



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

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



THE TRANSFIGURATION

Services Sunday 26th February 2017
Sunday before Lent

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox

St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
---------	-----------------	-------------

Andrew and Trudie Wigley are on a Bristol Diocese weekend for clergy couples.

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 27th February	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 28th February	2.00pm 2.15pm	Finance Committee, 11 Merlin Way Funeral of Rita Collins at St Timothy's, followed by 3pm committal at Kingsdown
Wednesday 1st March	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am 7.30pm	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Ash Wednesday Communion, with Imposition of ashes - St. Timothy's
Thursday 2nd March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's (NB not at St Tim's)
Saturday 4th March	All day	Bristol Diocese Synod, West Swindon



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.

SERVICES Sunday 5th March 2017		
St. Paul's		
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Dennis & Joy</i> , Teas: <i>Hazel & Alison</i> , Sunday Club: <i>tbc</i>		

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers: my plan was to quietly be in and out of hospital following a recent procedure and be back before you all noticed. But the loving church family that you are, I was touched that when my planned one week recuperating was ordered to be two, you noticed I wasn't around! Thank you for your concern and prayers and I can assure that I am now well and it was good to return this past Monday.
With love. *Trudie*

For your prayers -

- For CofE general Synod following their challenging discussion and vote on human sexuality, and for wisdom for a new way forward
- For a safe travel back for those from Swindon deanery visiting our Uganda friends, including Tony and Jan Prichard
- For our children and young people, and their leaders, and giving thanks for the amazing Big Mix Weekend.
- Those who are unwell, awaiting medical appointments or results, or anxious about the future.
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones, particularly the family and friends of Rita Collins at this time

Electoral Role - notice of revision:

Each year we are required to open the electoral role to revision before our Annual Meeting which is on Sunday 2nd April 2017. A notice has been placed at the door giving the legally required notice of 14 days before the window for revision opens on Sunday 12th March and then closes on Saturday 18th March. After this time the revised list will be displayed, as legally required, for the 14 days before our AGM.

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 (tel: 538695 / b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com).

By being on the electoral role it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan church, stand for Ecumenical Church Council and speak at the annual meeting, yet most importantly, it is a significant way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church. Do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.

It's hard to believe that this time last week we were all camping at the Church for the **Big Mix weekend!** What an amazing weekend we all had. I would like to thank everyone who helped in some way to make the weekend a success, the bakers, the cooks, the leaders, the helpers, those that helped me with the admin!!, the people that keep the building up together and those who prayed for us, but also to the parents who allowed us the joy of having their children for the weekend because the children were amazing!!

Now who wants to come to Spree??? Deb.

Papers for Annual General Meeting:

At the beginning of February, an email was sent by our administrator, Jackie, asking leaders of our various activities to contribute short papers for inclusion in our annual report for 2016. If you have not received this, or feel that you should have been asked but don't seem to have been, please could you support those of us putting together this paperwork and contact Jackie in the office in the first instance? Thank you.

Due to the various supporting legal paperwork that also needs to be prepared, all of which needs noting or approving at ECC in mid- March, please could you send all reports you wish to be included to Jackie **this week** for inclusion?

Thank you for your support and help in preparing for the AGM in a timely manner.
Trudie Wigley

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.

Crèche facility is now 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 needs.

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.

LENT GROUPS

Groups start Monday 6th March. These 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.

If you want to sign up there is a list available at both Saint Timothy's and Saint Paul's. It outlines the existing groups who are all doing the lent course and the start dates, please put your name and contact number [with the group that you would like to attend](#). While we cannot guarantee you a slot in your choice we will do our best to accommodate you. Alternatively you can discuss with me.

Trying to read through the Bible?

Do you use Bible Notes to help you?

In the next few weeks we will be putting out a few copies of 'Word for Today'. If you do not already use Bible Notes, this will be an opportunity to try them.

If you already do use Bible Notes then we welcome your feedback on how you find they help you in your walk of faith.

Alex Scott
House Group Co-ordinator

Lent activity – 40acts:

In Messy church this month we explored generosity in the context of learning about the season of lent. The “take home” was a wallchart with highly practical and do-able ideas for 40 acts of generosity, one for each day of lent. Suggestions range from ideas such as “*tell someone what you like about them*” to “*giving some of your points on a loyalty card as a gift to someone*”.

The messy congregation will be following this over lent and invite you to join with them as we all journey towards Easter. There are ready-made packs of the Wallchart and other ideas at the back of the church and if we run out we can print some more.

Alternatively all the information is on the website 40acts.co.uk.

The Messy team

A message from The Revd Wendy Tucker: I thought you might like to know that my ordination service (subject to District Probationer’s Committee) will be on 25th June 2017 at St. Martin-in-the-Bullring Church in Birmingham at 4pm. I am not expecting that you will want or be able to come to this, but several friends have expressed a wish to know the details. At the least could I ask you to pray for me and for Nigel as we approach this next stage on the journey? The ordinations are ticketed so if you are thinking of coming you will need to apply for your tickets (details below) – I believe they go fairly quickly, so you would need to think about this soon.

‘Tickets will be available for application via the Conference public online ticketing service on Monday 27th march 2017 (www.methodist.org.uk/conference). Please note that there is a limit of four tickets per applicant.’

Thank you so much for all the help, support, encouragement and prayers you have given to and for me up to this point – I am so very grateful to have been able to feel such care around me.

Wendy Tucker

KONCERT FOR KIBERIA SATURDAY 13th MAY ST PAUL'S

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED - A FANASTIC EVENING - DONT MISS IT



**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. 618251 for
further details.

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.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 2nd March 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