



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



How can we offer hope to the people of Kibera?

Services - 4th February 2018
2nd Sunday before Lent

St. Paul's

From 9.30am Breakfast with the Obiti family

10.30am United Morning Worship Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Joan & Jean*, Sunday Club: *tbc*, Creche, *Sam & Jo*

TODAY - Breakfast will be served by Ignite from 9.30am - Bacon/Egg rolls, pastries, fruit etc. will be available. Donations for Turning Point Trust. Please come along and get to know our new Turning Point links, and support our young people and the representatives from the Turning Point Trust.

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 -		
Monday 5th February	3.00pm	Funeral of Dorothy Bamford at Kingsdown Crematorium
Tuesday 6th February	9-9.45am Lunchtime	Morning Prayer, St Paul's Dorcan Academy Christian Union
Wednesday 7th February	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 8th February	9.30am 8-9.00pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger

Services - 11th February 2018
1st Sunday before Lent

St. Paul's		
08.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	All Age Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
4.00pm	Informal Worship	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
Welcome: <i>Vybe/Ignite/Sunday Club</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy & Friends</i> , Creche, <i>None</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler

This week we are looking forward to welcoming **Emily and Moses Obiti**, and their children, from **Turning Point**.

So we can spend some time with them and also raise funds for Turning Point, our wonderful children and young people are serving breakfast from 9:30am before the United Service.

Please do come to get to know our new Turning point links and enjoy breakfast together.

Update on Beth - from Nathalie

I visited Beth on Saturday. Still very poorly obviously, but extremely pleased to see me. She is now conscious but can't talk and is extremely tired.

Thank you for your prayers, and please keep it up. They are obviously working.

The Big Mix 2018

19 of our young people have booked to go to Leatherhead Methodist Church (Hannah's Church) for the Big Mix 2018.

Could you please pray for the preparations, the leaders and mainly for the children that not only will they have a fun weekend but will meet with God as they discover more about His plans for them.

The weekend is being held from 16th to 18th Feb.

Sad Church Family News

*It is with sadness that we share the passing away
of two of our church family.*

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Dorothy Bamford passed away on New Year's Day.
Dorothy was a regular at Thursday morning worship
and will be sadly missed.

Her funeral will be at Kingsdown Crematorium
on Monday 5th February at 3pm.

Our prayers are with her son Kevin
and the rest of her family.

Leila Thwaites unexpectedly passed away
at home on 23rd December 2017.

Leila was an active member of St Tim's
before moving to be nearer her family in 2015.

Following her funeral this past week, a service of
Thanksgiving for her life will be held during the communion
service at St Timothy's on Sunday 18th February,
and her family will be attending.

Our prayers are with her son Gary, and the family.

Lifepath 2018.

Lifepath is for Yr.5 pupils to learn more about the
Christian faith and is held at Malmesbury Abbey.
Our local Covingham School has booked in to attend.
Ray and I have attended in the past and hope to be
involved this year.

The dates are Sun. June 24th, Training and Tea 4pm - 8pm,
Mon --Weds. 25th -27th 9am --3pm. You can do as much
or as little as you can manage.

If you want to know more please talk to me or contact
Abi 01793 977676 or abi@in-school.co.uk

Look forward to telling you all about it.

Tiny Tots St Tim's church

Helen has decided to step down from volunteering at Tiny Tots due to work commitments and study.

SoI am needing another pair of 'helping hands' to volunteer on Wednesdays in term time at the 1.30pm session - and volunteers finish about 3.15pm.

We are well covered in the refreshment/kitchen duties but not in the church and 'tidy up' at the end of the session.

Would you like to 'taste and see' if this is for you?
for more information contact the team (Elizabeth, Viv, Sarah, Diane Phillips, Tricia)

We will miss Helen.!

Next Bishop of Bristol:

Last year we had the opportunity to share our thoughts as to what we are looking for in the next Bishop of Bristol. ECC discussed this and fed back to the appointment committee, and additionally there was a consultation evening in Swindon to which a number of the Dorcan family attended. This has resulted in a "Statement of needs" being prepared.

This document can be found at

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/news/2018/01/11/statement-needs-published/> You are encouraged to take a read as it gives a snapshot of the Diocese and aspirations for the future. Please also pray for the appointments committee following their short-listing of 3 candidates who they will interview in March, and for the candidates as they discern God's call.

An announcement is expected in May.

Following the annual opening of the **Children's Society boxes**, I have banked the sum of £252.67 from the Dorcan Church.

If anyone is willing to have a box, please contact me, Brian Avery.

Easter Cracked Open at both centres is taking place the 2nd and 3rd week of March. Easter is early this year so not a lot of time to arrange, so please think about whether you can be part of the Dorcan School Teams.

Training is on Feb 23rd 9.30am at St. Pauls. If you have never helped before and would like to know more please see me or Jo Bush. Easter Cracked Open is a group session so if you don't feel you want to lead a part your help is really valuable. Look forward to hearing from you - Jo and I can't do it on our own.
Margaret 532849

**“Pastoral Reorganisation” of Dorcan Parish
- now agreed and implemented:**

In the Autumn we shared about a reorganisation of the Dorcan parish and there were notices in each centre entitled “*Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 – Draft pastoral Scheme*”. This proposal related to two changes: Firstly, a transfer of land to and from our neighbouring parish of Stratton St Margaret which related to small pockets of land (some with a few houses on) which are helpful to transfer in the light of the new Oakley Park estate and the course of the River Cole.

Secondly, the proposal was to “*terminate the team ministry in the benefice of Dorcan*”. This had nothing to do with how we work in practice (e.g. the ministry team of clergy and lay), but relates to a legal position that goes back to the days where it was envisaged there would be one incumbent priest for each of the four “villages” of Covingham, Liden and Eldene and Nythe, with one of those called a Team Rector with oversight responsibility and overall incumbent of the whole Dorcan parish. This makes no difference to the current resourcing at Dorcan benefice or how we currently work in practice.

This notice is one of courtesy following the legal notices last year, to advise you that the reorganisation is now in effect - albeit that it doesn't really change anything! Ho hum...

The **Link to Hope shoebox delivery diary** will be on the church website and the Dorcan friends page.

The total number of boxes Link to Hope took to Eastern Europe was, 43,966 boxes. The Dorcan church sent 165 boxes

Thank you for all who donated last year.

God bless you all

Paul Tayler

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 7th 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