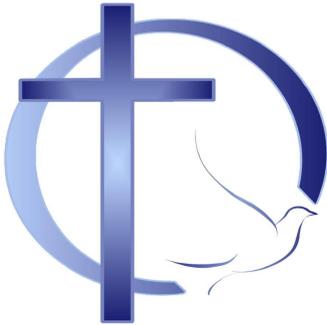




St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known



John 1:32

*"I saw the Spirit come down
like a dove from heaven and stay on him"*

Services Sunday 15th January 2017

Epiphany 2

St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

Today at St Paul's, we warmly welcome the friends and family of Teddy Scalon as he receives his candle following his recent baptism.

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

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 16th January	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 17th January	10.00am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Clergy Swindon chapter at St. Paul's Messy Church meeting, St. Paul's vestry Wedding prep, St Paul's vestry
Wednesday 18th January	8.45am 9.00am 1.30am 4.00pm	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Finance Committee, Merlin Way
Thursday 19th January	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
Friday 20th January	2.00pm	The Friday Club at St. Paul's
Saturday 21st January	6-8.00pm	X:Site at The Academy, Pinehurst

SERVICES Sunday 22nd January 2017 - Covenant Sunday

St. Paul's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*, Teas: *Pam & Mari*, Sunday Club: Nathalie & Niki

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

"Sunday School for all" - 29th January 10:30 at St Paul's:

Thank you for your positive feedback from our first "Sunday school for all" in October. This will now be a regular offering each quarter, and our next one is in 2 weeks' time on 29th January.

As part of early preparations for Lent our topic will be atonement - that is, how we are reconciled with God through Jesus, or as some might express it "how we are saved". We will be looking at some of the theological theories, but an important part will be thinking about the "so what" in how it shapes our faith, discipleship and how we share with others. And as you fed back, there will be more time for discussion and debate.

Please pray for all those preparing the material and supporting this gathering, and for each one of us as we explore this topic.

For your prayers -

- Our Licensed Lay Ministers who are currently attending their bi-annual conference in Torquay. That they will be filled and refreshed in their ministry.
- Dorcan Academy and head Sherryl Bareham as this new term is underway
- The USA as they prepare for the inauguration of their new President on Friday 20th January
- X:Site in their new location at the Academy, Pinehurst
- Gateway East as they launch a new gathering at Dorcan Academy
- Those who are unwell, or awaiting medical appointments or results.



A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who supported and helped make all the Christmas activities happen and run so smoothly. It was a full Christmas schedule and would not have happened without the hard work of so many of you, in many different ways.

The Christmas activities and services all went so well and we have had significant positive feedback and thanks from a broad range of people, including many from the community. Our services at both St Pauls and St Tim's saw attendance which we have not had for many years, and we now have the lovely challenge of thinking through how we more efficiently fit everyone in, and more comfortably!

What we have seen this Christmas is some of the fruit of our focus on "*Building God's House*" and more people than ever heard the greatest story of Jesus this Christmas. Thank you for your trust, commitment and pulling together as we continue working alongside God in what he is doing.

We approach 2017 with excitement for all that it may bring for us as God's church. With grateful thanks, as ever. *Trudie Wigley*

"Footsteps" As I have not received any bookings for this Holy Land trip, I will cancel it at the end of January. Thank you Paul

Saturday 4th Feb 7.30pm Jonathan Veira: Performing "Songs and Tales" at St. Mary's Church, Cheney Manor Road in support of Swindon Night Shelter, Tickets – suggested donation of £10 on the night.

Christmas offerings: Following our Christmas offerings, we are pleased to share that £230 has been sent to each of The Children's Society and Action for Children from the Christingle services, and £90 to Swindon Youth for Christ from the Carols by Candlelight. Thank you everyone!

Its Pantomime Time – oh yes it is!!

Staff from Thames Water return for their 20th Year. This time they are making a pantomime, about making a pantomime! Come and get a glimpse of a small village Women's Institute attempt at putting on their annual pantomime, Aladdin, with hilarious and disastrous consequences.

The Thamesville Women's Institute Theatrical Society (T.W.I.T.S) are staging their 20th Annual Pantomime. They bring in a big West End producer to make this the best show ever. Or so they think. In a village full of Ego's and idiots the version of Aladdin slowly comes together, then as they perform it quickly falls apart!

All proceeds from this years charity pantomime are going to Wateraid. Wateraid is an international organisation whose mission is to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalised people by improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Tickets are £10.00 from Jo Kirkland (email dougnjo@tesco.net) or £12 (plus £1 booking fee) direct from the Wyvern theatre.
Performances 27 and 28 January 2017, 7.30pm.

Thanks - *Jo Kirkland*

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 e.mail