



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



Services 3rd March 2019 - Sunday before Lent
Next Holy Habit: Giving - Sharing Resources

St. Pauls

TODAY! Continental breakfast will be served prior to Sunday school for All.

As it is Fairtrade fortnight as much of the breakfast as possible will be Fairtrade or locally produced by independent suppliers. Please do come and enjoy a fairly sourced breakfast, with great company and a chance to make an offering.

9.30am Fairtrade & local produce continental breakfast

10.30am "Sunday School for all" Theme: the giving of our Spiritual gifts

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Today Alex is at Christchurch, Marlborough, supporting the wider Methodist circuit

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 - | | |
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| Monday 4th March | 4.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm | Finance Committee Meeting - Merlin Way Ministry Team Meeting at Merlin Way Ladies' Beetle Drive, St. Paul's |
| Tuesday 5th March | 9.00am 10.00am 1.00pm 1.30pm | Morning prayers at St. Paul's Morning Prayers at St. Tim's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy NO Bible Course today |
| Ash Wednesday 6th March | 8.45am 9.00am 1.15pm 6-45- 8.15pm 7.30 pm | Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Mid-week Youth Club - St. Paul's Ash Wednesday Service—St. Tim's |
| Thursday 7th March | 9.30am 8.00-9pm | Holy Communion at St. Tim's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger |

| Services - 10th March 2019 - 1st Sunday in Lent | | |
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| St. Paul's | | |
| 8.45am | Holy Communion | Rev'd Stuart Fisher |
| 10.30am | All Age Worship | Sue Morgans And Trudie Wigley |
| Welcome: <i>Vybe/Ignite</i> , Teas: Sam & Janice, Sunday Club: <i>None</i> , Crèche: <i>None</i> | | |
| 4.00pm | Tea & Praise | Rev'd Andrew Wigley |
| St. Tim's | | |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Rev'd Rob Smith |



TINY TOTS HELPERS!

This coming Wednesday – 6th March - we are having a taster session at Tiny Tots at St. Paul's 9-11am and St Tim's 13.15 - 14.45. If you are interested in helping in any way with either group we would love to encourage you to come and spend time this Wednesday checking it out for yourself to see if this is

something you could help with in the future.

Some of the parents are keen to be involved as well and there will be a short gathering after the sessions to look at how we take things forward as a team.

For more info please see Margaret, Elizabeth, Rob or Trudie.

Tuesday morning prayers, St Paul's:

We have been thinking ahead to what we would like to read next and with effect from Tuesday 19th March we will be looking at Romans – a nice easy book! In the meantime, on Tuesday 12th March we will be closing off our reading of 1&2 Samuel which we have been looking at for some months.

These are great times together so if you're able to come please do join us



On your marks... Get set... Throw!

Roll a 6 and off we go!

LADIES' BEETLE DRIVE NIGHT!

Monday 4th March

8-9.30pm

St Paul's Church

Bring nibbles to share. Drinks will be provided.

For more info, contact Kath Smith 07419115761



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Electoral roll:

PLEASE PLEASE COMPLETE NEW FORMS.

45 forms still need completing!

If you haven't filled in your form then please do grab one and give to a steward or leave in the marked box. Thank you VERY much.

This is an important task we need to complete and gives a picture of who we are and the resources we need to continue as a vibrant and active church. Thank you!

Urgent request.

The wonderful band of **church cleaners** has reduced considerably and we require more willing hands.

Nothing strenuous, dusting, sweeping,
and use of a vacuum cleaner.

If we get more helpers, it might only be
once every 8 weeks!!

Do have a word if you can help
Many thanks, Diane

PS The same applies to the **refreshment folk**,
numbers are small,
Please prayerfully consider if
YOU could fit the bill.....

Have you thought of being confirmed?

On Sunday 12th 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

Pancake Day at Odey's cafe at Liden library

Tuesday 5th March

10.30 to 1pm

Sweet or savoury on offer

2 for £2

Choices as follows

Lemon or orange sugar, banana & chocolate sauce,
banana & toffee sauce, cheese or cheese & ham

See you there

25th Anniversary of the ordination of female priests – celebration service 17th March:

In March 1994 the first female priests were ordained and Bristol diocese led the way being the first to ordain 32 new priests. This 25th anniversary is being celebrated at Bristol Cathedral on Sunday 17th March at 3:30pm and all are invited. If anyone would like to join me there is space in the car - Trudie

Dates for your diary as at March 2019

Sunday 24th March 2019

Sunday School for All - 10.30am St. Paul's

Sunday 7th April 2019

10.00am United Service with Communion
Followed by the Annual General Meeting at 11.30am

Sunday 28th April 2019

10.30am St. Paul's
Guest - Dave Clarke from Swindon Youth for Christ

Sunday 12th May 2019

3.30pm Ecumenical Confirmation at Purton

Saturday 22nd May 2019

10am-12noon Plant & Cake sale
St Timothy's Church

Saturday 22nd June 2019

2nd Covingham Beer Festival

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th June 2019

Spree weekend for youngsters
Westpoint, Exeter

Sunday 22nd September 2019

9.30am Start of Swindon Marathon !
No morning services
4pm United Communion at St. Paul's

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 6th March**. Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email