



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



*"Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your request be made known to God"*  
Philippians 4:6-7

**Services - 27th January - 4th Sunday of Epiphany**

**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew Wigley & Paul Tayler
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Pam & Friend*, Teas: *Jean & Joan*,  
Sunday Club: *Nathalie & Helen*, Crèche: *Sue & Andi*

**St. Tim's**

<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
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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.**

<b>What's on - next week -</b>		
Monday 28th January	7.30pm 7.30pm	Parenting teenager course reunion, White Hart "The Hub" SWYM and SYFC children and youth celebration, St Paul's, all welcome!
Tuesday 29th January	9.00am 1.00pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy
Wednesday 30th January	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm 6-45 - 8.15pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots starts at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's  Youth Club for 11-14s
Thursday 31st January	9.30am 7.00-8pm 8.00-9pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Walking footie for over 65's, Dorcan Leisure Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger

### **Services - 3rd February 2019 Candlemas**

#### **St. Paul's**

10.30am      United Holy Communion      Rev'd Trudie Wigley, +Viv

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*, Teas: *Sam & Janice*,

Sunday Club: *Mary & Hazel*, Crèche: *tbc*

12:45pm-2:15pm - Soup lunch as we explore the Holy Habits  
of sharing resources and the Bible

#### **+Viv visiting next week:**

We are delighted to share that our new bishop of Bristol, +Viv, will be joining us at this service. She would like to meet us and get to know us, and it will be a privilege to welcome her as she worships with us. I'm sure we will give her a warm Dorcan welcome!

We have our Holy habits lunch afterwards (see separate notice) to which +Viv is staying, although we will delay the start slightly to allow +Viv time and space to meet as many as possible who are not staying. We look forward to all being together to welcome our Bishop.

**Praying together as God's Church  
Loads of opportunities - come and join us!**

**Weekly prayer each Tuesday at 9am, St. Paul's**

This is an opportunity for us to come together as a church for 45-50mins to pray for the community, others, ourselves and the world, and to read the Bible together. We are reading 1&2 Samuel and will resume our reading next week. This is a great way to start the day and to grow in our discipleship and corporate and personal prayer life, so we do hope that you will come if you are able.

**Fortnightly prayer on Tuesdays at 10am, St Tim's**

This is an opportunity to come together to pray particularly for St Tim's and where God is leading us in the local community, given all the exciting things that are happening, particularly during the week. Watch out in the notices for dates.

**Prayer board and basket at St. Paul's**

Don't forget to add your prayers, and prayers answered, to the board. Also, the prayer basket is by the door for you to write a prayer and for any of us to pick it up and commit to pray for over the next week. Happy praying!

**Dorcan prayer day Tuesday 12th February, Legge House.**

Prayer day at Legge House, Wroughton, 9:30-3:30pm. Please come!  
See notice!

*Dear friends, it is with heavy hearts that we have to announce that our brother in Christ, **Tom Hogg** passed away in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Tom had suffered from his many illnesses for a long time and spent his last days in hospital being cared for by Elizabeth and the staff at GWH.*

*Elizabeth would like to thank you all for your prayers which have been a great comfort during this time. We will continue to pray for God's strength for Elizabeth and the family in the coming days.*

*Stuart Fisher*

**Holy Habits**  
**Next Gathering, Sunday 3rd February - Lunch**

Preparation for Sharing Resources (March-April)  
and Biblical Teaching (May-June)

After the United Service next week we will be sharing a light lunch together of soup, bread and cakes to deepen our habit of Eating Together. Then we will think and chat about plans for the next two habits - Sharing Resources - Biblical Teaching.

These are two great subjects to think about and this is a great opportunity to share some food, contribute your ideas or to listen and learn more about Holy Habits.

In order to organise catering there will be an, "I'll be there" sign up sheet on the next two Sundays coming! Also If you can provide some nice bread and or cakes then please sign up to do so as well.

Finally please bring your own spoon and bowl to help save on the washing up, and some drink and glasses.

Any questions ask a member of the ministry team or email [neil@calisnenath.org.uk](mailto:neil@calisnenath.org.uk)

Thank you for your support - *The Ministry Team*

**Weekly diary dates – please let Jackie know of events!**

Each week we try to capture dates for the following week and put them in the notices - this is so we can all pray and support the various areas of mission and ministry in the week, and to encourage us. There are various activities which are missed each week as we don't know about them, or dates/patterns of regular events change and this can cause confusion.

To help with communication, if you are involved in an aspect of ministry and mission within the church, then please let Jackie know of events - and if the pattern changes please let her know details (e.g. a regular group breaking for holidays). This could cover a wide range of activities from school assemblies to prayer groups, house groups to footie etc. We look forward to being able to share even more of the wonderful events which go on during the week!

### **Centre Administrator and Caretaker – news and help required urgently**

Many of you may know that we are presently without a Centre Administrator and a Caretaker. Tania announced she was leaving just before Christmas, and Joe informed us at the end of November. On behalf of the Church, we have wished them well and thanked them for their service amongst us and their support.

Standing Committee has met on several occasions to make arrangements to ensure that we can continue to run as a Church Centre, especially over the busy Christmas period. We are particularly grateful to Diane Killick and to Tony Prichard for arranging and providing vital cover at short notice. Standing Committee is looking at ways of providing both temporary cover and a more permanent solution, and in the meantime, we urgently require your help, often in simple ways, to help spread the load. This might include helping to move chairs and tables, to open / close up for a booking, or to provide tea and coffee, check the facilities after a booking.

I am sure there will be a number of people who feel able to offer help, and so support the ongoing life and mission of our church, and this could be you! Please do speak to any member of the standing committee – Diane Killick, Tony Prichard, John Davidson, Viv Craig, Trudie Wigley, Andrew Wigley – they will only be pleased to hear from you! Thank you.

### **Library – update on self-service access**

ECC met in November with Dale Heenan and Diane Rendell from the Covingham Library Community Trust, and were given a demonstration of the newly-installed self-service access system at Liden Library. Dale and Diane gave very helpful responses to the wide-ranging questions raised by ECC members.

Following the demonstration, ECC met to discuss what had been learnt from the demonstration and from the answers provided. ECC agreed to support the self-service access initiative subject to a number of conditions (details in ECC minutes to follow), including a restriction that the self-service access system will not be used after 6pm until further discussion and agreement has been reached.

Diane Killick, with help from Tony Prichard and John Davidson, has agreed to take the lead on behalf of ECC, commencing in the New Year. A Faculty application will need to be approved, first by ECC, and then through the Diocesan DAC approvals process. All additional costs will be picked up by the Library Trust.

**The Bible Course** will start on Tuesday 5th February from 1.30 - 3.00pm.

Times may be tweaked if necessary when we have met and decided the frequency. I will contact people direct with details of my address etc.

*Sue Morgans*

# The Hub

Children's and Youth Leaders  
celebration evening.



TIME: 7.30pm—9pm Refreshments on arrival

DATE: 28/1/19

VENUE: St. Paul's Dorcan, Covingham, SN3 5BY

An opportunity for leaders who work with under 18's to worship, pray, support and meet other like minded individuals whether employed or volunteering. For more information, contact Kath Smith on [kathsmith@swym.org.uk](mailto:kathsmith@swym.org.uk)



SWYM in partnership with Swindon Youth for Christ



## **On-line booking for St. Paul's**

*Our on-line booking system for use of St. Paul's Church and Centre is now fully live. All requests for parties, events and meetings (including church meetings) should go through this system please.*

*Details can be found here:*

[http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/centre\\_bookings.php](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/centre_bookings.php).

*If you have any questions or problems then please ask.*

*Tony Prichard e-mail: [hall.bookings@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:hall.bookings@dorcanchurch.org.uk)*

*Tel: 520734*

## **Changes at St Paul's Tiny Tots and in:School**

After many years taking a lead in the running of Tiny Tots and in:School at St Paul's, Margaret and Ray Hylton have decided that it is time at last to step down from those roles – in:School with immediate effect and Tiny Tots after Easter. The Dorcan Church, and countless children, parents and carers, owe them a great debt of gratitude for their enormous commitment to these activities over many years. We can only imagine what the impact of their love, care and sharing of Good News has been to hundreds of Tiny Tots and parents and to literally thousands of schoolchildren. We are indeed very grateful to them, and they step down with our love and thanks.

Naturally, if we wish to continue these vital ministries and mission we will need to look at others to join the team. Turning to Tiny Tots, perhaps you are good at organising and planning, but can't come on Wednesdays, or perhaps you wish to focus on just being there, or maybe you'd love to make the refreshments and natter as you serve tea & coffee....there is a lot of room to be creative and flexible, so please don't be shy in coming forward to offer your help! Please do touch base with Rob or Trudie if you would like to discuss further, and don't forget to ask Margaret and Ray for their experience! There are many more children who need to hear of and know God's love for them and thank you for considering your part, or praying about who you might approach.

### **Church of England Children's Society Boxes.**

I have recently opened the boxes held by supporters and from 13 boxes I have received £305.23p. which will be forwarded to the C. of E. Children's Society.

If anyone would like to have a box (which is only emptied once a year in January), please contact me, Brian Avery on 525704

**BIG CLEAN UP** St. Pauls Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 - 12noon

If you can, please do come long to put the sparkle back in our building  
Various jobs to be tackled, with lots of T L C

Thank you, *Diane K.*

The knitted angels were a huge success at Christmas and much appreciated by the community. Due to popular demand we are doing them again this year. If you would like to join in please ask Diane L., Maureen or Deb for a pattern if you need one. Happy knitting.



Walking football for the 65 and over's every Thursday for next few weeks at Dorcan Leisure Centre 7-8pm.  
See Rob for more details.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 30th January**. 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**