



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



*See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.
(Isaiah 43:19)*

Services 7th April 2019 - 5th Sunday in Lent - Passion Sunday

St.Pauls

10.00am United Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley
(NB earlier time)
"Tea & Praise" style

Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Sam & Janice*, Sunday Club: *Nathalie & Helen*,
Crèche: *Nicki & Niki*.

11.30am Annual General Meeting

**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 9th April	9.00am 1.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul's Bible Course Session 8 Lent Group at Blakeney Ave Men's Fellowship Group - Hatherley Road
Wednesday 10th April		N.B. Easter break for Tea & Toast, Tiny Tots and Mid-week children's clubs
Thursday 11th April	9.30am 8.00-9pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger

Services - 14th April 2019 Palm Sunday

We are preparing to do something a little different this year.

We have a united service next week at St. Paul's and are planning the following:

9.15am Continental Breakfast

10.00am A short time of worship at St Pauls then a walk to Covingham Square
where we will continue in worship, coming back to St Paul's at

11.00am Sharing in communion and hearing the story of The Passion

This will be a special time together as we start Holy week and follow our Lord's journey to the cross and glorious resurrection. We hope you can make it and if you have any green branches/pampas grasses etc. from the garden then do please bring them for our walk!

4.00pm Messy Church

The Team !

Reports from Bristol Diocese:

Two reports from the diocese have been sent around electronically and paper copies are available in both centres.

These are helpful documents, sharing news of the work in the Bristol diocese of which we are a part.

Do take a read and be encouraged by all that is going on.

Holy week and Easter services:

Do pick up a flyer today detailing our Easter services. Is there someone you could give one to and invite them along to hear the story of our Lord?

Ray and Margaret Hylton:

As we come to the end of this term, Ray and Margaret are stepping down from Tiny Tots and in:School and we extend MASSIVE thanks to them for their ministry and hard work over many, many years. These important activities have touched and connected with the lives of countless youngsters (many of whom are now all grown up!) as well as their families.

They will be hugely missed and we are grateful for their commitment, hard work and love.

On behalf of Dorcan Church we thank you both.

Tiny Tots and in:School – going forward: Thank you to everyone who has committed to supporting these ministries going forward.

In:School: Thanks to Sue stepping up to co-ordinate, the team were able to offer Easter Cracked Open at St Paul's, and Jo and the team continued working hard at Tim's. Thank you for your work and commitment to running this outreach to our schools who thoroughly enjoy coming and hearing about the Easter story.

Tiny Tots: The response to the request for more helpers in Tiny Tots at both St Paul's and St Tim's has been overwhelming – thank you! At St Tim's, Elizabeth now has new team members to support this ministry in Liden, and at St Paul's with Brenda Fisher co-ordinating and many new helpers, we are able to continue this activity!

This is great news all round and builds on the foundations of the past, taking forward the work of Ray and Margaret in the years to come.

Thank you Dorcan church!

Easter Cracked Open

A huge THANK YOU to all who were involved in any way this year. We have such a privilege to share the truth about Easter in this way with children and staff in our community. Thank you to Margaret Hylton and Jo Bush for your support and encouragement Too. Sue

The knitted angels were a huge success at Christmas

and much appreciated by the community. Due to popular demand we are doing them again this year. and the earlier we start knitting the more we'll be able to distribute. . It's amazing what a small gesture can mean and local people were delighted with this gift from The Dorcan Church. If you would like to join in please ask Diane L., Maureen or Deb for a pattern if you need one. Happy knitting.



Community Centre Development Manager (CCDM): ECC are pleased to share the news this week that Chris Smith, CDDM at Christ Church, will be seconded to Dorcan for the next seven months with effect from 1st April. Chris is experienced in running and developing community centres, and we are grateful for Christ Church's generosity in releasing him for 12 hours a week to support us, and also to Chris himself who first explored this as a possibility.

Chris will have a wide remit, including continuing the work which was paused in December to review the use and staffing of both centres, developing our letting business further, ensuring policies, procedures and contracts are in place, overseeing/undertaking administration, co-ordinating the wonderful team of helpers, and a lot more.

This is a great gift to us at Dorcan and we look forward to Chris joining us. Later in the year, our longer term staffing needs will become clearer and we will look to recruit then, but in the meantime we extend our warm welcome and thanks to Chris.

Trudie

Have you thought of being confirmed?

On Sunday 12th May at 3:30pm, we shall be joining our Ecumenical friends from the West Swindon Partnership and Purton at St Mary's, Purton, for our annual confirmation service.

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 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

Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral Thursday 18th 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.

A number of the Ministry team are going, and if you would like to come too, then please contact Jackie by Wednesday 10th April so she can let the cathedral know numbers and also perhaps link people up with car lifts (Tel: 326 128).

“Forging Connections”: 9th May 7-9:30pm, Trinity Centre (Gateway Church), Stonehill Green (SN5 7AR): This is an opportunity to network with Christian organisations which provide services across Swindon, including NightShelter, SYFC, Willows etc. There will be a number of organizations there and this meeting – the first of Forging Connections – is to raise the profile and opportunities for Christians to volunteer, support each other and for churches to work more closely together.

If you are considering how your Christian faith might support charities in playing their part in sharing the Good News of Jesus then come along. There will be opportunities to talk to the various organizations about their work and connect with others across Swindon. For more information, please see poster.

Easter Eggs to support our friends in Parks and Walcot – for next Sunday:

Rev Linda Fletcher and the team are holding an Easter Egg hunt in their community – to connect and show love and care amongst whom they live and serve. For the hunt they need some Easter eggs (obvs!), yet have limited means. It would be good to bless Linda and the team so if you are able to support them in giving Easter Eggs please could you bring an egg or two next Sunday (Palm Sunday) and/or a donation? This will mean a lot to the team so thank you for considering.

SAVE THE DATE!:

Dorcan Church Holiday Club this year is from **Tuesday 30th July - Friday 2nd August** for children in school years 1-6 and it is called Mission Rescue!

Please save the date! we need lots of helpers and kids!

I promise you it will be great fun! - more info - see
Rev Rob



All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 10th April** Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email