



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



Services 17th March 2019 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

St. Pauls

10.30am Morning Worship

Rev'd Andrew Wigley

4.00pm Messy Church

The Team !

Welcome: *John & Joan* , Teas: *Cathy's Group*, Sunday Club: *Mary & Helen*, Crèche: *None*

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Bristol Cathedral

3.30pm Celebration of 25th anniversary of ordination of women to the priesthood.

Today Neil Marshall 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.**

On Tuesday this week it was the **25th anniversary of the ordination of women** to the priest hood within the Church of England and this afternoon there is a celebratory service at the cathedral to which all are invited.

Rev Trudie Wigley will be reflecting on the anniversary on BBC Wiltshire this Sunday morning, so tune into 103.5FM on the breakfast show at 7:20am.

What's on next week -		
Tuesday 19th March	9.00am 10.00am 1.00pm 1.30pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul's Morning Prayers at St. Tim's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Bible Course Session 5 Men's Fellowship Group - Hatherley Road
Wednesday 20th March	8.45am 9.00am 1.15pm 6.45 - 8.15	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Mid-week youth group at St. Paul's
Thursday 21st March	9.30am 8.00-9pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Friday 22nd March	9.30am	Easter Cracked Open Covingham School at St. Paul's

Services - 24th March 2019 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

10.30am Morning Worship Neil Marshall

Welcome: *Joy & Pauline*, Teas: *Jean & Joan*, Sunday Club: *Mary & Niki*,
Crèche: *Margaret & Judy*

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Theme: "Spiritual Gifts"

We will be sharing the material from the recent
Sunday School for All on spiritual gifts.

**Electoral roll: please please complete new forms.
LAST SUNDAY TODAY!**

This is the last Sunday for completing electoral role forms. If you haven't filled in your form then please do grab one and give to a steward or leave in the marked box. Or please get it to the office by Friday morning – 22nd March. 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! The new role will be available for inspection next Sunday.

Tuesday morning prayers, St Paul's:

Last Tuesday we finished 1&2 Samuel and looked back on our learning and shared the beautiful Song of Praise from King David. You'll find it in 2 Samuel 22 – have a read and as you do so give praise to our God.

*“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer
My God is my rock n whom I take refuge,
My shield and the horn of my salvation
He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior”
2Sam2b-3a*

From this Tuesday – 19th March – we will start looking at Romans – a nice easy book!

It is great to read the Bible out loud, share and then have an extended period of prayers so do join us and be filled and refreshed.

*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

Can anyone make use of a Piano ?

One of the ladies from the local walking group has a piano she would be very happy to donate to a good home. She would just want someone to come and collect it.

She owns a place in Spain and is away from this Friday and back on the 27th April.

She can still be contacted by email whilst she is away. Her name is Kate Walters and her email is katewalters8@gmail.com.

Chris Smith

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

St. Paul's Church will be hosting **Easter Cracked Open** on the following dates: -

Friday 22nd March - Covingham

Tuesday 26th March - Covingham

Friday 29th March - Nythe

If anyone would like to find out more - please let me know and come along for a taster session.

Sue Morgans

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)

'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*

Feedback on Sunday school for all (SS4A):

Following publication of the notices last week we decided not to ask for feedback on both the last *Sunday school for all* on spiritual gifts, and also SS4A in general. This was to avoid confusion, but of course, we managed to create confusion! Apologies.

Therefore, this week....**if you were at St Pauls for SS4A where we**

explored Spiritual Gifts, please pick up a questionnaire and help us evaluate that particularly session.

In due course, we will prepare a questionnaire for general feedback on Sunday school for all.

Tear Fund lent Appeal

Tear Fund help lots of people who live in the third world.

Young Children in Pakistan have only the rubbish strewn paths in the slums to play on which have a lot of harmful substances lying around the ground.

Please think about donating to Tear Fund before the 17th May to help transform lives. As all gifts to this appeal will be matched by the UK Government, up to £2 Million.

Your gift will go to where the need is greatest. Helping Haryali Hub waste recycling project. All match funding will be used by Tear Fund partners to set up waste recycling hubs in Pakistan's slums – transforming the lives of children. And employing people to recycle waste, including plastic and clear the slums of rubbish. This will lead to healthier, safer environment and strengthen the wellbeing of families from disease.

Please send your gifts to Tear fund calling 020 3906 3906, or donate and find out more at www.tearfund.org/doublegift.

Christine Parsons

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 20th March**. Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email