximate numbers who may drop in, so if you would like to go please let Trudie Wigley know by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April who will respond on our behalf. Many thanks.

Reminder for **In School team members**—Living Church training Fri. April 17th at St.Pauls 9.30am. St Pauls team can come if they want to as we may or may not be doing it. If you help at St Tims it has changed slightly to include Pentecost.

We are pleased to announce that we are holding a **Summer Fete** - Sat. June 13th 2pm. Please see me or Di Killick if you have anything suitable for prizes or Toys, Bric a brac or anything choc for a Choc Tombola. Let your imagination run wild, not just choc to eat but biscuits, cake mixes, face packs look forward to seeing what turns up. We need lots of helpers for the usual stalls so please, please volunteer. Its not just to raise money but to bring our community into the Church. Margaret H. Tel 532849 or email raymarg@virginmedia.com

**Congratulations to Tilly Wale** on becoming Junior Vocal Champion at the Swindon Music Festival. We are very proud of you! Vybe

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)