



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



Biblical Teaching: Bible verse for May  
***<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
 teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;  
 and with gratitude in your hearts sing  
 psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.***  
 Colossians 3:16

**Services 12th May 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**St.Pauls**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Kevin Penfold
10.30am	All Age Worship	Neil Marshall
Welcome: <i>Joan &amp; John</i> , Teas: <i>Sam &amp; Janice</i> , Sunday Club/ Creche: <i>All age</i>		
4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

**St John's, Parks, SN3 2LG**

6.30pm	Archdeacon visitation	Admission of Diane Killick as Churchwarden
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**St. Tim's**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Kevin Penfold
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This morning Alex Scott is at Bath Road supporting the wider Methodist circuit.

**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.**

<b>What's on next week -</b>		
Monday 13th May	7.30pm	Ministry team at Merlin Way
Tuesday 14th May	9.00am 10.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers - St. Paul's Morning Prayers at St. Tim's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Men's Fellowship, Bryanston Way, Nythe
Wednesday 15th May	8.45am 9.00am 1.15pm 6.45pm 7.30pm	Tea & Toast at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Timothy's Mid-week Youth club at St Paul's ECC at St. Tim's
Thursday 16th May	9.30am 8.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Tim's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messenger. Messy Church Meeting Time/place TBC

<b>19th May - 4th Sunday of Easter</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Rob Smith
10.30am	Morning Worship With Baptism	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Hazel &amp; Janice</i> , Teas: <i>TBC</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Mary &amp; Hazel</i> , Creche: <i>None</i>		
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith

## **Spiritual gifts course – sign up sheet in both centres:**

We are offering a three session course of around 2 hours each exploring spiritual gifts:

- What are the gifts God has given you?
- How might you use those gifts?
- Where might you use your gifts?

Barbara Wilcox and Trudie Wigley will be facilitating the course and we will look at times to accommodate as many people as possible. Please put your name on the list and tick when you can make it and we will be in touch in a couple of weeks to confirm dates and dates. We are looking forward to being together and exploring the spirit's work in us all so do sign up!

## **What's your favourite Bible verse or story and why?**

At the 10:30am service at St Paul's on 19<sup>th</sup> May we have a baptism service and thought it would be encouraging to share some of our favourite Bible verses or stories in the service.

If you have a favourite bible verse or story which you are willing to share, then please do let me know – by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May please!

Thank you. *Trudie*

[rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk](mailto:rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk) and 01793 326128

**Kevin Penfold – on placement:**

Kevin is training as a Licensed Lay Minister and worships at Christ Church, Old Town. He will be on placement with us from 5<sup>th</sup> May until mid-June and we look forward to him being with us. Kevin will be leading worship, preaching and getting involved in the mission and ministry here at Dorcan so do say hello and get to know him!



**Children's and  
Youth Leaders  
Gathering**

Have you exhausted your  
Resources?

Come along to an evening  
of opportunity and resourcing..?!  
Monday 13th May at St. Paul's Church, Covingham  
7.30pm - 9.00pm  
Refreshments provided.

More info from Kath Smith - [kathsmith@swym.org.uk](mailto:kathsmith@swym.org.uk)

**Holy Habits – “Puddings and Ponderings evening”  
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 7pm, St Tims**

Following our last gathering of minds in February over soup lunch with +Viv, we agreed to meet in June for a puddings evening to touch base on our next two habits – July/August “breaking bread” and Sept/Oct “fellowship”.

More details nearer the time but until then don't forget to pop the date in your diary!

## Gift Day

**Gift Day:** Thank you for engaging and responding in generosity to the Gift Day last Sunday. Next week we will share our collective response as gifts are still kindly being received. If you would like to respond and haven't already done so here is how to do so:

*How to give:*

- Envelopes are available in each church today so please do pick one up – they have the words “Dorcan Church Gift Day” on the outside. These are different envelopes to those some of you will use for your regular giving. Inside each envelope will be a slip of paper which you are encouraged to complete if you are a tax payer so that Gift Aid can be claimed on your offering. Our treasurer, Tony Prichard, is the only person who is aware of our personal giving and only needs this information to enable him to claim gift aid which makes a huge difference to our income. All this information is kept in the strictest confidence by him.
- Electronic transfer - if you would usually make electronic transfers and would prefer to do that, then please could you make the bank reference as “Gift Day 2019
- Parish Giving Scheme – if you are a member of the direct debit scheme then it is very easy to make a one-off offering either online through your logon, or by phoning the scheme administrator.

God has been faithful and generous to us, and this is an opportunity to make a gift in recognition of this, and to support the mission and ministry of his church in Dorcan and in the wider community and church. In our financial stewardship we are all encouraged to “take responsibility, be generous and have faith” and this will look different for each one of us. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and we will share more next week.

DORCAN CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE  
PRESENT

# AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

To raise money for our transport to  
And general funds for our groups

Spree

22nd MAY - 6.00 PM  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

£3 A TICKET TO INCLUDE A DRINK AND  
NIBBLES - PLEASE BUY IN ADVANCE  
FROM DEBBIE MULCOCK

Please come and support the young people's fundraising

## **Weekly diary dates – please let Jackie know of events!**

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. Sometimes activities are missed because we don't know about them, or dates/patterns of regular events change and this can cause confusion.

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.

**Please send emails to [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)**

Many thanks, Jackie

## **The Bible Course - Explore the BIG story**



- The Bible Course is ideal for 1-2-1 coaching, small groups and larger gatherings and can be used anywhere from homes, work places or prisons. It can also be used by older youth groups, student groups and in churches. The course is accessible for people new to Christianity, ideal as a follow-on from courses like Alpha or for mature Christians wanting to increase their understanding of the Bible.
- Whether you're well versed in Scripture or just starting out on the journey, *The Bible Course offers a superb overview of the world's best-selling book.*

Some comments from a recent Bible course

- “Would recommend to new Christians as well as lifelong ones”
- “Narrators easy to listen to and informative”
- “Handbook comprehensive”
- “Interesting discussions in relaxed atmosphere”
- “Showed you can accomplish anything with faith”
- “Found course stimulating”
- “Explained the make up of the Bible clearly”
- “Encouraged me to read more of the Bible”
- “Made lots of connections”

The course is in 8 sessions and if you are interested in joining a small group please speak to Sue Morgans or give her a ring on on 617517.

Lots more detailed information can be found on the Bible Society Web Site.

### **Bible resources – ideas please!**

As we start exploring our next Holy Habit of “*Biblical teaching*” it would be good if we could all encourage each other in our personal Bible study and learning by sharing resources and things that have worked for us. The idea is to pool all our ideas and produce a leaflet signposting us to different material - however we will have nothing to share without your input.

Jackie Hancock, our administrator, will co-ordinate our input so please could you send to Jackie ideas of devotions, bible studies, apps etc. which you find useful ([dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com))

It would also be good to have examples of back copies of daily readers so people can flick through them – if you could put them in the vestry in the large envelope marked “biblical resources” that would be super please!

This is an ideal opportunity to encourage each other.

### **Confirmations: new date in the Autumn:**

Due to the number of youngsters looking to be confirmed from Dorcan church, +Viv has offered another time for a confirmation service, with St Paul’s hosting and this has been confirmed for **4pm Sunday 3rd November 2019**. This is great news and we give thanks for this possibility.

This will be a youth confirmation service, the first in the diocese and Methodist district, so is a particularly exciting time as our young people will be able to take a significant part in shaping the service themselves.

Please pray for all our youngsters in their faith journey and especially those thinking of making this next step, as well as their leaders who have nurtured them in their Christian faith.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 15th May** 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**