



**St. Paul's, Covingham**  
**St. Timothy's, Liden**  
**Eldene Church**

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1st February, 2015

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*Trudie and Andrew have Saturdays off. Please avoid contacting them at this time if possible.*

### **Candlemas**

“My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”  
Luke 2:30-32

### **SERVICES - 1st February**

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

10.30am United Service with Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Sunday Club: Jo and Niki

This morning Andrew Wigley is at Queens Drive

**Lectionary** Mark 1: 21-28 Psalm 111  
**Readings:** 1st February Deu. 18: 15-20 1 Cor. 8: 1-13

**Cluster event tonight - Taize Service:** 1st February 6pm at St Margaret's Church.  
For those who are interested in learning some of the chants before the service, there will be an opportunity to do so before the service at 4.30pm. All are welcome and for more information please contact Helen Baber on 821412 or Trudie.

**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.**

THIS WEEK— (Please see group leaders for details of Cell Groups)		
Monday 2nd February	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
Tuesday 3rd February	7.30pm	ECC at St Tims
Wednesday 4th February	9.00am 1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 5th February	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Tim's (AW)

<b>SERVICES - 8th February</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b> 10.30am	All Age Service	Vybe, Ignite & Sunday Club
Welcome: <i>Sunday Club/Ignite</i> , Teas: <i>Janice and Shanice</i> Sunday Club: <i>All Age</i>		
4.00pm	Informal Worship	The Revds Trudie & Andrew Wigley
<b>St. Tim's</b> 10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
<b>Eldene</b> 10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

**Informal Worship – moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:**  
 Starting in February, our monthly afternoon praise service will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.  
 Our next service will therefore be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, starting with tea at 4pm and finishing around 5:30pm.

See you there!

**Barbara Dickson:** It is with great sadness that we share the news that Barbara Dickson died on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. She was loved by so many and her presence will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out to Ken, Emma, Helen and the family at this time of loss. Barbara's funeral will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30am at St Paul's, and further details will be shared in due course. May our sister Barbara rest in peace and rise in glory

**For your prayers -**

- For all of those who are bereaved, thinking particularly of the friends and family of Barbara Dickson
- For our Lent course, that many of us will commit to joining a group as we look forward together as a church
- For the Dorcan Church, that we may know that God is with us, guiding us through the times ahead
- For financial and economic leaders across the world, that they may lead wisely and with integrity
- For chaplains across Swindon who minister in our schools, colleges, the hospital, hospices, police, business, and in sport

**Eldene:**

Following the verbal notices shared at the services last week, this is to confirm that the last Sunday morning service at Eldene will be on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The Eldene fellowship is continuing in strength with its regular meetings in the week, but please do keep our Eldene brothers and sisters in your prayers as a long chapter of Sunday worship ends, and a new one begins for our friends.

**Visiting preachers:** Do put these dates in your diary as we welcome a number of preachers to lead us in worship over the coming months:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: The Ven Christine Froude, Archdeacon of Bristol

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March: The Revd A. Ward Jones, Chair of Bristol District

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Jon and Jo Parsons

## **Lent Groups:**

The Lent groups this year are following a course called “Season of Renewal”. Combining traditional elements with a fresh approach, it is ideal for groups and churches who want something a little different which will act as a stimulus for future growth

Each session includes creative and practical elements as well as a focus on scripture and some times of prayer. The sessions cover topics such as change, prayer, growing as individuals, growing as a church and mission, and will be accompanied by themed preaching the week before. This is an opportunity to get to know each other better, and to discuss and interact to discover more of God’s word to us, both individually and as a church, as we enter a new season in the life of Dorcan

A number of courses are going to be run, comprises existing cell and small groups, as well as additional new groups. There is a sign-up sheet in all the centres outlining the various venues and times. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February is the launch date, where we will have time together after the services with a hot lunch and an overview of the material, and with a chance to get to know others on the course.

Our children and young people will also be following the material in their groups and classes. So please do think and pray about joining this lent course as together we look forward in our life at Dorcan using this material. It would be encouraging if many of us were to follow this course during Lent, so please do pray about coming and also consider inviting someone else.

For more information please do contact any of the cell groups leaders, Barbara Wilcox, Beth Lamb or Trudie Wigley.

## **Lent Course Leaders**

The Cell and Home groups participating in the Lent Course are as follows:

Monday evening Fellowship	Alex Scott	346507
Tuesday evening Cell	Dianne Lane	639863
Wednesday evening Cell	Brenda Fisher	497169
Thursday evening Cell	Colleen Wiseman	644024
Thursday evening Cell	John Davidson	827627

Each of these groups would extend a warm welcome to newcomers.

For those not wishing to join a cell group, or who would prefer a day time meeting, there will be two extra groups:

Tuesday morning	Barbara Wilcox	538695
Thursday evening	Nathalie Marshall	421549

Can I encourage you to pray about which group to join.....apart from the fellowship enjoyed, we learn so much when we learn together.

*Barbara W.*

## **Rise Theatre presents White Rabbit**

The story of two people and their journey to faith;  
at St Peters Catholic Church on 12th March 2015 7:30pm;  
tickets £5 or family £10.

Suitable for adults and children from age 12.

I can get tickets for anyone 639863  
or contact my boss Dr Killick 07778656568

Notice on notice board at church

## Future Dates for the diary:

### ***Sunday 1st February 2015***

Cluster Taize service at St. Margarets at 6pm

### ***Sunday 8th February***

Informal service: new time of 2nd Sunday of each month going forward

### ***Sunday 15th February***

Launch of Lent courses with lunch. Do sign up!

### ***Saturday 28th February***

Bristol Diocesan Synod

### ***Sunday 15th March***

Mothering Sunday

We welcome Archdeacon Christine Froude to our 10.30 service at St. Paul's

### ***Sunday 22nd March***

Launch of Messy Church ! 4-6pm at St. Paul's

### ***Sunday 29th March—Sunday 5th April***

Holy Week and Easter celebration

Look out for worship and meditative services during this time

### ***Sunday 19th April***

We welcome the Rev'd A. Ward Jones to our United Service at St. Paul's

Note time of 10am

Dorcan AGM to be held after services

### ***Saturday 25th April***

Bristol District Full Synod

### ***Saturday 25th May***

Cluster social 4-6pm at Stratton. More details to follow.

### ***Sunday 10th May***

Archdeacon visitation to Swindon, St. Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney

### ***Sunday 7th June***

We welcome Jo and Jon Parsons to our United Service at St. Paul's

### ***Monday 13th July***

Dorcan Church is hosting the deanery ecumenical Confirmation at St. Paul's in the evening.

### ***Sunday 2nd October***

Cluster "Songs of Praise" and tea. 5-7pm at St. Paul's

I have been asked to share the following request regarding Deborah Kelly. Deborah is continuing her school work with St Josephs's even though she is not attending. What would really help her situation is the use of a laptop. **Do you, or know someone, who has a laptop** that is no longer used and would be happy to donate to assist a young lady with her studies. If you are able to assist, please contact me. *Diane K.*

### **Card Class**

The next card class will be  
7th Feb. at 9.30-12.30pm, in the back room.  
£9 to me by Sunday 1st February.  
Anybody interested in this class please talk to me.  
All are welcome. *Sandra*

**Children Society boxes** - St Timothy's. Please can I ask for people who kindly hold children's society boxes, for the annual opening to bring them into Church, either to St Tim's or to the joint service at St Pauls on the 1st February.  
Many Thanks *Brenda Ro 07870774098*

### **Easter Cracked Open Training**

for St.Tims and St.Pauls Teams  
will be on Friday Feb.13th at St.Pauls - 9.30am .  
Any further dates booked with the Schools to follow.

*Margaret & Leila*

### **Do you book your holidays on line?**

*Then why not do it through Easy Fundraising and raise money for The Dorcan Church? Many Holiday Companies will donate a small amount to us every time you make a booking on-line. Examples are; Thomson, The Train Line, Virgin Trains, Travelodge, Rxpedia, Avis, Hertz, P&O Ferries and Cruises and many more. Give it a try!* *Tony Prichard*

**FREE --** Joggers Double Buggy  
Margaret 532849 or 07756987198  
or Natalie ( Tiny Tots ) mum  
on 0787360887

**A Message from Urban Saints to youth and children workers; but I do feel this applies to other work too! *Nathalie***

**Thank you for being a pebble...** That might seem like an odd way to start this message, but allow me to explain.

This last year I've carried a white pebble in my pocket every day; a physical reminder that I want to be a pebble in God's hands. A pebble He can drop into a lake of different lives throughout each and every day. Daring to believe that, with Him, my life will ripple with the good news of the Gospel to everybody I meet – particularly children and young people.

Our lives are like pebbles. We cause a ripple wherever we go and yet most of the time we have no idea of our influence and impact. We have no idea how big the ripple.

I often tell a story of a Sunday school teacher called Edward Kimball who in 1855 invested time and energy to lead a young lad called D.L. Moody to Christ. The ripple effect of this passed from decade to decade - generation to generation - until years later a teenage boy, called Billy Graham, came to faith. Billy Graham has now led millions to Jesus and yet it all began with a pebble of faith dropped years earlier, when Kimball drew alongside D.L. Moody and helped him become a disciple of Christ. That's a ripple effect! And yet Edward Kimball would have had no earthly idea of the future-changing impact of his investment in Moody and - most of the time - neither do you or I. Your life is a pebble.

***As you give your time, money and prayers to see children and young people reached for Christ, never lose sight of the truth that God is at work in you – and through you - even if it doesn't feel like it sometimes.***

Commit afresh this year to be the pebble, and trust God to release the ripple. You sow your time, your passion, your laughter, your tears. Trust God for the ripple. Believe that, even if you don't see it, God is up to something through you – because of YOU. Your life causes Kingdom ripples. It can't help but do that – because the Kingdom of God, that is within you, can't help but cause ripple effects.

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)