



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



Services Sunday 19th February 2017

2nd Sunday before lent

St. Paul's

10.30am	All Age Worship	Led by The Big Mix Weekend team
4pm	Messy Church	The Team

St Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
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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 -

Monday 20th February	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 21st February	7.30pm	Ministry Team. Venue TBC.
Wednesday 22nd February	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 23rd February	9.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at Paul's Deanery synod at St Peter's, Penhill

SERVICES Sunday 26th February 2017

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

10.30am Morning Worship Barbara Wilcox

Welcome: *Anna & Brian*, Teas: *Rosemary & Amy*, Sunday Club: *Cathy & Niki*

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Paul Tayler

For your prayers -

- For refugees and unaccompanied children following the closure of the Child Refugees Dubs scheme, and our prayerful response to the crisis
- For our children and young people, and their leaders, especially after this weekend's "Big Mix" of fun and learning
- Those who are unwell, awaiting medical appointments or results, or anxious about the future.
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones

Thinking of joining a lent Group?

Groups Start Monday 6th March: they 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.

Group times

Monday 7.30-9.00pm Starting date 06/03/17

Wednesday 2 groups Day Time 10.45 -12.00 Starting date 08/03/17, evening 7.30 - 9.30pm Starting Date 08/03/17

Thursday 3 Groups Bi-weekly starts 16/02/17 evening, Weekly ones start 08/03/17 7.30-9.30pm

There may be another group date and venue yet to be defined, if you are not already in a group and are interested to sign up for a group approach me after Church Service at Saint Paul's this Sunday 19th February or 26th February or call me on 346507

Prayer basket: This is a reminder of the weekly prayer basket which is on the table at the entrance. If you would like someone to pray for you over the next week then please do write a prayer request and pop it in the basket. If you feel you can commit to praying for someone over the coming week then please do take one of the requests as you leave. Any remaining will be taken by the ministry team and prayed for.

St. Paul's Flooring and Partition Screen - update

Church Council met recently and agreed to proceed with a modern, hard-wearing, wood effect laminate flooring for the church and hall at St. Paul's. Formal approval from the Diocese is being sought, and plans are being made for the floor to be installed in the period June to August. You may recall that this had been the original choice of Church Council last year, before the possibility of a natural oak floor was explored at the recommendation of the Diocese. This latter option proved too costly for our insurance claim, and the Church Council gave unanimous approval to the choice of this laminate.

You will appreciate that this is a complex task, involving not just the removal of the existing floor, but also the removal of the organ, church furniture and radiators into storage and then re-installation. Our plan is to complete the hall section first, followed by the church, allowing us to have one of these spaces available for most of the period for use for church services as well as for community groups who use our building.

Plans are also being put in place to replace the partition screen with a 'movable wall' made up of 10 sections, and we are trying to arrange for this to be installed at the end of March/early April. Fuller details can be found in the copy of the report discussed at Church Council and which is now displayed in both churches. My thanks particularly to Tony and Diane for all their hard work on this, but also to others on Property, Finance and Centre Management Committees, and to Church Council. Please do speak to one of us if you have any further queries. Thank you. Andrew

Swindon College Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy Team at Swindon Further Education College (North Star) would like to expand its role and activities so that we can be a wider presence and support among staff and students at the college. Towards that aim, we are looking for more volunteers.

Typically, volunteers offer 2-3 hours a week at the college, though this is of course flexible and negotiable. If this is something you could offer and you might be interested in the role, or would be willing to consider exploring the possibility of joining this team please contact John Roe (Swindon College Chaplaincy Coordinator) Tel: 01793 430522 or Mobile: 07786 443810. If you are simply wondering just what is involved ask Stuart Fisher, who is part of the Chaplaincy team.

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

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 C. for further details.



Ash Wednesday: 1st March 7:30pm

We start Lent with this communion service, including ashing, at
St Timothy's at 7:30pm.

All are warmly welcome as we start our Lenten journey together.

Bishop Mike to retire:

The Rt. Revd Mike Hill, Bishop of Bristol, has announced his retirement with effect from 30 September 2017. Bishop Mike's final service will be at Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 23 September at 3.30pm. Please remember him and his family in your prayers, and for the diocese as we look to the future.

Thank you" for our parish share pledge: We have received a letter from Bristol Diocese which is on the notice board thanking us for our parish share commitment of £47,100. You will remember that in November we voted to make an offering in excess of that suggested in recognition that we would like to become a parish which financially supports other parishes in need, rather than ourselves being supported by others.

Thank you for stepping out in faith with this decision made by ECC and for your immense generosity at the November gift day which was an encouragement as we made this parish share commitment.

A COMPANION'S WAY – Spiritual Direction: If you feel that God may be calling you to be a "companion" to others on their Christian Pilgrimage or would like to develop your gifts in this area, then there is a 2-year training opportunity starting this October, with a taster day on Wednesday 15th March at Nympsfield. Posters and leaflets are available today and for more information contact giscourse@gmail.com

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 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

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

There will be a bake sale in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation after our United service on 5th March to mark Fairtrade Fortnight, (27th Feb to 12th March). Please could you bake lots of lovely things to sell at church that morning.

Please could you try and use at least one fairtrade ingredient in your bakes! Please let me know if you can bake for this, thanks Nathalie.

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.

Contact Jo or Margaret.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 23rd February 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