



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



SERVICES - Sunday 8th March 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Paul's

8.45am NO service

10.30am United Holy Communion Rev'd. Dr. Simon Taylor and
In the Hall Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Anna & Brian*, Teas: *Sam & Janice*, Sparks, *Nathalie & Helen*, Creche: *tbc*

Today we warmly welcome Revd Dr Simon Taylor,
Head of Diocesan Ministry Development.
Simon will be preaching and we look forward to getting to know him.

**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 the next week		
Monday 9th March	10.00am 2.00pm	House Group - Colleen Wiseman House Group - Alex Scott
Tuesday 10th March	9.00am 1.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers - St Paul's Christian Union Dorcan Academy House Group (Debbie) House Group (Dianne Lane) Men's Fellowship Group - Hatherley Rd.
Wednesday 11th March	8.45am 9.00am 1.15pm 6.00pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Blaze at St. Paul's
Thursday 12th March	9:30am 8.00pm	Holy Communion, St. Tim's Footie at Dorcan academy + Messenger
Friday 13th March	12.30pm	St. Paul's Office Meeting

SERVICES - Sunday 15th March 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Lent		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	NO Service	
10.30am	Morning Worship In the Chapel	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
Welcome: <i>Joy & Pauline</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy's Group</i> , Sparks, <i>Deb & Niki</i> , Creche: <i>tbc</i>		
St. Timothy's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Rob Smith

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 29th March 2020

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 29th March. Following feedback, the leadership report will be shared during the united service, with the elections and legal requirements covered in a short meeting after the service. There is also opportunity for fellowship over breakfast ahead of the service. Therefore timings are as follows and please note the 10:30am start for the service (ie we are not starting early!).

9am	Breakfast
10.30am	United Holy Communion, including Leadership Report
12.noon	Parishioners Meeting and Annual Church meeting
12.30pm	Finish

Electoral Role Revision: The period of the revision of our electoral role has now closed and the new role is available in both centres for the next two weeks. If you have previously completed a form please check that you are on the list so any amendment can be made. If you completed a form after Friday 22nd march, your name will be added to the electoral role following the closed period which ends on the day of our AGM on 7th March 2019.

Situations vacant! The smooth running of our worship gatherings in both centres requires a wonderful team of people to make things happen – from stewards, AV operators, readers, welcomers, intercessors, finance counters, tidy-uppers, refreshment makers, communion sacristans, Hoover-uppers etc. **The reality is that the situation is more challenging than ever if we are to continue as we are.** Please do consider how you might be able to contribute, and particularly if you are able to offer to be a steward which are elected at the AGM. At St Paul's we can no longer cover all the services and this is an immediate, pressing need. Please do have a word with Trudie or any of our current stewards if you would like to know more. Please do commit this to prayer.

Standing for ECC: Have you ever wondered how decisions are made which guide the direction of God's church in Dorcan? The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) is an important part of that decision making, and carries out a mixture of spiritual, legal, financial and missionary functions, and shares the responsibility of making certain decisions with the church leadership. It meets 6-8 times a year across different evenings during the week. It is not a committee to be on to know what's going on, but a gathering that prays and works together for the benefit of the life, ministry and mission of God's church. Nor is it a committee which "rubber stamps" – issues are discussed and decisions made with prayer and in faith. **Would you like to use your gifts to serve on ECC** and can you attend the majority of meetings? Please do prayerfully consider whether this is something you might be a part of, whether as an elected member, or as an officer of the church such as being a Churchwarden or Deanery Synod representative. If you need any further information then please speak to our Church warden, Diane, any member of the ministry team, or current ECC member. Nomination forms are now available in each centre.

Changes to upcoming United services: Due to the pattern of Easter services (yes I know Christmas has only just finished!), our AGM and availability of a guest speaker, our pattern for united services is altered and will therefore be on the Sundays below.

The plan and Easter services will be out shortly.

Sunday 8 th March	With Revd Dr Simon Taylor, Head of Diocesan Ministry Development
Sunday 29 th March	AGM with church report within the service. Breakfast from 9am. Service starting at <u>10:30am</u> .

St. Paul's Heating Update

Work to remove the asbestos ceiling in the boiler room will be carried out on Thursday and Friday 12th. - 13th. March. An 'Air test' will be carried out on Monday 16th. March and provided this is clear installation of the new flue and commissioning of the new boiler will start on Tuesday 17th March and should be completed by the weekend.

There will be no access via the side door to the hall during this time as a temporary sealed airlock will be in place. Normal use of the remainder of the building is quite safe. People who normally use this door should contact Cheryl so that access can be made through the front doors. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time.

Mid-Week Communion:

We will continue to meet at St Timothy's each week until we are warm and cosy again at St Paul's. Therefore please do come along at 9:30am on Thursdays at St Timothy's for a time of worship and sharing communion together. We will be back at St Paul's from 2nd April. Thank you for your understanding.

Tuesday Morning Prayers – 9am St Paul's:

We are still meeting! Sometimes there are only a few of us and other times it is all very cosy as there are so many. However, the weekly rhythm continues so do come and join us.

#LiveLent: Care for God's creation:

It's not too late to download the #LiveLent app and journey together as we explore Creation care. There are weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, and it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created.

This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you, your family and this church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

It has been inspired and informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio which our home groups are following.

On Saturday, 14 March 2020 we'll be in Oxford at the Wesley Memorial Church, for the next **Labs Learning Roadshow**.

The Church of England's **Labs Learning Roadshow** is a day-long digital conference to inspire and equip Church of England churches to share Good News, grow people's faith and bring more people to faith by **harnessing digital and social media**.

Details

- Saturday 14th March 2020
- Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford
- 9am - 5pm
- Tickets £10 including lunch

You can book through the Church of England website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

Stuart

Marriage, Relationships and Sexuality **“God in love unites us” and “Living in love and faith”** **An opportunity to engage in learning and discussion**

You may be aware that both the Methodist Church and the Church of England are discussing marriage and human sexuality, including same-sex marriage. Both denominations are taking a slightly different approach to these discussions.

The Church of England is engaging in a process called “*Living in love and faith*” and a learning document is being written, including perspectives and input from other disciplines and groups and should be published later this year. There will be further steps in discussion and engagement after this which are currently not defined as the very process of engagement and learning will itself define what the next steps are.

The Methodist Church is further forward in its publications. A report has been written called “*God in Love unites us*” which was received by Conference in 2019. This can be accessed at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/11672/conf-2019-10-marriage-and-relationships-task-group-2019.pdf>

It has been explained to me that this makes some provisional standing orders which will be further discussed and possibly voted on at this summer’s Conference. However ahead of this, engagement is being encouraged by the Methodist Connexion and this is an opportunity to learn together, as well as understand the process of engagement. One discussion opportunity has now passed which a number from Dorcan church attended, and a second is being held on **8th March at 3pm at Central Methodist, Chippenham**, led by the Chair of the District Revd Dr Jonathan Pye.

This is an opportunity to engage theologically and pastorally with the issues in hand and learn from each other as we find a path forward on what is a complex and emotive subject. Please can I encourage you to come along and learn together? A number of us from your ECC and Ministry team will be there.

Please do pray. This is a difficult topic for many of us and as an ecumenical partnership this brings additional complexity. However, this is an opportunity for us to engage well, agree well and disagree well, as we walk a path of grace.

Trudie

Bristol Diocese monthly newsletter: Pick up a copy of the latest diocesan newsletter to hear all that is going on, or take a look at the copy on the noticeboard.

Better still to save paper, follow the link below!

https://mcusercontent.com/d221cd85ffa568579da6cbafa/files/880a7d32-1c4b-4b13-8567-c696cab24bd7/Diocesan_News_February_2020_print.pdf

**Climate Emergency Conference:
Saturday 21st March 10-3pm**

The Emmanuel Meeting House, Bristol, BS1 2NN.
The day will include speakers, practical workshops,
creative expression, worship and a chance to net-
work and share materials.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/church-action-in-a-climate-emergency-new-venue-tickets-82945065925>

Turning Point: Pick up a copy of the latest newsheet in both centres, or follow the link here:

<https://mailchi.mp/7fbe6634eb18/5y8764vp9m-3177353?e=89f08ea85e>

URGENT APPEAL Situations Vacant; St. Paul's Church

Welcomers, Stewards, Refreshments, Cashiers

Could you offer your skills

Please contact Diane K asap in person, by phone or email.

Many thanks, *Diane*

Fun for all the family!



Car treasure hunt starting at St Paul's Church
from 1.30pm on Saturday 11th April.

Adults £5 and kids £2.50.

All funds raised will go towards
the replacement of the church boiler.

There will be a chance
to purchase a drink at the end
before returning to St Paul's
for a buffet tea (included in the fee) and raffle.

To book a team,
please contact Clare Smith
on 07709 836813
or email: clares247@gmail.com

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 11th March** Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

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