



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

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8th March, 2015

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Week 3 of Lent course**  
**"All things new"**

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*  
2Corinthians 5:17

### **SERVICES - 8th March**

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

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All Age with baptism welcome	Revd Andrew Wigley
Sunday Club: ~ Ignite: ~ Vybe: <i>All Age Service</i>		
4.00pm	Praise Service	Revds Trudie & Andrew Wigley

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

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
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#### **Lectionary**

<b>Readings:</b>	Exodus 20: 1-17	1 Cor 1: 18-25
8th March	Psalms 19	John 2: 13-22

**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>THIS WEEK</b>		
Monday 9th March	9.30am 1.15pm 2-4pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Easter Cracked Open at St. Tim's—Eldene Easter Cracked Open at St Pauls – Nythe Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship Group—Thorne Rd. Eldene Finance meeting at Merlin Way
Tuesday 10th March	All day 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Methodist District Policy Committee Swindon Churches Together breakfast Easter cracked open at St Tims – Eldene Lent Group— Ridge Nether Moor, Liden Cell Group— Fitzmaurice Cl. Covingham Men's Fellowship Group— Blakeney Ave.
Wednesday 11th March	All day 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Bristol Diocese Stewardship Training Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group— Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thursday 12th March	9.30am 7.00pm  7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Pauls (TW) Living Wage for Swindon debate at Gorse Hill Baptist Cell Group— White Edge Moor, Liden Lent Group— Sutton Road, Eldene
Saturday 14th March	12.30pm	Wedding of Ryan and Cher at St Margarets, Stratton

### **SERVICES - 15th March—Mothering Sunday**

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

10.30am      Holy Communion      The Ven Christine Froude  
Rev'd Trudie Wigley  
Welcome: Pam & Mari, Teas: Janice & Shanice, Sunday Club: Nathalie & Helen

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

10.30am      Morning Worship      Paul Tayler

#### **Mothering Sunday:**

Next week is Mothering Sunday and we welcome the Ven. Christiane Froude, Archdeacon of Malmesbury and Acting Archdeacon of Bristol, to preach and to worship with us. Christine's husband, Canon David Froude, will also be joining us. David is a lay Canon at Bristol Cathedral and one of our three Diocesan representatives at General Synod.

### **For your prayers -**

- *For the world:* that peace may reign, and for the wisdom and leadership of our world leaders
- *Easter Cracked Open:* the teams who work so hard in putting on Easter Cracked Open at St Pauls and St Tims, and the children and teachers who will come and here about our faith
- *Messy Church:* for the publicity which will be going out this week
- *Our Lent course:* that we may learn and grow, both personally and together, as we make the journey towards Easter
- *Our cluster colleagues and friends:* Revd Bill O'Connell as he returns to work, Revd George Fleming as he prepared for an operation, and for Vicky Fleming, Linda Fletcher, Teresa Michaux, Helen Baber and all our cluster friends as they serve their communities

### **Thank you from +Mike and +Lee:**

On the notice board you will see a thank you letter from our bishops. We are thanked for our parish pledge and a story is shared of someone coming to faith in one of the deprived areas of Bristol through the local church and ministry – this could not have happened without the generous giving of other churches within the Diocese to support that local church.

We are thanked for our financial giving as well as our ministry to this local community and I'm sure you will join with me in being encouraged by this thanks for our Diocesan leaders.

### **Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10:30 (Maundy Thursday):**

Traditionally this service is when we share in the traditional blessing of oils which are used in Christian initiation (e.g. baptisms) and healing. However, this service is also a unique opportunity for us all to come and pray together, share in the Lord's support and for each of us to renew our commitment to the ministries to which each one of us have been called to.

A number of the Ministry team are going, and this is open to everyone and it would be lovely if a group of us were able to go together. If you would like to come, then please let Trudie know so she can let the cathedral know numbers and also perhaps link people us with car lifts (326 128).

**Sunday 22nd March 2015**

**Starting at 9.45am**  
**Cafe Service St Pauls Church**

On Sunday 22nd March we will be holding a Cafe Service. We meet from 9.45 am to share breakfast together. Then at 10.15 am there will be a short act of worship designed for the whole church family. This may include singing, prayer, an activity or discussion and an activity for younger members. Cafe is designed to be informal, social and thought.

providing. Much of its inspiration comes from the gospels where Jesus took time with his disciples to develop relationships and to teach them over a bunk of bread. We hope you will join us and enjoy this different expression of worship.  
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Alison and myself are organising **crafts for Messy Church**, and have planned a junk modelling activity.

For this, we require materials including:

Cardboard boxes like cereal boxes  
Kitchen roll tubes  
Yoghurt pots  
Egg Boxes

So would be great if people could collect a couple of bits and pieces they have at home.

Many thanks, *Hazel & Alison*

Once again we need **cakes for Local Schools** for Sunday March 22nd. They are so greatly appreciated by all the Staff and can be given to Leila at St Tims or Margaret at St. Pauls.

Second request is for **dressing up clothes** ( Bridesmaid Dresses etc )

for a Wedding Celebration for Year 3 ( age 7 – 8 )

We do as part of Living Church. We do a session where the Children from the Local Schools come to both centres and learn that Church isn't the Building but the people and what we do is Prayer, The Bible, Mission, Pentecost, The Building and Church Calendar. As part of this we and with a Celebration and a next A Wedding, Communion, Funeral or Baptism. Our dressing up clothes are old and tatty and would appreciate any offers.

Thanks, *Margaret* Tel 01793 532849 or mob. 07756987198 .

**Future dates for the diary**

**Sunday 15th March**

Mothers' Sunday

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

**Sunday 22nd March**

Launch of Messy launch: 4-6pm at St Pauls.

**Thursday April 2nd**

Crucifixion and renewal of Commitment to ministry  
10.30am Bristol Cathedral. All very warmly welcome

**Sunday 29th March – Sunday 5th April**

Holy week and Easter celebration

Look out for worship and meditative services during this time

**Wednesday 15th April**

Hartings for Swindon North and South  
North: 7pm St Barnabas Church, Gorse Hill  
South: Inmanuel URCC, Uplawn Road

Please do prayerfully consider coming to Hartings  
to have your say in the kind of society you would like to see

**Thursday 16th April**

Additional Deanery Synod at Gorse Hill 7 for 7:30pm

With Oliver Home, Diocesan Secretary and all welcome

This is an important meeting to input into the 2016-2018 Diocesan Strategy

**Sunday 19th April**

We welcome The Revd A. Ward Jones to our United Service at St Pauls

Note time of 10am - Dorecan AGM to be held after services

**Saturday 25th April:**

Bristol District Hall synod

**Saturday 2nd May:**

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

**Sunday 10th May:**

Archdeacon visitation to Swindon, St Marys Routhcourse Church

**Saturday 16th May:**

Diocesan Synod & AGM at Holy Trinity, Bradley Stoke

**Sunday 7th June:**

We welcome Jo and John Parsons to our United Service at St Pauls

**Mon 13th July 2015:**

Dorecan 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 Pauls

**2016-2018 Diocesan Strategy and Bristol Diocesan Newsletter:** The latest edition of the Diocesan newsletter is now available and do pick up a copy today. There are some reflections on the visit from ++Justin Welby to the diocesan last September and having confidence in sharing our stories of God, as well as outlining the Diocesan strategy for 2016-2018. The strategy is a bold one, with the goal of addressing how we proclaim the good news of Jesus in THIS generation. It is a strategy that asks some challenging questions and with it will ask us whether we are prepared to make some challenging and radical changes to how “we do things”. Whilst it is exciting, it is also a great step forward in faith. Moving the strategy from high level to what it make look like “on the ground” is currently being discussed at all levels in the diocese, and we have an opportunity to respond in a special meeting on **Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Gorse Hill**. This is open to all and is a chance to have your say with Oliver Home, Diocesan Secretary. Please do prayerfully consider coming along and be an active part of planning and outreach for the next few years.

***How will you vote in the general Election?*** The House of bishops has issued a pastoral letter to us all called “Who is our neighbour?”. It encourages us to engage in the political process ahead of the general election and to use our vote “thoughtfully” in trying to help build the kind of society many people say they want, but feel may not yet to expressed in the vision of some of our political parties. It challenges us that our faith and the political world are not exclusive of each other and that our voice matters. The letter is a good read, and I would encourage you to take a look at it and reflect on your response. It can be found at

**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.

**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.

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)