



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

*“Speak,
for your
servant is
listening!”
1 Samuel 3:10*

Services Sunday 14th January 2018
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

10.30am All Age Morning Worship Revd Rob Smith

Welcome: *Vybe/Ignite/Sunday Club*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*, Creche, *All age Service*

4.00pm NO SERVICE TODAY

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

Unfortunately, Andrew & Trudie are unwell, and we thank Stuart & Rob for their support to lead services

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.

Next week we are holding our **Covenant Service at both centres.**

This is an annual service from the richness of the Methodist tradition in which we celebrate all that God has done for us, and affirm that we give our lives and choices to God. The traditional Covenant prayer is a focus in the service and is printed below. It makes it very clear that this affirmation is a serious one that embraces the whole of our life, in all its parts. It is quite tough to say, and to really mean it especially in our culture where we tend to prize our ability to make decisions and choose our own path in life. It can feel very hard to give that up. But this prayer is like a love poem to God. It is about surrendering to God in love and joy.

Over the next week you are invited to reflect on the words of the Covenant prayer. Pray to God about those areas that particularly challenge you and be honest with Him about what you find difficult. Next week we will have the opportunity to stand together and re-affirm that we give our lives and service to God, both personally and as a church. May each of us sense God's promptings and peace as we prepare ourselves to make this prayer next Sunday

A covenant with God

I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you,
or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

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.*

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.

Her funeral will be in Kent at a date to be confirmed.

At a later date, arrangements will be made for a service of Thanksgiving
for her life at St Timothy's to which her family will attend.

We will share further information and details as soon as we are aware.

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

Hugh Reid passed away on Sunday 17th December.

Hugh was a part of the Dorcan Church family,
together with Phyllis.

Hugh's funeral will be at Kingsdown on

Monday 15th January 11:45am and all are welcome.

Our prayers are with Phyllis, and the family.

For your prayers – Rev'd Beth Brown:

Please continue to hold Beth in your prayers following a road
traffic accident on 23 December. She remains seriously unwell
in the John Radcliffe, Oxford, having had a number of
operations.

“A more positive update yesterday. A bit more response. Her
Consultant is not concerned by the speed (or lack) of recovery
as there is a long road ahead. She is grateful for cards and
prayers. The Woods continue but the direction she is headed is
the right one.” *(via Nathalie & Neil)*

We pray for a sense of peace and comfort, in the healing path
ahead.

**Come to breakfast with The Obitis!
Emily and Moses Obiti, Turning Point,
Sunday 4th February!**

The new UK mission partners for Turning Point are Emily and Moses Obiti and, together with their young children, they are coming to visit us in February and sharing during our united morning service.

So we can spend some time with them and also raise funds for Turning Point, our wonderful children and young people are serving breakfast before the United Service – thank you! More details on timing etc. in due course.

This is an ideal time to get to know the Obitis and also to raise funds for Turning Point so see you there!

**Epiphany Lunch and party last week
A big thank you to Deb and the team
from all our children and young people and
their families!**

Last week we had a super Epiphany lunch and party.
It was a fun time together
and a great way to start the new year.
Thank you Deb and to all our
wonderful Sunday Club and Ignite
leaders and helpers!

PARENTING TEENAGERS COURSE

As mentioned in an earlier notice, I am now qualified to run positive parenting courses designed by “Care for the Family”. I have had several requests for the teenage course, so this will be the next one on offer. Any parents or carers of teenagers or children soon to become teenagers are welcome .

The teenage years are a time of transition and can be challenging for both parents and teenagers. This course is all about helping parents do the best job they can and meet other parents facing similar challenges and share experiences. Topics covered include understanding your teenager, developing healthy self-esteem, strategies for coping when the going gets tough, navigating screen time, relationships and preparing them for the day you’re not there.

The course comprises 6 sessions which I hope to run starting in the middle of February at St Paul’s Church one evening a week from 7 – 9pm. I am not setting the day until I find out who would like to attend and know which day would be most popular, so if you would like to come, please email me and let me know your availability so that I can choose the best day for the majority. There is no charge for the course, but there is a very good parents manual to accompany it which costs £7.50. Please email me at jennypoole@virginmedia.com

Look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Poole

**Prayer evening –
Good News for Swindon (GN4S) –
THIS TUESDAY -16th January:**

Following the prayer evening at Dorcan Academy last summer to which a number of us went, another prayer evening is being held on Tuesday 16th January in West Swindon.

This is an opportunity to come together with other Christians and to pray for this town – the people, the communities and the churches who serve in this place.

It is being held on Tuesday 16th January 7pm for 7:30pm at Lydiard Millicent CofE primary school, Sn5 3LR. Unfortunately this clashes with our ECC gathering, yet it would be super if others were able to attend and represent Dorcan Church.

Thanks to all who joined in leading worship for our Carol service. Please watch this space for more regular opportunities to participate very soon..... *Sue*

An Evening of Song

A short evening of musical entertainment provided by

**Matilda Wale, Soprano
Shelley Morgan, Accompanist**

With special guests

Anoushka Morse, Recorder & Harry Apps, Tenor



Saturday 20th **January, 7.00pm**
Bath Road Methodist Church, SN1 4BA
Tickets (on door): £4pp

Donations from refreshments for Swindon Filling Station

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 17th January** - 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