



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



*“My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
A light for revelation to the Gentiles
And for glory to your people Israel”
Luke 2:30-32*

Services 3rd February 2019 - Jesus is presented in the Temple. “Candlemass”

St. Paul's

10.30am United Holy Communion The Bishop of Bristol. +Viv Faull
Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*, Teas: *Sam & Janice*, Sunday Club: *Mary & Hazel*, Crèche: *tbc*

12.30pm-2pm Soup lunch as we explore the Holy Habits of
“Sharing Resources” and “Biblical Teaching”

A very warm welcome to Bishop Vivien Faull, the Bishop of Bristol.
We are delighted to have you with us this morning, and we also welcome
Rev.d Canon Professor Martin Gainsborough, +Viv's chaplain. Hello to you both!

**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 - next week -		
Tuesday 5th February	9.00am 10.00am 1.00pm 1.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul's Morning prayers at St. Tim's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy The Bible Course
Wednesday 6th February	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm 6-00- 7.30pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Mid-week kids club Blaze St Paul's centre
Thursday 7th February	9.30am 7.00-8pm 8.00-9pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Walking footie for over 65's, Dorcan Leisure Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Friday 8th February	1.00pm	Safeguarding team meeting in St. Paul's Vestry.

**Services - 10th February 2019
4th Sunday before Lent**

St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Rob Smith
10.30am	All Age Service	Rev'd Andrew Wigley,
Welcome: <i>Vybe & Ignite</i> , Teas: <i>Hazel & Pam</i> , Sunday All Age, Crèche: <i>None</i>		
4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Prayer	Colin Parsons

Help in the community centres: Thank you to everyone who has responded offering help in the centre in this time of transition following the resignation of the centre administrator and caretaker. It is appreciated and an encouragement – thank you! A larger team spreads the load so we are always looking for more support. If that's you then please do speak to any member of the standing committee – Diane Killick, Tony Prichard, John Davidson, Viv Craig, Trudie Wigley, Andrew Wigley – they will only be pleased to hear from you! Thank you.

**Praying together as God's Church
Loads of opportunities - come and join us!**

Weekly prayer each Tuesday at 9am, St. Paul's

This is an opportunity for us to come together as a church for 45-50mins to pray for the community, others, ourselves and the world, and to read the Bible together. We are reading 1&2 Samuel and will resume our reading next week. This is a great way to start the day and to grow in our discipleship and corporate and personal prayer life, so we do hope that you will come if you are able.

Fortnightly prayer on Tuesdays at 10am, St Tim's

This is an opportunity to come together to pray particularly for St Tim's and where God is leading us in the local community, given all the exciting things that are happening, particularly during the week. Watch out in the notices for dates.

Prayer board and basket at St. Paul's

Don't forget to add your prayers, and prayers answered, to the board. Also, the prayer basket is by the door for you to write a prayer and for any of us to pick it up and commit to pray for over the next week. Happy praying!

Dorcan prayer day Tuesday 12th February, Legge House.

Prayer day at Legge House, Wroughton, 9:30-3:30pm. Please come!
See notice or Rob Smith for more info.

Dear friends,

The funeral for Tom Hogg will take place on Wednesday 13th February.

The cremation service will be at Kingsdown Crematorium at 11.15. This will be followed at 12 noon with a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Church, Covingham. Elizabeth invites you to attend either or both services, as you are able. There will be refreshments after the Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's.

Elizabeth would like to thank you again for your prayers, cards and condolences which continue to be a great comfort during this time. We will continue to pray for God's strength for Elizabeth and the family in the coming days.

Stuart Fisher

The Bible Course will start on Tuesday 5th February from 1.30 - 3.00pm. Times may be tweaked if necessary when we have met and decided the frequency. I will contact people direct with details of my address etc.

Sue Morgans

Electoral roll: Every six years we are required to draw up a completely new electoral roll. 2019 is such a year – lucky us! The formal legal letter is now displayed in both centres and new roll forms are available for you to take away. Many of these are named personally to you, so please look out for your letter and then complete the form and post into the boxes in both centres.

If there isn't one named for you then we are sorry! It is likely to be due to data protection guidelines, or that we just don't have your details, or that we've got it wrong! If so please do forgive us, and then pick up an unaddressed application and fill in. We'd love you to be part of the membership here at Dorcan!

Weekly diary dates – please let Jackie know of events!

dorcan.church.office@gmail.com Each week we try to capture dates for the following week and put them in the notices - this is so we can all pray and support the various areas of mission and ministry in the week, and to encourage us. There are various activities which are missed each week as we don't know about them, or dates/patterns of regular events change and this can cause confusion. If you are involved in an aspect of ministry and mission within the church, **in order to help with communication, please let Jackie know of events** - and if the pattern changes please let her know details (e.g. a regular group breaking of holidays). This could cover a wide range of activities from school assemblies to prayer groups, house groups to footie etc. We look forward to being able to share even more of the wonderful events which go on during the week!

Church Heating – please do NOT adjust the controls / switches

The church heating controls at St Paul's are not as simple as they might seem, and there may be unintended consequences if they are changed inappropriately. For example, a recent flick of a switch disabled the entire heating in the church, resulting in people who have hired the premises coming in the next day to a cold church with no heating, despite the timers having been set correctly. And this has happened on a number of previous occasions unfortunately.

The controls in other parts of the premises, eg the hall, are more straight forward, and regular users are familiar with how these work. But in the church itself, there are two thermostats and seven switches, and they all need to be set correctly. If you are in the church and concerned about the heating, or the fans on the radiators, please speak to the organiser of the event, who will either know what to do, or contact Tony, Diane or myself. We will produce a briefing for wardens / stewards and event organisers, but for the comfort of all our users, please do not adjust the controls and seek assistance instead. Thank you for your support. Andrew, on behalf of Church Centre Management.

Library – update on self-service access

ECC met in November with Dale Heenan and Diane Rendell from the Covingham Library Community Trust, and were given a demonstration of the newly-installed self-service access system at Liden Library. Dale and Diane gave very helpful responses to the wide-ranging questions raised by ECC members.

Following the demonstration, ECC met to discuss what had been learnt from the demonstration and from the answers provided. ECC agreed to support the self-service access initiative subject to a number of conditions (details in ECC minutes to follow), including a restriction that the self-service access system will not be used after 6pm until further discussion and agreement has been reached.

Diane Killick, with help from Tony Prichard and John Davidson, has agreed to take the lead on behalf of ECC, however this may be delayed due to how stretched we are with management of the centre at this time. A Faculty application will need to be approved, first by ECC, and then through the Diocesan DAC approvals process. All additional costs will be picked up by the Library Trust.



TINY TOTS

St. Paul's - Wednesday Mornings
St. Tim's - Wednesday early afternoons

Our Tiny Tots activities at both centres are stretched and we are looking for new members to the team to strength this ministry as we enter a new season.

At St Paul's you will know from last week's notices that Margaret and Ray Hylton have decided it is time to step down and we are grateful for their energy, co-ordination and commitment over the years. Additionally, a significant number of the team have already stepped down or will do so very soon. Tiny Tots has touched the lives of many children, parents and carers over the years and they will all be missed, yet we thank them for their ministry and commitment. It's been great - thank you!

At St Tim's, the team is also stretched due to a number of people being unavailable, and the team also needs to expand as this outreach is growing in numbers.

Tiny Tots in both centres is a core activity in the mission and ministry of God's church here in Dorcan. If we are to continue, we need more team members. **Please could you prayerfully consider whether that person might be you, or whether you need to nudge someone to consider this ministry?** Perhaps your gift is nattering to the carers who come, or making refreshments, or being creatively crafty on the activity table – or maybe all of the above! Whatever it is there is plenty of room for everyone, however regularly you may be able to help.

The mums, dads and carers at Tiny Tots are keen to see Tiny Tots grow and strengthen even further and they themselves have some great ideas. **Are you excited about the future and feeling this is something you want to be a part of?** If so, please contact Rob, Trudie or Elizabeth Payne. In a few weeks we will have a gathering to start planning together across the two centres so please watch this space. In the meantime, please commit this to prayer. Thank you.

Trudie

And we are sorry that **Mavis** is leaving Tiny Tots at St. Paul's next week, after 33 years of service. Thank you Mavis from all the leaders, parents, carers and especially the children !. You will be sadly missed.

Love from us all, Margaret & Ray. x

Dates for your diary as at February 2019

Sunday 24th March 2019

Sunday School for All - 10.30am St. Paul's

Sunday 7th April 2019

10.00am United Service with Communion
Followed by the Annual General Meeting at 11.30am

Sunday 28th April 2019

10.30am St. Paul's
Guest - Dave Clarke from Swindon Youth for Christ

Sunday 12th May 2019

3.30pm Ecumenical Confirmation at Purton

Saturday 22nd June 2019

2nd Covingham Beer Festival

Sunday 22nd September 2019

9.30am Start of Swindon Marathon !
No morning services
4pm United Communion at St. Paul's

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 6th February**. Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email