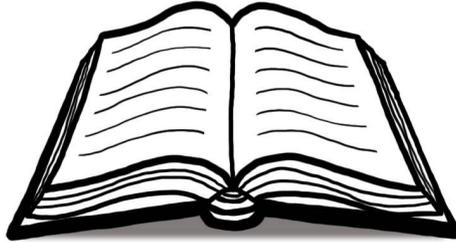




St. Paul's Covingham
 St. Timothy's, Liden
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*Transforming lives and communities
 Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



Biblical Teaching: Bible verse for May
 “***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 19th May 2019 - 4th Sunday of Easter		
St.Pauls		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Rob Smith
10.30am	Morning Worship with Baptism	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Hazel & Janice</i> , Teas: <i>TBC</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Mary & Hazel</i> , Creche: <i>None</i> We welcome the family and friends of Teddy Horsell as he is bought for baptism today.		
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith
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 next week -		
Tuesday 21st May	9.00am 1.00pm	Morning prayers - St. Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy
Wednesday 22nd May	8.45am 9.00am 1.15pm 6.00pm	Tea & Toast at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Timothy's An evening of entertainment at St Paul's presented by the young people
Thursday 23rd May	9.30am 8.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messengers.

Churchwarden's Prayer:

Last Sunday Diane Killick was admitted as Churchwarden and given her "charge" as an officer of the Bishop. Please do pray for Diane as she continues in her appointment for the next year. As part of the service we sang together the Churchwarden's prayer, the words of which are below. Whilst known as the "Churchwarden's prayer", it is a prayer for each one of us as we live out our discipleship.

The Churchwarden's Prayer

I will speak out for those who have no voices.

I will stand up for the rights of all the oppressed.

I will speak truth and justice.

I will defend the poor and needy.

I will speak out for those who have no choices.

I will cry out for those who live without love.

***I will show God's compassion to the crushed
and broken in spirit.***

I will lift up the weak in Jesus' name.

Amen.

26th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's

10.30am Sunday School for All Rev'd Rob Smith

Welcome: *TBC*, Teas: *TBC*, Sunday Club: *Deb, Hazel Helen*,
Creche: *Nicki & Anna*

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

'MEGA MAKERS HOLIDAY CLUB

TUESDAY 30TH JULY - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST - 10am -12:30pm

There will be a short meeting for everyone after the SS4A service on Sunday 26th May. Please stay on for it, it will only be around 20 minutes as Rob explains what we will be doing and how we need YOUR HELP!

Bible verses:

In both centres you will shortly see a new board with a title "bible verses" on it. Please do use this to post up some of your favourite Bible verses to encourage us all to let the word of god dwell richly in us. Cards, pegs and pens are available. This is a great way that we can "teach" one another.

Gift Day: Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this year's Gift Day. We raised £1337.00 to which we can add £158.75 Tax recovered through the Gift Aid Scheme. **This makes a total so far of £1,495,75.** In addition we have been pledged £600 towards an additional room divider to support our various activities and lettings. Thank you for your generosity and prayer and this giving will be used to further the mission and ministry of God's church here at Dorcan. It is not too late to add your donation and don't forget to ask for a Gift Aid Form if you pay Income Tax.

DORCAN CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE
PRESENT

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

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

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

St. Tim's Plant Sale and coffee morning was a great success last week. We would like to thank everyone for their support in all sorts of ways and can report that we raised £280. *Sarah.*

St Paul's Tiny Tots - Volunteers required

The group meets at 8:00am to set up and finishes around 11:15am. If you would like to help to just set up or to stay during the session I would love to hear from you. We have a small core of regular volunteers but no reserve to cover holidays or illness. Volunteers can opt to help as often as they like or could go on a reserve list.

Please pray for the success of this group that supports local families.
Brenda Fisher, tel.497169. mob. 07799 393845
email brendaf111@btinternet.com

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)

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.

Holy Habits – “Puddings and Ponderings evening”

- Tuesday 11th 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!

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!

ECC membership and elected position: Following our AGM in April and our first ECC meeting since, we are pleased to share the following members of ECC and those elected as stewards. Please pray for them in their responsibilities and leadership.



Membership of Ecumenical Church Council (2019-2020)

Elected Members (elected for a 3-year term)

Nicki Clinch	until 2020
John Davidson*	until 2022
Nathalie Marshall	until 2020
Peter Mulcock	until 2020
Sue Morgans	until 2020
Jenny Poole	until 2021
Chris Rose	until 2020
Alex Scott	until 2020
Clare Smith	until 2021
Janet Prichard	until 2022
Tony Prichard*	until 2020

*Also members of
Standing Committee

(3 vacancies)

Co-opted Members (co-opted for 1-year term)

Paul Tayler	until 2020
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Churchwarden (appointed on an annual basis)

Diane Killick*

Deanery Synod Representatives (elected for a 3-year term)

Viv Craig*	until 2020
Jenny Poole	until 2020

Ministers

Revd Trudie Wigley*
Revd Andrew Wigley*
Revd Stuart Fisher
Revd Rob Smith

ECC officers

Revd Trudie Wigley	Chair
Tony Prichard	Treasurer
Jackie Hancock	Acting ECC secretary (non-voting)

Other Appointments: (Church Stewards (appointed on an annual basis))

St. Paul's

Diane Killick (Senior Church Steward), John Davidson, Josh Mulcock, Chris Rose, Clare Rose, (1 vacancy)

St. Timothy's

(Vacant) (Senior Church Steward)
Viv Craig, Dianne Mills, Sarah Paterson

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.

Friends of Twigs - *BARN DANCE*

Friday 28 June, 7.30pm

At: St Paul's Community Centre, Covingham, SN3 5BY

LIVE MUSIC from The Marlborough Ceilidh Band

Bring your own food and drink

Tickets: £10 (children £5)

Available from 523294 or via contact@friendsoftwigs.org.uk

Friends of Twigs supports TWIGS

(Therapeutic Work In Gardening in Swindon)

and The Olive Tree Café

- two projects working to improve mental health in Swindon

Half Term Fun At Odey's Cafe

Liden Library - Wednesday 29th May

10.30am-12.30

£2.50 per child

Squash and cupcake

Colouring competition

Party game with prizes to be won

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

Anna Newman by **Wednesday 22nd May** Tel 695698

or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email