



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



“When the parents bought the child Jesus into the Temple to do what the law required, Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God”

**Services Sunday 28th January 2018
 Candlemas - Presentation of Christ at the Temple**

St. Paul's

08.45 Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher
 And Paul Tayler

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*, Teas: *Hazel & Alison*, Sunday Club: *tbc*, Creche, *Sue & Niki*

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Paul Tayler

This weekend Rob Smith is on a course as part of his training and Trudie & Andrew Wigley are leading Bath Road Methodist's church weekend "at home". This morning Alex Scott is supporting the wider Methodist circuit at Rodbourne.

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 -		
Monday 29th January	2.00pm 3.30pm 7.30pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's Finance Committee Ministry team, 11 Merlin Way
Tuesday 30th January	8.15am 9-9.45am 10.00am Lunchtime	Deanery Leadership, snug Morning Prayer, St Paul's Morning Prayer at St. Tim's Dorcan Academy Christian Union
Wednesday 31st January	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's ECC at St Tim's
Thursday 1st February	9.30am 1.45am 8-9.00pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Visit to St Paul's by Covingham Park School Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger

Services - 4th February 2018
2nd Sunday before Lent

St. Paul's

9.30am Breakfast with the Obiti family

10.30am United Morning Worship Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Joan & Jean*, Sunday Club: *tbc*, Creche, *Sam & Jo*

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming **Emily and Moses Obiti**, and their children, from **Turning Point**.

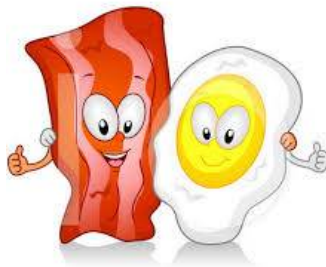
So we can spend some time with them and also raise funds for Turning Point, our wonderful children and young people are serving breakfast from 9:30am before the United Service.

Please do come to get to know our new Turning point links and enjoy breakfast together.

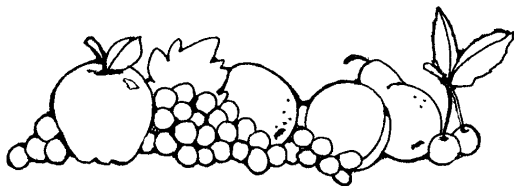
Breakfast will be served by Ignite on Sunday 4th February from 9.30am - Bacon/Egg rolls, pastries, fruit etc will be available.

Donations for Turning Point Trust.

Please come along and support our young people and the representatives from the Turning Point Trust.



The Team



Sad Church Family News

*It is with sadness that we share the passing away
of two of our church family.*

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Dorothy Bamford passed away on New Year's Day.
Dorothy was a regular at Thursday morning worship
and will be sadly missed.

Her funeral will be at Kingsdown Crematorium
on Monday 5th February at 3pm.

Our prayers are with her son Kevin
and the rest of her family.

Leila Thwaites unexpectedly passed away
at home on 23rd December 2017.

Leila was an active member of St Tim's
before moving to be nearer her family in 2015.

Following her funeral this past week, a service of
Thanksgiving for her life will be held during the communion service at St
Timothy's on Sunday 18th February,
and her family will be attending.

Our prayers are with her son Gary, and the family.

Lifepath 2018.

Lifepath is for Yr.5 pupils to learn more about the
Christian faith and is held at Malmesbury Abbey.
Our local Covingham School has booked in to attend.
Ray and I have attended in the past and hope to be
involved this year.

The dates are Sun. June 24th, Training and Tea 4pm - 8pm, Mon --
Weds. 25th - 27th 9am -- 3pm. You can do as much or as little as you can
manage.

If you want to know more please talk to me or contact
Abi. Abi is 01793 977676 or abi@in-school.co.uk
Look forward to telling you all about it.

Tiny Tots St Tim's church

Helen has decided to step down from volunteering at Tiny Tots due to work commitments and study.

SoI am needing another pair of 'helping hands' to volunteer on Wednesdays in term time at the 1.30pm session - and volunteers finish about 3.15pm.

We are well covered in the refreshment/kitchen duties but not in the church and 'tidy up' at the end of the session.

Would you like to 'taste and see' if this is for you?

Contact Elizabeth Payne or ask the team

for more information (Viv, Sarah, Diane Phillips, Tricia)

We will miss Helen.!

Next Bishop of Bristol:

Last year we had the opportunity to share our thoughts as to what we are looking for in the next Bishop of Bristol. ECC discussed this and fed back to the appointment committee, and additionally there was a consultation evening in Swindon to which a number of the Dorcan family attended. This has resulted in a "Statement of needs" being prepared.

This document can be found at

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/news/2018/01/11/statement-needs-published/>

You are encouraged to take a read as it gives a snapshot of the Diocese and aspirations for the future. Please also pray for the appointments committee following their short-listing of 3 candidates who they will interview in March, and for the candidates as they discern God's call.

An announcement is expected in May.

PARENTING TEENAGERS COURSE

As mentioned in an earlier notice, I am now qualified to run positive parenting courses designed by “Care for the Family”. I have had several requests for the teenage course, so this will be the next one on offer. Any parents or carers of teenagers or children soon to become teenagers are welcome .

The teenage years are a time of transition and can be challenging for both parents and teenagers. This course is all about helping parents do the best job they can and meet other parents facing similar challenges and share experiences. Topics covered include understanding your teenager, developing healthy self-esteem, strategies for coping when the going gets tough, navigating screen time, relationships and preparing them for the day you’re not there.

The course comprises 6 sessions which I hope to run starting in the middle of February at St Paul’s Church one evening a week from 7 – 9pm. I am not setting the day until I find out who would like to attend and know which day would be most popular, so if you would like to come, please email me and let me know your availability so that I can choose the best day for the majority. There is no charge for the course, but there is a very good parents manual to accompany it which costs £7.50.

Please email me at jennypoole@virginmedia.com

Look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Poole

“Pastoral Reorganisation” of Dorcan Parish

- now agreed and implemented:

In the Autumn we shared about a reorganisation of the Dorcan parish and there were notices in each centre entitled “*Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 – Draft pastoral Scheme*”. This proposal related to two changes: Firstly, a transfer of land to and from our neighbouring parish of Stratton St Margaret which related to small pockets of land (some with a few houses on) which are helpful to transfer in the light of the new Oakley Park estate and the course of the River Cole.

Secondly, the proposal was to “*terminate the team ministry in the benefice of Dorcan*”. This had nothing to do with how we work in practice (e.g. the ministry team of clergy and lay), but relates to a legal position that goes back to the days where it was envisaged there would be one incumbent priest for each of the four “villages” of Covingham, Liden and Eldene and Nythe, with one of those called a Team Rector with oversight responsibility and overall incumbent of the whole Dorcan parish. This makes no difference to the current resourcing at Dorcan benefice or how we currently work in practice.

This notice is one of courtesy following the legal notices last year, to advise you that the reorganisation is now in effect - albeit that it doesn't really change anything! Ho hum...

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 31st January** - Tel 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail