



St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*

Happy 40th Birthday St Timothy's!

We thank God for all He has done over the years, and continues to do

"The church exists primarily to offer worship to God, to proclaim his "Good News" to all, to serve people in their need. In His name and with His help we shall go on doing just that in this area and from this place!"

From the Dedication service of St Timothy's, Liden
20th March, 1977

Services Sunday 19th March 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent

St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship with group for children and young people Neil Marshall

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Celebration of 40th anniversary of opening of St Tim's with communion Rev'd Hilary Cooke

1-4pm Flower Festival

**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 this week -

Monday 20th March	2-4pm 7.30pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's Ministry team at Merlin Way
Wednesday 22nd March	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 23rd March	9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Timothy's Covingham school Easter Cracked Open

SERVICES Sunday 26th March 2017 Mothering Sunday

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
4.00pm		
Welcome: <i>Martin & Simone</i> , Teas: <i>Janice & Jan.,</i> Sunday Club: <i>Cathy & Nikki</i>		

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
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Flower Festival at St Timothy's to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Church in Li- den.

Saturday 18th March 10am to 4pm
and Sunday 19th March 1pm to 4pm

All donations will go to
the Great Western Hospital
Brighter Futures Fund.

Contact Janette C.
618251 for further details.



-- **Don't forget! Clocks go forward next Sunday morning.**

For your prayers -

- Thanksgivings for the church of St Timothy's, for its presence, ministry, outreach and the faithful worshipping community over the years. We pray for all that God continues to do in new ways as he leads into the future.
- For peace and trust in God in the uncertainty and changes in the world
- For Easter Cracked Open as it continues this week - for the team who make it make it happen, and the children from our local schools who will come
- For ourselves as we continue in Lent, that we will head to Jerusalem with our Lord
- Those who are unwell, awaiting medical appointments or results, or anxious about the future.
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones.

You will be pleased to know we shall very soon be able to start preparations for our **new screen**; however the final costing has exceeded our expectations.

If you feel able to assist with any contribution towards this, there are envelopes at the back of church for your donation, which shall be greatly received.

As many of you are aware our son Nathan is, at present, training for the Anglican priesthood. He moves to his first Parish, Stevenage in July and his Ordination is at St Albans on the morning of Sunday 2nd July.

Some of the congregation have already expressed an interest in attending and we are thinking about transport. If anyone else is wanting to attend could you please let either of us know as soon as possible as Nathan has to inform St Albans of numbers.

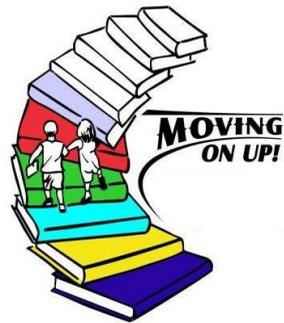
Once again thank you for your interest, support and prayers over the years for Nathan.

Pete and Debbie

It's your move.

Moving to THE senior school (key stage 3) can be rather a daunting experience, and as a church we go into our local schools to do a fun assembly, and leave some very helpful books to help with this. If you would like more details, and are interested in joining the team, please contact me.

Diane 336420



Building God's House – Update No.4:

The latest update of all the good things happening in *Building God's House* is available this weekend. Please make sure you receive your copy and take time to have a read of it.

There is much to be thankful for, and more to get ready for as together we are . . . Building God's House. If you have any queries or comments, please do speak to one of the Ministry team.

If you subscribe to one of our **regular giving schemes** you will have received a personal thankyou letter. To those whose giving is via the offertory plate I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Dorcan Church, for your financial contribution which makes it possible for us to continue the work and mission of the church.

For those of you who like to make a regular contribution we have been selected to be the pioneers of a direct debit scheme shortly to be introduced to the Diocese of Bristol. Called The Parish Giving Scheme it is already operating successfully in other dioceses. Details can be found at:www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk.

A reminder that if you pay income tax HMRC will top up your donation by 25% if you make a Gift Aid declaration. This is a significant help at no cost to you. Forms are available on the Church web-site www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/docs or from one of the wardens.

Later this year we will be looking at a programme called 'Giving with Grace'. In order to cultivate what St Paul calls the grace of giving we need to think carefully about all we receive from God and prayerfully review our giving.

Thank you again for your support and your commitment to giving. Regular giving enables us to plan and budget wisely to continue the work of the church and reach out to our community.

Tony Prichard
Treasurer

Envelope Giving Scheme

New envelopes are available this week for the new financial year. If you would like to join this scheme please see Brian Avery who has some spare sets.

Please dispose of any unused envelopes from previous years in your re-cycling bin.

Tony Prichard (Treasurer)

Dorcan Church Bank Account

Our cheques require two signatures but increasingly we are using bank transfers to pay our bills. In order to bring this into line with Charity Commission guidelines and good practice the Church Council have appointed John Davidson to approve our electronic transactions. If you have any questions about how this will work this please ask.
Tony Prichard (Treasurer)



Tea, Toast & Talk Today

One of our team, Sam, has found paid employment and will be leaving us sometime in April. Would you like to 'taste' the toast and see if you would like to help us?
(Sam volunteers every other week)

We meet on a Wednesday between 8.45-10.30am (term time only).

For more information you can ask the team Sam, Hazel, Helen or email Elizabethpayne1006@hotmail.com or turn up on the day and see if it is for you. You will be made welcome.!



Photos from 2016:

If you have some favourite photos from the life of the church last year please could you email them to Jackie?
(dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)

It would be good to share some of them at our upcoming AGM.

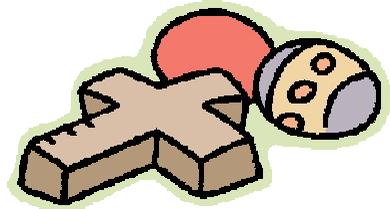
Thank you.

Dorcan In:school

We are again taking **cakes into the schools** at the end of term to thank the teachers for all they do. If you can make a cake, please let Margaret Hylton have them for Sunday 2nd April.

We are currently doing **Easter Cracked Open Sessions** at both centres. Please remember us in your prayers, especially on March 23rd, when the session will be filmed for the Diocese.

Thank you, *Margaret*



Auction

Many of you may know Brenda Johnson who is a member of Holy Family Church. A couple of years ago she visited Mongu in Africa and spent some time there helping in an orphanage. She is planning to go again, and has arranged to have an auction to raise money for the project.

This will be on Sunday April 2nd in the convent next to the Church in Marlowe Avenue at 3pm. Lots of things for sale - And can be viewed prior to the short auction.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11:15 Sunday 2nd April 2017

We are holding our annual general meeting on Sunday 2nd April straight after the united service which will start at the **earlier time of 10am**. Ahead of this, the annual written report is now available, so please either pick up a copy or request an electronic copy via Jackie at the office (dorcan.church.office@gmail.com) It is an encouraging read so please do look at it before the AGM.

Standing for ECC: Have you ever wondered how decisions are made which guide the direction of God's church in Dorcan? The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) is an important part of that decision making, and carries out a mixture of spiritual, legal, financial and missionary functions, and shares the responsibility of making certain decisions with the church leadership. It meets 6-8 times a year alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It is not a committee to be on to know what's going on, but a gathering that prays and works together for the benefit of the life, ministry and mission of the church. Nor is it a committee which "rubber stamps" decisions - over the last couple of years some bold and well discussed decisions have been made surrounded by prayer and made in faith.

Would you like to use your gifts to serve on ECC and can you attend the majority of meetings? Please do prayerfully consider whether this is something you might be a part of. If you need any further information then please speak to a Church warden, member of the ministry team, or current ECC member. Nomination forms are available in each centre.

Electoral Role now updated. Additions to the electoral role are now closed until after the annual general meeting. However, if you missed the deadline, fear not as you can be added to the role after 2nd April – therefore please do still give your forms to Barbara or to a steward. A list of the updated electoral role is available in each centre and please do check the list for your entry and highlight any errors or admission to Barbara. Thank you! (tel: 538695 / b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com).

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 23rd March 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