



St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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5th June, 2016

*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



“and they glorified God, saying,
That a great prophet is risen up among us; and,
That God has visited his people.”

Luke 7:16

SERVICES 5th June

St. Paul's

10.30am

United Holy Communion

Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Today Paul Tayler is at St Leonards, Stanton,
supporting the wider Swindon deanery.
Alex Scott is at Pewsey and Colin Parson is at Stratton,
both 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 this week - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 6th June	12.45pm	Funeral of Reg Platt at Kingsdown
Tuesday 7th June	7.30pm	Ministry team meeting at Fairlawns
Wednesday 8th June	9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's (half term) Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Additional ECC at St Tims
Thursday 26th May	9.30am AM	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Clergy Chapter

SERVICES 12th June

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Paul Tayler and Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	All Age For the Queen's birthday	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Anna & Brian</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy & Friends</i> , Sunday Club: <i>All Age</i>		
1.00pm	Baptism	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
4.00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
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All Age next Sunday! In our service next week we will be giving thanks for the 90th birthday of our Queen. We will be thinking of how she has served us and God and what we can learn from her Christian faith. Come and join us! (and if you want to bring flags or crowns or anything royal to help us celebrate that would be great!)

**Future Dates for the diary
As at June 2016**

Sunday 19th June 2016

Jon Parsons from Turning Point is preaching at St Paul's at 10.30am

Wednesday 6th July 2016

Ecumenical Confirmations, St Johns, Parks & Walcot

Sunday 24th July – Sunday 18th September

Between these dates Morning service at St Paul's will be at 10am,
this is an extension of the usual summer pattern for continuity
as we approach our anniversary celebrations.

Friday 16th-Sunday 18th September 2016

Dorcan church 50th anniversary weekend! Hold the date.

Saturday 10th September 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Saturday 24th September

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November

3Generate2016 - fun, faith and friendship for children & young people

Saturday 26th November 2016

Messy Church Leaders Training Day in conjunction with CPAS,
St Christopher's Church, Hampstead Rd, Bristol

3rd December 2016

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 13th- Sunday 15th January 2017

Lay Ministers conference at Brunel Manor in Torquay.

13th - 22nd June 2017

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land,
Further details from Paul Tayler

Church Family News

Dorothy Fretwell: It is with sadness that we share that Dorothy died on Thursday 26th June. She was surrounded by her family and died peacefully at home following her illness. Please remember Stephen and Debra in your prayers, as well as her sisters and wider family. Her funeral and thanksgiving service will be at **11:30am on Friday 17th June at St Paul's**, followed by a committal at the Crematorium. All are welcome. Everyone is also invited to refreshments and fellowship afterwards at The White Hart from 12:30pm. Despite this sad time, may Dorothy rest in peace and rise in glory, and be united with Peter in God's care.

Reg Pratt: We share the sad news that Reg Pratt, former member of Senior Citizens, has died. Please remember Brenda and their sons Mark, Tony and Robert, and their families, in your prayers. His funeral and thanksgiving service will be at Kingsdown Crematorium tomorrow - Monday 6th June - at 12:45pm.

Muriel Goodwin: Muriel has now moved to Kent into a new home, and whilst we will miss her at Dorcan, this means she is nearer her family.

“FOOTSTEPS” Opportunity to tour the Holy Land.

I have booked a 10 day tour of Jerusalem, and the Galilean area following in the footsteps of Jesus, his life and ministry.

This tour will be From 13th-22nd June **2017**.

For further details please contact Paul Taylor.

“The Churchwarden prayer”

When Diane Killick and Viv Craig were admitted as our Churchwardens at the recent Archdeacon’s visitation, they prayed this prayer during the service. The words are powerful and thought provoking and asks each of us the question “what will we do?” We share it here for your own prayer and reflection.

A prayer:

I will speak out for those who have no voices
I will stand up for the rights of all the oppressed.
I will speak truth and justice.
I will defend the poor and needy.
I will speak out for those who have no choices.
I will cry out for those without love.
I will show god’s compassion to the crushed and broken in spirit.
I will lift up the weak in Jesus’ name.
Amen

The children and young people will be holding
a **Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy**
on Saturday 18th June 10.00am - 12.00pm
to raise money for their camping trip to Spree in July.
Please support us!!!

If you have anything suitable for the Bring and Buy
please bring it on the day or see Deb,
cakes will also be available to buy.

Thanks, *Deb*

We are hoping to decorate St. Tim’s hall on June 24th and 25th

Volunteers are needed from the whole Dorcan Church for as long or as little as you can manage.

All paint, brushes etc. will be supplied as well as tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.

Any queries, please ring or email. Thanks. - *Viv C(497821)*

Prayers

Your prayers, for:

- Students, teachers, staff and all our schools workers as we begin this term
- Those who are bereaved, that they may sense God's peace.
- Those who are unwell, lonely or anxious
- For honesty and integrity from politicians during EU referendum debates
- For all who are facing uncertainty over financial worries or jobs, debt and health problems.



Enquirer's group: It's not too late to join the group! We will be meeting fortnightly over 3 Wednesdays starting June 15th from 7:30-9pm. If you'd like to join with us then we'd love to see you! For more information please give me a call – I'd love to hear from you.

Creating Connections:

At the end of April, 300 church leaders from across the diocese met for a conference on "Creating Connections". This is the vision for the Diocese for the next few years and looks at Creating Connections with God, with Others and with the Community. Within that the priorities are making disciples, growing leaders and engaging with younger generations.



Our picture of Building God's house in Dorcan reflects these connections and priorities and is affirming for all that we are doing here. As a church we have been asked to share with the diocese our plans, and over the next couple of months your ministry team and ECC will be looking at putting together a short paper to share with our wider colleagues.

In the meantime, please do pick up some brochures – in particular there is a brochure called "Visions and Priorities for the Diocese of Bristol" and the first of a regular Connections Newsletter. These brochures are designed not only to communicate, but to inspire us so please do grab one!

Have you thought of being confirmed?

In July, we shall be joining our friends in Parks and Walcot for our ecumenical confirmations. 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.

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Do look out for various notices and information which will be posted on these forums. And if you don't have Facebook or Twitter, please do continue reading your weekly notices for all the news and information!

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
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Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)