



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

20th March 2016

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



*'Blessed is the king
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven,
 and glory in the highest heaven!'*
 Luke 19:38

SERVICES 20th March

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
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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 - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 21st March	9.00am 2-4pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at St. Paul's Monday Club - Scrabble and Dominoes Dorcan 50th Anniversary ideas meeting at St. Paul's. All are welcome - bring your ideas Evening Prayer at St. Tim's
Tuesday 22nd March	9.00am 9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at St. Paul's Property Committee at St. Paul's Evening Prayer at St Tims Easter music & readings by the Corisande singers at Queens Drive Methodist
Wednesday 23rd March	9.00am 9.00am 1.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Covingham park KS1 assembly Evening Prayer at St. Tim's
Thursday 24th March	9.30am 10.30am 7.30pm	NO Holy Communion at St. Paul's Chrism Service at Bristol Cathedral Maundy Thursday communion at St Tims
Friday 25th March	10.00am 11.00am 2.00pm	All Age Good Friday Worship at St. Paul's Walk of Witness starting from St. Paul's The Last Hour at St. Tim's

SERVICES 27th March - Easter Day

St. Paul's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Anna & Brian*, Teas: *Rosemary & Amy*, Sunday Club: *No Sunday Club*

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd John Monaghan
& Alex Scott

Services this Holy Week:

Please take a leaflet with information about our Easter services and do pray about who you might invite to hear and learn about the greatest true story ever.

Additional services this Holy week include morning and evening prayer led by the ministry team, so do consider joining us as we journey through this Holy week together.

Prayers

Your prayers, for:

- The continuing refugee crisis
- For the world in such need of the Easter story
- For ourselves this Lent as we now journey together through the events of Holy Week

Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral: Thursday 24th March 10:30 (Maundy Thursday):

Traditionally this service is when we share in the blessing of oils which are used in Christian initiation (e.g. baptisms) and for healing. However, this service is also a unique opportunity for us all to come and pray together, share at the Lord's table and for each of us to renew our commitment to the ministries to which each one of us have been called to.

A number of the Ministry team are going, and this is open to everyone and it would be lovely if a group of us were able to go together. If you would like to come, then please let Trudie know so she can let the cathedral know numbers and also perhaps link people us with car lifts (326 128).

Visit from Dan Jones and Chris Priddy today:

Today you may see Dan Jones, the Diocesan youth and Children's Advisor, and Chris Priddy, head of Parish and External Relations, wandering around the building! They are here to observe and possibly film some of our children and young people's work in their classes this morning, as well as at Messy Church this afternoon. This is for a Diocesan publication that will be used to explore the Diocesan vision of "Creating Connections".

There are safeguarding procedures to be followed and parents and carers will be asked for their consent. It is perfectly fine to opt out of this if you would prefer - no-one will be filmed who doesn't want to be, and no-one will miss any of the groups if they opt out.

Many of us know Dan and Chris and we look forward to welcoming them.

**Future Dates for the diary
As at March 2016**

Friday 4th March 2016

Women's World Day of Prayer - service at St. Paul's 6pm

Saturday 5th March 2016

Training Day for Church-based youth & children's leaders, Highworth Methodist Church

Monday 14th March 2016

Eye of the Needle Lectures - New College - 7.30pm - Dr Michael Lloyd.

The Mission of the Church in a contemporary society. Facing the big challenges together"

Friday 18th March 2016

Archdeacon Triennial Inspection of St Paul's (10am) and St Timothy's (12:30pm)

Friday 15th April

Flame FM a 'Question Time' style debate 7pm
at The Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill, Swindon

Tuesday 19th April

An evening with Stuart Townend, (Performance, chat & Worship)
7pm, St. Joseph's College, Ocotol Way, Swindon

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Sunday 24th April 2016

Dorcan Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7th May 2016

Bristol Diocese Synod

Saturday 16th May 2016

Safeguarding Leadership Training (SG2) at St Paul's 10-4pm
For Churchwardens, LLMs, supervisors/leaders of children & young people's work
or work with vulnerable adults. Booking via Diocesan office essential.

Wednesday 6th July 2016

Ecumenical Confirmations, St Johns, Parks & Walcot

Friday 16th-Sunday 18th September 2016

Dorcan church 50th anniversary weekend! Hold the date.

Saturday 10th September 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Saturday 24th September

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November

3Generate2016 - fun, faith and friendship for children & young people

3rd December 2016

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Have you thought of being confirmed?

In July, we shall be joining our friends in Parks and Walcot for our ecumenical confirmations. 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.

Faith and politics - what is our response to the EU referendum?

The debate and conversations are gaining momentum as we come to the referendum in June. It can be a little confusing to pin-point the main issues, so the following websites may help as you consider and pray what your vote might be. The BBC provides a helpful "What you need to know" and can be found here:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-32810887>

There is also another website which aims to create a space for Christian debate on this issue, with arguments on both sides. This can be found at www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk. We pray for all our nation's leaders and ourselves as we come to this important vote.

Women's World prayer day service Friday 4th March

Thank you to all who attended and helped to make this an enjoyable evening and for the welcome and support at St. Paul's. The Total raised at the collection was an excellent £126.10.

Brenda Rutzler

Walk of Witness: Good Friday

On Good Friday members of the Dorcan Church will participate in a 'Walk of Witness' for our faith, sharing this with our community. It will start after the morning 10.00am All-Age service, leaving St Paul's church at 11.00am and walking to Morrisons Supermarket. There will be a time of worship (bible reading, reflection & prayers) at 'Morrisons' (in the car park, by main road entrance) and then we will return to St Paul's, finishing with a final (short) act of worship.

If you would like to participate, just be there, at St Paul's or Morrisons, all are welcome. If you do not feel able to walk and would like to join with us, but would prefer a lift to Morrisons please let me know and we will arrange something. May the Holy Spirit be with you as we begin Holy Week.

Stuart (Tel. 497169)



What's it all about? An opportunity to ask questions and learn about the Christian faith

We are looking to run some short and informal sessions in late April/early May to explore the Christian faith and give an opportunity to ask questions.

As a way of playing your part in the vision of Building God's house, **please do prayerfully consider who you might encourage to join these sessions**, and don't forget to ask them! Invitations are available at the back of the church with more information.

Open meeting - Monday 21st March 2pm @ St Pauls 50th Anniversary

Do you have some ideas, suggestions, thoughts about our 50th Anniversary celebrations please come along and share at the open meeting.

For those unable to attend, please email, phone or speak to me
Diane Tel: 336420

Electoral Role – 14 days’ notice of start of revision:

Each year we are required to open the electoral role to revision before our Annual Meeting which is on Sunday 24th April 2016. The window for revision is from 20th March to 3rd April 2016 and the revised role will be displayed in both churches for 14 days from Sunday 10th April.

Ahead of the opening for the revision of the roll if you are not on the electoral role and would like to be, or are not sure, please do speak with Barbara Wilcox our Electoral roll officer who will be able to help you (538695).

By being on the electoral role it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan church, stand for ECC and speak at the annual meeting, as well as being an important way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church. Do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.

Leaflets and flyers for your information and to share with others, Facebook and Twitter!



Have you seen the increasing range of publicity available on the life and activities of this church?

We have a host of new leaflets on all kinds of things: activities for children and families (Tiny Tots, Messy



Church, all age worship), handy flyers on the month’s services, the upcoming enquirer’s course etc. These are here for you, and to give to others so please do take some to give away. We also have a new Facebook page “Dorcan church notice board” which shares details of services and church-related information, so do go on there and like the page! And coming soon is Twitter. This is all good stuff and is part of improving our publicity which we said we would do as part of our vision of “Building God’s house”.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 24th March
Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)