



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



*"The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him"*  
Exodus 15:2

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

#### St. Pauls

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.

**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.**

<b>What's on next week -</b>		
Monday 25th March	1.30pm	Easter Cracked Open, St. Tim's
Tuesday 26th March	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 1.30pm 1.00pm 1.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul's Easter Cracked Open, Covingham school at St Paul's, Easter Cracked Open Eldene School at St Tim's, Eldene School visit St. Tim's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Bible Course Session 6 Lent Group at 30 Blakeney Ave Men's Fellowship Group - Hatherley Road
Wednesday 27th 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 Blaze at St. Paul's
Thursday 28th March	9.30am 8.00-9pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Friday 29th March	9.30am	Easter Cracked Open Nythe School at St. Paul's

<b>Services - 31st March 2019</b>		
<b>4th Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith
Welcome: <i>Rosemary &amp; Amy</i> , Teas: <i>Hazel &amp; Pam</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Trudie &amp; Hazel</i> , Crèche: <i>MarNone</i>		
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship Theme: Spiritual Gifts	Alex Scott

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

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*

**St Timothy's church** will be welcoming Y5 children from the local schools for the **Easter Cracked Open** Sessions on the following dates:

Monday 25 March - Eldene

Tuesday 26 March - Eldene

Please pray for the children, their teachers and the In: School team.

*Jo Bush*

**Advanced notice about Palm Sunday – 14th April:**

We are planning to do something a little different this year! We will be holding a United Service, beginning with a short time of prayer at St. Pauls at the earlier time of 10.00am, followed by a walk to Covingham shops for worship outdoors, and then sharing in communion together back at St Paul's at approximately 11.00 am. This will be for All-ages and a special time together as we start Holy week and follow our Lord's journey to the cross and glorious resurrection.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11.30am Sunday 7th April 2019**

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 7th April straight after the united service which will start at the **earlier of 10am**.

**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" – issues are discussed and decisions made with prayer and 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, whether as an elected member, or as an officer of the church such as being a Churchwarden or Deanery Synod representative. If you need any further information then please speak to our Church warden, Diane, any member of the ministry team, or current ECC member. Nomination forms are now available in each centre.

**Electoral Role Revision:** The period of the revision of our electoral role has now closed and the new role is available in both centres for the next two weeks. If you have previously completed a form please check that you are on the list so any amendment can be made. If you completed a form after Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, your name will be added to the electoral role following the closed period which ends on the day of our AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **Have you thought of being confirmed?**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

### ***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 Agust** 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*



*a Community Interest Company*

Are you working on your own or in a small business? Are you stressed, worried, or coping with a difficult life situation? Would you like to meet up with others who are going through something similar? Come along and talk through your issues in a safe, confidential, accepting environment.

You are warmly invited to join  
Swindon Business-Owners'  
Self-Help Discussion Group.

At the Pilgrim Centre,  
Regent Circus, Swindon,  
SSN1 1PX 2nd Floor)  
Tuesdays at 12 noon.

Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.

This activity is organized by Swindon Commercial Chaplaincy which is open to all faiths and no faith. We will not preach; we are just here to offer support.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 27th March**. Tel 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email**