



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



*"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you"*  
God as a comforting mother - Isaiah 66:13

**Services Sunday 26th March 2017**  
Mothering Sunday

**St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Stuart Fisher

**St. Tim's**

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

**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.**



-- Did you remember? Clocks went forward this morning!

### What's on this week -

Monday 27th March	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 28th March	9.30am 1.30pm	Eldene Easter Cracked Open, St Tim's Eldene Easter Cracked Open, St Tim's
Wednesday 29th March	9.00am 9.00am 12.30pm  1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Funeral of Vera O'Dowd, St Paul's, followed by committal at Kingsdown Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 30th March	9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Covingham school Easter Cracked Open

### SERVICES Sunday 2nd April 2017 - Passion Sunday

#### St. Paul's

**10.00am** United Holy Communion Rev'ds Trudie and  
Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Pam & Mari*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*., Sunday Club: *Nathalie & Helen*

Followed by our AGM at approximately 11.15.

**Photos from 2016:** If you have some favourite photos from the life of the church last year please could you email them to Jackie?

([dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)) It would be good to share some of them at our upcoming AGM. Thank you.

#### Tea, Toast & Talk Today

One of our team, Sam, has found paid employment and will be leaving us some-time in April. Would you like to 'taste' the toast and see if you would like to help us? (Sam volunteers every other week).

For more information you can ask the team Sam, Hazel, Helen or email [Elizabethpayne1006@hotmail.com](mailto:Elizabethpayne1006@hotmail.com) or turn up on the day and see if it is for you.

You will be made welcome.!



### **For your prayers -**

- The families and friends of those killed and injured in the London parliament terrorist attack
- Prayers of thanksgiving for those who mother us, and that we might be a mothering community
- Those for whom Mothering Sunday is a difficult time
- Our outreach to children and young people, especially Easter Cracked Open
- Those who are unwell, awaiting medical appointments or results, or anxious about the future.
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones, particularly thinking of the family and friends of Vera O'Dowd

**Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral Thursday 13th April 10:30** (Maundy Thursday): Traditionally this service is when we share in the blessing of oils which are used in Christian initiation (e.g. baptism) and healing. However, this service is also a unique opportunity for us all to come and pray together, share in the Lord's supper and for each of us to renew our commitment to the ministries to which we have been called to.

A number of the Ministry team are going, and if you would like to come too, then please contact Trudie so she can let the cathedral know numbers and also perhaps link people up with car lifts (326 128).

Nearly **£300** was donated last week towards replacing the **folding screen** at St. Paul's. Work on this is expected to start during April.

*Tony Prichard*

**The Flower Festival at St Timothy's** was a great success. Organisations from Liden and representatives from St Paul's produced some superb arrangements and displays. There were many visitors who came to enjoy the spectacular display in the church.

The donations for the Brighter Futures Appeal came to a magnificent total of £450. This appeal has reached 1.5 million of the 2.9 million target towards equipping a new radiotherapy centre in Swindon's Great Western Hospital.

Thank you to all those who helped with the displays, refreshments and the friendship that abounded over the whole weekend.

*Janette Causer*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**11:15 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

We are holding our annual general meeting on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April straight after the united service which will start at the **earlier time of 10am.**

**Standing for ECC:** Have you ever wondered how decisions are made which guide the direction of God's church in Dorcan? The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) is an important part of that decision making, and carries out a mixture of spiritual, legal, financial and missionary functions, and shares the responsibility of making certain decisions with the church leadership. It meets 6-8 times a year alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It is not a committee to be on to know what's going on, but a gathering that prays and works together for the benefit of the life, ministry and mission of the church. Nor is it a committee which "rubber stamps" decisions - over the last couple of years some bold and well discussed decisions have been made surrounded by prayer and made in faith.

**Would you like to use your gifts to serve on ECC** and can you attend the majority of meetings? Please do prayerfully consider whether this is something you might be a part of. If you need any further information then please speak to a Church warden, member of the ministry team, or current ECC member. Nomination forms are available in each centre.

**Electoral Role now updated.** Additions to the electoral role are now closed until after the annual general meeting. However, if you missed the deadline, fear not as you can be added to the role after 2<sup>nd</sup> April – therefore please do still give your forms to Barbara or to a steward. A list of the updated electoral role is available in each centre and please do check the list for your entry and highlight any errors or admission to Barbara. Thank you! (tel: 538695 / [b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com)).

**2016 Annual Report and draft financial accounts:** These reports are available either electronically via Jackie at the office ([dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)) or in printed form in both centres. Please do take the time to read these accounts - they are an encouraging read and a celebration of the scope of the ministry and mission of this church.

**All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by Thursday 30th March Tel 695698  
or e-mail [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
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