



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



## **Services Sunday 5th February 2017**

4th Sunday before lent

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

10.30am United Service with Communion The Very Revd Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Bristol Cathedral and Revd Trudie Wigley

We are delighted to welcome The Very Revd Dr David Hoyle today and look forward to hearing what God has to say through him.

During communion there will be an opportunity to receive the ministry of prayer for yourself and others.

### **St Tim's** United Service at St Paul's

This morning Andrew Wigley is at Lyneham and Paul Tayler is at Coleview supporting the wider Methodist Circuit and Swindon deanery

**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 this week -</b>		
Wednesday 8th February	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 9th February	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's

## **SERVICES Sunday 12th February 2017**

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

8.45am      Holy Communion                      Rev Andrew Wigley

10.30am      Morning Worship                      Rev Stuart Fisher

4pm              Tea & Praise                      Rev Andrew Wigley

*Welcome: Ruby Newham, Pam/Mari , Teas: Janice & Jan, Sunday Club: Jo & Helen*

### **St. Tim's**

10.30am      Morning Worship                      Alex Scott

### **Prayers this week**

- For Dean David and fellow colleagues who serve at Bristol Cathedral
- For Bishop Mike and Anthea as he prepares for his retirement, and for us as a diocese as we look to the future
- For world leaders, that they may govern with boldness, humility, generosity and love for fellow human-kind
- For those businesses and companies on the Dorcan industrial Estate, and all who work there
- Those who are unwell, awaiting medical appointments or results, or anxious about the future.
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones

Children's society collection boxes. Brian Avery has taken over from Brenda as the box co-ordinator for St Tim's. Please could you return your boxes to a warden at St Tim's and Brian will collect them. Many thanks.

## **St Paul's Flooring and Partition Screen – update**

Church Council met recently and agreed to proceed with a modern, hard-wearing, wood effect laminate flooring for the church and hall at St Paul's. Formal approval from the Diocese is being sought, and plans are being made for the floor to be installed in the period June to August. You may recall that this had been the original choice of Church Council last year, before the possibility of a natural oak floor was explored at the recommendation of the Diocese. This latter option proved too costly for our insurance claim, and the Church Council gave unanimous approval to the choice of this laminate. You will appreciate that this is a complex task, involving not just the removal of the existing floor, but also the removal of the organ, church furniture and radiators into storage and then re-installation. Our plan is to complete the hall section first, followed by the church, allowing us to have one of these spaces available for most of the period, for use for church services as well as for community groups who use our building. Plans are also being put in place to replace the partition screen with a 'movable wall' made up of 10 sections, and we are trying to arrange for this to be installed at the end of March / early April. Fuller details can be found in the copy of the report discussed at Church Council and which is now displayed in both churches. My thanks particularly to Tony and Diane for all their hard work on this, but also to others on Property, Finance and Centre Management Committees, and to Church Council. Please do speak to one of us if you have any further queries. Thank you. Andrew

## **CALLING ALL BAKERS!**

There will be a bake sale in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation after our United service on 5th March to mark Fairtrade Fortnight, (27th Feb to 12th March). Please could you bake lots of lovely things to sell at church that morning. Please could you try and use at least one fairtrade ingredient in your bakes!

Please do let me know if you are able to bake for this. Many thanks, Nathalie.

**KONCERT FOR KIBERIA      SATURDAY 13th MAY      ST PAUL'S**  
**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW**

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED - A FANASTIC EVENING - DONT MISS IT**

The next Card class will be 25th Feb at 9.30am-12.30pm in the youth room, St Paul's, cost £10. Please let Sandra Marshall know if you wish to attend

Men's Fellowship Group next meeting Tuesday 14th February 7.30pm at Eklington, Eldene Short stories Colin.

*Future dates for the diary as at February 2017*

**Saturday 11th February 2017**

C2: Safeguarding Leadership course at Hillside House 10am-1pm.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Peter's, Penhill

**1<sup>st</sup> March to 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Lent course

Ministry team are recommending the diocesan "Creating Connections" Lent course which will be followed by house/cell groups, with additional new group(s).

More info in due course and from Alex Scott

**18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March**

Flower Festival in celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Timothy's.

10:30am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March service led by

Revd Hilary Cooke

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

United Service of Holy Communion at 10am followed by AGM at 11.15am

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

"Creating Connections" Diocesan conference

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Sunday School for all

Exploring the theme of prayer.

Does it work? Why is it sometimes difficult to do?

And other tricky questions!

**May-June 2017**

"Giving in Grace" financial stewardship review, including exploring parables on generosity and an opportunity for us to review our giving

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Diocesan Visitation 7.30pm at Christ Church

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

7pm Confirmation for Dorcan and West Swindon Ecumenical Partnerships at Toothill Church

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Mark's

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at Liddington Village hall

**Prayer basket:** This is a reminder of the weekly prayer basket which is on the table at the entrance. If you would like someone to pray for you over the next week then please do write a prayer request and pop it in the basket. If you feel you can commit to praying for someone over the coming week then please do take one of the requests as you leave. Any remaining will be taken by the ministry team and prayed for.

**A COMPANION'S WAY – Spiritual Direction:** If you feel that God may be calling you to be a “companion” to others on their Christian Pilgrimage or would like to develop your gifts in this area, there is a 2-year training opportunity starting this Oct- taster day Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March at Nympsfield. Posters and leaflets are available today.

**Bishop Mike to retire:** The Rt. Revd Mike Hill, Bishop of Bristol, has announced his retirement with effect from 30 September 2017. Bishop Mike's final service will be at Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 23 September at 3.30pm. Please remember him and his family in your prayers, and for the diocese as we look to the future.

**“Thank you” for our parish share pledge:** We have received a letter from Bristol Diocese which is on the notice board thanking us for our parish share commitment of £47,100. You will remember that in November we voted to make an offering in excess of that suggested in recognition that we would like to become a parish which financially supports other parishes in need, rather than ourselves being supported by others. Thank you for stepping out in faith with this decision made by ECC and for your immense generosity at the November gift day which was an encouragement as we made this parish share commitment.

**Sunday School for all:** Thank you all for your encouraging feedback from last week's Sunday school for all on the challenging subject of the atonement – or in other words, how does Jesus save? Giving more time to discussion and finishing around 12 seems to help the morning and many of us left with much to ponder on. Further feedback on improvement are gratefully received, and particularly your thoughts as to whether a further gathering would be helpful after these Sundays to explore a bit more – perhaps one morning or evening in the following week? Please let any of the ministry team know your thoughts. Our next Sunday school for all is on April 30<sup>th</sup> where we will be looking at prayer.

**Gospel Workshop** with Jim Eddings at Christ the servant Church , Abbey Meads, SN25 4YX on **Saturday 25th February 2016 11am—4pm**  
A love of music and enthusiasm—but no particular expertise—required!!  
See notice board at St Paul's for further details .

**Creche facility is available from today in the Snug area for babies and young children.** Parents / carers are very welcome to bring their baby(ies) and young children into the creche during the service when the children and young people leave as announced by the minister in charge. Please note that parents/carers will be required to fill out a registration / consent form for their child(ren) and to sign them into and out of the creche. Parents / carers are welcome to stay in creche with their child if they wish. Would you please take your child to the toilet before bringing them into creche. If your child is unsettled, needs a nappy change or the toilet while in creche, a crèche leader / helper will come and inform you. Due to safeguarding parents/ carers will be required to see to their child's toileting needs.

### **St Pauls rota March until May**

Here we are yet again!

Very grateful thanks for all you do, it really is appreciated, and is very much a part of all our church.

If you could let me know of any dates which you would not be available  
Many blessings Diane

### **EASTER CRACKED OPEN**

The Training is at St Tim's on Fri. March 10th 9.30am. for both Teams. Abi is taking the Session, please let either Jo Bush or Margaret Hylton know if you are planning to come.

Dates for the various Schools will follow shortly.

### **Flower Festival at St Timothy's Church, Liden to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Church in Liden.**

Saturday 18th March 10am to 4pm and Sunday 19th March 1pm to 4pm  
All donations will go to the Great Western Hospital Brighter Futures Fund. Contact Janette Causer for further details

**All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Jackie Hancock by Thursday 9 February Tel 435987 or email [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com). Thank you.**