



St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
13th March 2016

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



*"Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard,
anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.
The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume"*

John 12:3

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
4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'ds Trudie Wigley And John Monaghan
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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 - 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 14th March	AM 2-4pm 7.30pm	Liden School Easter Cracked Open at St Tims Monday Club - Scrabble and Dominoes SCT lecture "Mission in contemporary society" Dr Michael Lloyd, New College
Tuesday 15th March	PM 7.30pm	Eldene Easter Cracked Open at St Tims Men's Fellowship Group - 3 Wiseman Close - Easter- looking at the Easter Readings
Wednesday 16th March	9.00am 1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 17th March	9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Funeral of Peter Fretwell, St Paul's, followed by committal at Kingsdown crematorium. All are welcome.
Friday 18th March	10am-2pm 2-4pm	The Friday Club Archdeacon triennial inspection of St Paul's, and St Tims
Saturday 19th March	6-8pm	X:Site, St Paul's, Covingham

SERVICES 20th March

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

10.30am Morning Worship Barbara Wilcox

Welcome: , Teas:, Sunday Club:

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Easter Services leaflets –

please take one for you and one to give to someone else:

Flyers with information about our Easter services are available today.

Please do take these and pray about who you might invite to hear and learn about the greatest true story ever!

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.

Easter Cracked Open

We have wonderful links with our local Schools: over the last 2wks we have shared the Easter Story with over 200 Yr 5 children.

The Teachers work so hard, and as a small thank you, we like to take in Cakes at the end of Term, which are greatly appreciated.

Any contributions of cakes please bring next Sunday 20th.

Thanks as always. Margaret

The Friday Club

At our meeting this Friday (18th March) we have guest speaker Anna Pike who will be talking to us about Dementia Awareness. All Welcome.

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**

Friday 4th March 2016

Women's World Day of Prayer - service at St. Paul's 6pm

Saturday 5th March 2016

Training Day for Church-based youth & children's leaders, Highworth Methodist Church

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, Ocotol Way, Swindon

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Sunday 24th April 2016

Dorcan Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7th May 2016

Bristol Diocese Synod

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.

Saturday 10th September 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Saturday 24th September

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November

3Generate2016 - fun, faith and friendship for children & young people

3rd December 2016

Bristol Diocesan Synod

**Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral:
Thursday 24th March 10:30 (Maundy Thursday):**

Traditionally this service is when we share in the blessing of oils which are used in Christian initiation (e.g. baptisms) and for healing. However, this service is also a unique opportunity for us all to come and pray together, share at the Lord's table and for each of us to renew our commitment to the ministries to which each one of us have been called.

A number of the Ministry team are going, and this is open to everyone and it would be lovely if a group of us were able to go together. If you would like to come, then please let Trudie know so she can let the cathedral know numbers and also perhaps link people up with car lifts (326128).



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**

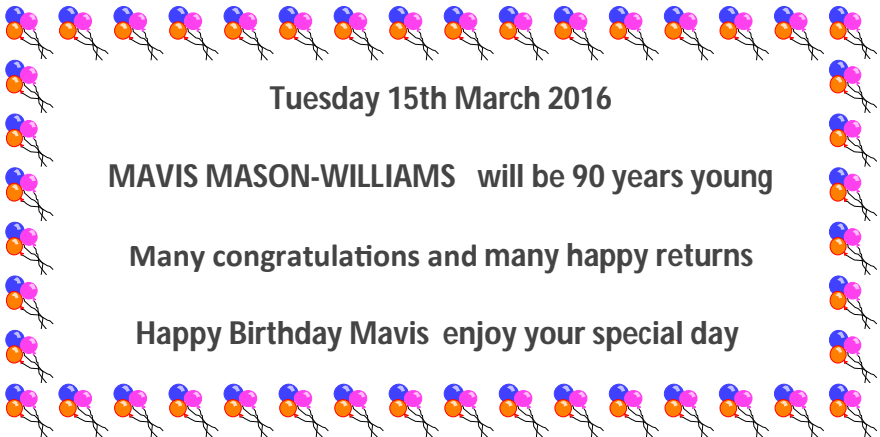
Do you have some ideas, suggestions, thoughts about our 50th Anniversary celebrations please come along and share at the open meeting.

For those unable to attend, please email, phone or speak to me
Diane 336420 diane.killick@hotmail.co.uk

Prayers

Your prayers, for:

- The situations and people surrounding the stories that will be in the news this coming week
- Peace and reconciliation in conflict areas of the world
- For those who support us in Methodist district, and in the CofE diocese at Hillside House
- For ourselves this Lent as we now journey from passion Sunday, and to the events of Holy Week.



Tuesday 15th March 2016

MAVIS MASON-WILLIAMS will be 90 years young

Many congratulations and many happy returns

Happy Birthday Mavis enjoy your special day

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.

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 ministry team if you feel this is something you feel called to take forward.

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 17th March
Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)