



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

[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
1st March, 2015

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Week 2 of Lent course**  
**“Praying with Jesus”**

*“O lord, open my lips,  
And my mouth shall declare your praise”*  
Psalm 51:15

**SERVICES - 1st March**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am                      United service with  
   Communion                      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Sunday Club: *Jo Kirkland* ~ Ignite: *Revd Trudie Wigley* ~ Vybe: *Deb Mulcock*

**12.45pm**                      Baptism of                      Rev'd Trudie Wigley  
   Lily Olive Lewis

**Lectionary**

**Readings:**                      Gen. 17: 1-7, 15-16                      Rom. 4: 13-25  
1st March                      Psalm 22: 23-31                      Mark 8: 31-38

**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.**

**We are now in fairtrade fortnight.** What will you buy fairtrade for the first time this year? Keep an eye out for special offers!!  
Any questions about fairtrade please do ask. *Nathalie*

**THIS WEEK**

Monday 2nd March	10.45am 2-4pm 7.30pm	Funeral of Reg Pook at St. Paul's Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship Group—Thorne Rd. Eldene
Tuesday 3rd March	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Lent Group— Ridge Nether Moor, Liden Cell Group— Fitzmaurice Cl. Covingham Methodist Circuit LP meeting in Lyneham
Wednesday 4th March	AM 9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Swindon Churches Together @ Bible Society "What can Church do to help families in difficulty?" Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group— Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thursday 5th March	AM AM 9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Methodist Presbyteral Synod in Bristol CofE Clergy Chapter at Highworth Holy Communion at St Tims (TW) Cell Group— White Edge Moor, Liden Lent Group— Sutton Road, Eldene
Friday 6th March	6.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer day Holy Family

**SERVICES - 8th March**

**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All Age with baptism welcome	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
Welcome: <i>Joan &amp; John</i> , Teas: <i>Joan &amp; Jean</i> ,		
4.00pm	Praise Service	Rev'ds Trudie & Andrew Wigley

**St. Tim's**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
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### **For your prayers -**

- For world economics and those who make decisions which affect us all
- That a path to peace may be sought in those places suffering ongoing conflict and violence across the world, particularly those areas affected by IS and Boko Haram
- For our young people and children – that we may support, encourage and journey with them as they grow
- For Messy Church – in the planning and organising, and for those who will come to hear about Jesus
- Our Lent course, that we may learn and grow, both personally and together, as we make the journey towards Easter

### **What is God saying to you this Lent?**

#### **What is God saying to us as his church this Lent?**

As we journey through Lent – in our personal devotions and reflections, our Lent course and themed preaching – what might God be saying?

In the days ahead please do prayerfully consider this question.

One of the ways God speaks to us and prompts us is through each other, so please be encouraged to share any thoughts with others, and also with the Ministry team who are here for you.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March:**

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer service will take place at Holy Family at 6pm. The service has been put together this year by women from the Bahamas. All are welcome – men and women.

Thank you to everyone who came to the **Messy Church meeting** last week, it really feels like it is starting to come together and we have a really great team so thank you for giving up your time!

For those who have expressed an interest but couldn't make it, I hope to be emailing you within the next week!

Thanks again. *Hannah*

**Lent voices:** As part of the 10,000 Voices initiative, the Diocese of Bristol has put together a series of 40 personal and thought-provoking stories of faith each day between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday.

This year, during the Lenten season of reflection, we are encouraged to read these individual perspectives on the difference Christ has made to people's lives, and to pray and reflect on their experiences and insights, and each testimony is accompanied by some points and scripture to contemplate on to help our reflections.

To follow in this initiative please visit <http://www.bristol.anglican.org/2015/lent-voices/> where you can sign up to follow by Twitter, Facebook or email. It would be good if as many of us as possible were to sign up and to take our reflections on the stories into our Lent groups to share with others.

**Living Wage:** Both the Church of England and The Methodist Church are committed to being living Wage employers. Swindon Churches Together is looking for help in gathering information about employment and pay in Swindon to facilitate discussions with our Swindon MPs in the run up to the General Election. Please could you consider helping by completing the survey by 15<sup>th</sup> March at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7ZT9FSC> Thank you.

### **Broad Green Centre—Tuesday Lunch Club**

Lunch is from 12 p.m. and is £12.50 for 2 courses. **All Welcome.**

Please ring Josie on Swindon 490091 if you are interested or need more details

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)