



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



# LENT

## Services 10th March 2019 - 1st Sunday in Lent

### St. Pauls

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All Age Worship	Sue Morgans And Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Vybe/Ignite</i> , Teas: Sam & Janice, Sunday Club: <i>None</i> , Crèche: <i>None</i>		
4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Rev'd Trudie Wigley

### St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith
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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.**



*St Timothy's church will be welcoming Y5 children from the local schools for the **Easter Cracked Open** Sessions on the following dates:*

*Liden: Monday 11 March & Tuesday 12 March*

*Eldene: Monday 25 March & Tuesday 26 March*

*Please pray for the children, their teachers and the In: School team.*

*Jo Bush*

### **Tuesday morning prayers, St Paul's:**

We have been thinking ahead to what we would like to read next and with effect from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be looking at Romans – a nice easy book! In the meantime, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March we will be closing off our reading of 1&2 Samuel which we have been looking at for some months. These are great times together so if you're able to come please do join us.



**Tiny Tots:** Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest and commitment to supporting Tiny Tots in both centres. We are now moving forward in the teams, building on all the hard work and commitment by so many over the years.

It is a super outreach and we are grateful to everyone who has made it happen and will continue to make it happen over the years to come. More supporters make it all even easier so there is lots of room for everyone! Please do consider if you would like to come and join the team.

For more information please see Margaret, Elizabeth, Brenda Fisher, Rob or Trudie.

**Electoral roll:**

**PLEASE PLEASE COMPLETE NEW FORMS.**

**30 forms still need completing!**

If you haven't filled in your form then please do grab one and give to a steward or leave in the marked box. Thank you VERY much.

This is an important task we need to complete and gives a picture of who we are and the resources we need to continue as a vibrant and active church. Thank you!

**Urgent request.**

The wonderful band of **church cleaners** has reduced considerably and we require more willing hands.

Nothing strenuous, dusting, sweeping,  
and use of a vacuum cleaner.

If we get more helpers, it might only be  
once every 8 weeks!!

Do have a word if you can help  
Many thanks, Diane

PS The same applies to the **refreshment folk**,  
numbers are small,  
Please prayerfully consider if  
**YOU** could fit the bill.....

### **Have you thought of being confirmed?**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Last Sunday at St Paul's:** Thank you for your feedback and encouragement following "*Sunday School for All*" last week. It's clear from this initial learning that there is more to learn and explore, and a number of people have already indicated that they would like to attend another couple of sessions which was shared about last week. These gatherings will look at how we might identify what our spiritual gifts are, how we might use them in a way which complements our natural working, and in what areas we might use those gifts. At the current time we would envisage these gathering being between Easter and Pentecost so watch this space for further information and if you're interested please let Trudie or any member of the ministry team know!

**Feedback on Sunday School for All:** We would value your feedback as we continue to develop "*Sunday School for All*". There will be a questionnaire available this Sunday and your feedback on last Sunday and more generally would be of great help as we look to the future. Please grab one and fill it in to help us – it won't take long. Promise!

**St Timothy's:** the last couple of "*Sunday school for All*" topics have been shared in a subsequent Sunday morning service and we would like to offer to do this again. On 24<sup>th</sup> March Trudie is taking morning worship at St Tim's and will be sharing at that time. Look forward to seeing you there!

**Last week's breakfast – thank you!** A big thank you to Nathalie and the team for breakfast last week. It was a great turnout and it was good to be supporting Fairtrade and our local farmers and producers. We were all fed physically ahead of our learning at "*Sunday School for All*" so it was a super morning all round! Thank you!

***Youth Room up grade.***

*Can you spare a few pounds? As part of our continued work to maintain and improve St. Paul's we are currently planning to replace the floor in the youth room which has become cracked. This room is used for our youth groups and Kingfisher pre-school. The cost is estimated to be £3,000 and in order to secure some match funding we need to raise around half of that. Do you have an idea for a project that would help raise some of this? Individual donations are also welcome by cheque, cash or bank transfer. Please mark your donation 'Youth room Floor'*

*Tony Prichard (Treasurer)*

**25th Anniversary of the ordination of female priests –  
celebration service 17th March:**

In March 1994 the first female priests were ordained and Bristol diocese led the way being the first to ordain 32 new priests. This 25th anniversary is being celebrated at Bristol Cathedral on Sunday 17th March at 3:30pm and all are invited. If anyone would like to join me there is space in the car - Trudie

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 13th March**. Tel 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email**