



St. Paul's Covingham  
 St. Timothy's, Liden  
[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
 24th January 2016

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



*You are the body of Christ!  
 Each one of you is a part of it.*

**1 Corinthians  
 12:27**

## SERVICES - 24th January

### St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Wigley and Alex Scott
10.30am	Café Service	Neil Marshall

### St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
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This morning, Paul Taylor is at Coleview supporting the wider Anglican deanery and Andrew Wigley is at Queens Drive.

Readings 24th January	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 13a Luke 4: 14-21
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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 25th January	2-4pm 3.00pm	Monday Club - Scrabble and Dominoes Funeral of George Whitaker, Kingsdown
Tuesday 26th January	AM 7.30pm	Funeral of George Whitaker, Kingsdown Men's Fellowship Group - 4 Hatherley Rd. Nythe Amazing Grace DVD - Story of William Wilberforce
Wednesday 27th January	9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Swindon Churches Together, Upper Room, Bath Road Methodist
Thursday 28th January	9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Worship at St. Paul's# in:School leaders meeting, 11 Merlin Way

**SERVICES 31st January Please note changes from printed notices****St. Paul's****10.30 am****Morning Worship**

Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Christine & Jan*, Teas: *Janice & Shanice*, Sunday Club: *Cathy & Niki*

1.00pm

**Communion**

Rev'd Trudie Wigley

**St. Tim's**

10.30am

Morning Worship

Barbara Wilcox

## **Safeguarding**

### **A responsibility for us all as the body of Christ**

**An update:** You will have seen from the notices at the end of Last year, that Sandra Marshall has stepped down as Safeguarding Officer of the Dorcan church. Over the 10 years she has held this position, things have changed

considerably and we are therefore looking to build a supportive team which together can take this forward to reflect the scope of responsibility.

The plan is to divide the role into a number of areas so that it is not unduly onerous on any one person. We are thankful to Dianne Lane in her continuing role as Safeguarding officer for adults, and also for an offer of some support from outside the parish. However, a considerable amount of what is required can only be undertaken by someone who is here on a fairly regular basis.

We have now reached a point of no longer being able to undertake the Safeguarding process required for new volunteers for our various church activities, which is a particular concern when our children and young people's work is growing and thriving.

Can I please ask you to commit this to prayer, and particularly that God will guide us and that the right people will come forward to form a new supportive team? Thank you.

*Trudie Wigley*

Many thanks for the offers of a **vacuum cleaner;** within 24 hours of last weeks notice we became the very happy owners of a brand new Vax,  
Thank you very much Dennis.

**St Pauls 50th Anniversary** 17th/18th September  
A very special occasion which requires a very special event. Would you like to be part of the working group?  
Please get in touch so we can start the planning

*Diane 336420*

**Future Dates for the diary  
As at December 2015**

***Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016***

Deanery Synod

***Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016***

Methodist Presbyterian Synod

***Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016***

Methodist Representative Synod

***Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016***

Dorcan Annual General Meeting

***Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

***7th February 2016***

United Covenant Sunday. St. Paul's

***Eye of the Needle Lectures - New College***

***18th February 2016 7.30pm*** Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths. Living in Divided Worlds?

***2nd March 2016 7.30pm*** Rt. Rev'd Michael Doe. Being economical about the truth or truthful  
about the economy? God & Money.

***14th March 2016 7.30pm.*** Rev'd Dr. Michael Lloyd. The Mission of the Church in a  
contemporary society. Facing the big challenges together.

***6<sup>th</sup> July 2016***

*Ecumenical Confirmations* St Johns, Parks & Walcot

***Friday 16<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016***

Dorcan church 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend! Hold the date.

***10th September 2016*** - Methodist Representative Synod

***24th September*** Bristol Diocesan Synod

***3rd December 2016*** Bristol Diocesan Synod

### **Children Society Boxes**

My dear friends of St Tim's - please can I ask if you hold a children Society box to please bring them into St Tim's over the next couple of weeks so that I might forward the collection. Thank you so much to your generous contribution over the 22 years I have been the honorary secretary.

I am about to step down from this role, in need of a rest, but also a move to Wroughton has also prompted this decision. My new contact address is 3, Charterhouse Road Wroughton SN4 9HS.

I plan to return to worship and keep contact with you all - although it will not be as regular as it has been. With Gods love to you all for all the support I have received over the years I have worshiped at Dorcan.

*Brenda R.*

**(Received from 'Operation Christmas Child' recently.)**

### **Shoebboxes change lives - Celebrating 895,000 Shoebox Gifts**

We are delighted to share that your church contributed to us being able to send over 895,000 shoebox gifts from the UK in 2015. Globally, we delivered over 11.2 million shoebboxes, with many being given to children currently living in refugee camps.

Hundreds of churches and individuals lovingly packed these gifts, whilst thousands of dedicated volunteers carefully checked and prayed over each one. That is an amazing effort that we would never have accomplished without your involvement – you were an integral part of this campaign and for that we want to thank you!

*"The children were very happy; one boy opened his shoebox and found a Frisbee. He started jumping, running around, calling his friends and showing everyone. Another boy took out a cap and gloves from his shoebox and put them on for everyone to see. It was such a special time for that small town and school in a remote mountain area."*

Many churches and individuals in the UK also gave generously towards The Greatest Journey project alongside their shoebox gifts. This will enable our partner churches around the world to train local teachers. They in turn offer a course of 12 fun and engaging lessons to children who received shoebboxes to find out more about Jesus. Over £74,000 was given, ensuring that 18,000 children will get to go on The Greatest Journey.

*Christine P.*

## **For your prayers -**

- Ourselves, that we may know that each of us are part of the body of Christ, and each with a calling
- The Anglican Communion following the Primates gathering last week, and particularly our friends in the US Episcopal church
- The LGBTQ community, that they may feel loved and welcomed in church communities
- For those in our church family in their witness in their work places

### **Lent Course – “Life Calling” a course for everyone.**

**You are all invited** to take part in a short, 5-week course over the Lent period. As part of Building God’s House, the Ministry team have chosen a course “Life Calling” which is aimed at helping each one of us explore what God is calling us to do.

Whether you are already a member of a house group, or whether this will be a new experience for you, we are hoping that many of you will sign up over the coming weeks to take part – Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 10th February. As well as the usual midweek evening groups, we are planning to offer one or two daytime groups, as well as a special one-off on Saturday 5th March.

This is an important part If we are to grow and develop as Christians, as well as helping to Build God’s House here in Dorcan. So please, prayerfully consider, maybe even give yourself a bit of a challenge that will be rewarding, and sign up on one of the sheets available in each of the centres. Let’s join together as we explore God’s call to each one of us. *The Ministry Team*

### **7<sup>th</sup> February - lunch to mark launch of our lent course.**

On 7<sup>th</sup> February we will be launching our lent course at the United Covenant service. After the service, we are looking to have a lunch together to mark the start of the course and to share fellowship as we start our Lenten journey united as a church. A lunch will be provided of various salads together with quiches, flans, pizza etc. as well as choices for our younger ones, and a cheese board and desserts. There will be an opportunity to make a donation on the day towards the cost. It would be wonderful if we had a good turnout, and to help us cater for numbers please could you sign up at the back of the church at the same time as signing up for the course?! Additionally, if you feel able to provide a dessert please could you let Barbara Wilcox (538695) or Trudie Wigley (326128) know? Many thanks. *Barbara Wilcox and Trudie Wigley*

**Children and Young people's Registration Forms:**

As part of good practice and our safeguarding policy, each year we ask parents of children and young people who attend our groups to complete a registration form. This contains important information and enables us to look after our children and young people well. These will begin to be given out over the next few weeks, so please could we ask that they are completed and returned as soon as possible. This would be a great help for all those involved in the nurture and care of our children and young people. Thank you.

*Trudie Wigley*

**Walk of witness: from the Dorcan Church Ministry Team.**

It has been proposed again this year that all members of the Dorcan Church are invited to participate in a 'Walk of Witness' for our faith. Two days have been put forward for consideration and these are 'Palm Sunday' (20th March) or 'Good Friday' (25th March).

In order that a convincing 'witness' be shown in our community it would be appropriate for a large number to participate, that is, at least 20 people. Are you willing and able to 'walk'? Everyone is welcome, adults, children and friends. There are a number of possibilities, including the Palm Sunday 'witness' possibly walking between St Tim's and St Paul's, with a short act of worship at the beginning and end. For Good Friday we may want to consider an act of worship (bible reading & prayers) at 'Morrisons' (with permission) with a walk to St Paul's and a final act of worship. These are all possibilities and to be considered in parallel with other services being planned.

Please let anyone in the ministry team know if you are willing to commit to this and which (if any) day you would prefer. It is not intended to do both. If we are to be effective witnesses for Jesus then we need to start planning. There is nothing wrong in saying 'I can't go' and no explanations are necessary; but we do need to plan, so please, one way or another, let your ministry team know if you can join in.

God bless you as you think about this opportunity.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)