



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

*Faith
without works
is dead
James 2:26*

Services - 6th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's

9.30am	Christian Aid Breakfast	Ignite
10.30am	Sunday School for all on James	Rev'd Trudie & Andrew Wigley & Rob Smith

Welcome: *Joan & John*, Teas: TBC,
Ignite: *Deb*, Sunday Club: *Mary & others*, Creche: *Margaret & Jo*

12.15pm Uganda sponsored bike ride arrives

4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
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St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
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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 next week -		
Tuesday 8th May	9-9.45am 10.00am Lunchtime 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayers - St. Paul's meeting room Morning Prayers - St. Tim's Dorcan Academy Christian Union Men's Fellowship Group - Ecklington, Liden Special ECC, St Tim's
Wednesday 9th May	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea & Toast, St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 10th May	9.30am 8-9.00pm	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Saturday 12th May	2.30pm	Church Family afternoon at Barbury castle, as part of #pledge2pray Meet at "Barbury Castle Car Park" on google maps

Services - 13th May - Sunday after Ascension Christian Aid week and Thy Kingdom Come		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Rob Smith & Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	All Age Worship	Neil Marshall
Welcome: <i>Vybe/Ignite/SC</i> , Teas: <i>Hazel & Alison</i> , Ignite: /Sunday Club:/Creche: <i>None</i>		
6.30pm	Archdeacon visitation	Ven. Christine Froude
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler



Ignite are

holding a

**breakfast
TODAY**

Sunday May 6th at 9.30am

in aid of Christian Aid.

Usual fayre of Bacon Rolls, pastries, fruit etc.

Please generously support us!

Amber and Deb

Last week's AGM:

Thank you for your support in attending the Dorcan Church AGM last Sunday. Electronic copies of the minutes from the meeting, the 2017 annual report and the leadership report have been emailed out, and hard copies are available today in both centres.

Our first meeting as an ECC has been brought forward to next week so next Sunday a list of those on ECC will be shared in the notices and will include those seeking co-option at our next meeting

Gift Day Offering - a MASSIVE thank you.

Our offering totaled £1,475 for which we give thanks. This is a great encouragement and will support the whole church, and enables us to both maintain, and further develop the mission of church across both centres.

So a big thank you for your offering in recognition of God's faithfulness and generosity which supports His church in this place.
Thank you!

As mentioned at our AGM our grateful thanks to everyone who helps keep St. Paul's 'ticking'. Welcomers, Cleaners, Refreshment makers, Washing uppers, Readers, and Intercessionary prayers.

All such an important part of our Church, and we need MORE !!!

Please, prayerfully consider what you could do, and come and have a chat.

Diane

Christian Aid week:

This year we are supporting Christian Aid in two ways.

- *Breakfast 6th May at St Paul's 9:30:* Ahead of Sunday School for all, Ignite are hosting a breakfast and we are all invited! Come and join in for brekkie and fellowship from 9:30am and support Christian Aid at the same time!
- *Offering on 13th May:* At our services there will be opportunity to make a retiring offering for the work of Christian Aid.

With thanks for your support to Christian Aid

Archdeacon's visitation:

Each year in May the Archdeacon visits each Anglican deanery and formally admits Churchwardens to their legal office. This year St Paul's is hosting the service and this is being held next week – Sunday 13th May at 6:30pm.

Diane Killick was elected as the Churchwarden for The Dorcan Church so please do come and support and encourage her as she takes up this office for another year.

It is also Archdeacon Christine's last visitation before her retirement in September. We look forward to welcoming the deanery to Dorcan Church at St Paul's.



Join the

Global Wave

**of Prayer
10-20th May 2018
Ascension to Pentecostv**

This is a fast-growing yearly wave of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost, encouraging Christians around the world to pray as one for people to know Jesus Christ.

The website at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> is full of different ideas for individuals, churches and groups to pray and at Dorcan we are again joining in with this wave of prayer. Here's how, so do come and join us !

**Saturday 12th May 2:30pm Church family afternoon
at Barbury Castle**

Come and join together as the Dorcan church family at Barbury castle for fun together and a time of prayer for our town as we overlook our home of Swindon from the hill. Come with your kites, outdoor games, dogs, cakes to share and hot flasks ! Meet in the car park. This is marked on Google Maps under "Barbury Castle Car Park" (not Barbury Castle - you'll end up in the wrong place!)

Tuesday 15th May 9am Morning Prayer at St Paul's Come and join us for our regular weekly prayers.

Sunday 20th May 4pm Messy Church at St Paul's We will be exploring what prayer is and different ways to pray. Come and join us for some fun and creative ideas as we explore prayer followed by fellowship over supper.

#Pledge2Pray

Confirmation - have you thought of being confirmed?

On Sunday 17th June at 4pm, we shall be hosting the ecumenical confirmation service, and our friends from the West Swindon Partnership will be joining us. Confirmation is an important part in our Christian journey and can take on a different significance to different people – for some confirmation is a way of affirming their faith for themselves which was promised on their behalf when they were baptized as infants; for others it is part of the process of baptism when older; for some they approach it as the time they would like to start sharing in communion, and for others it marks their commitment to membership of the church and particularly denomination. And for many people it is a combination of all these and more!

Is confirmation something you might like to consider as part of your Christian journey?

Or do you know someone you would like to encourage to think about taking this next step? Please do think and pray about the possibility of confirmation, and if you would like to find out more and what it's all about then please do speak with any member of the ministry team.

We'd love to talk with you in confidence and explore further.

Trudie

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 9th May**. Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

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