



St. Paul's Covingham
 St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

10th April, 2016

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



*Jesus stood on the beach...
 "Children, you have no fish, do you?
 Cast your net to the right side of the boat,
 and you will find some"
 John 21:4-5*

SERVICES 10th April

St. Paul's

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| 8.45am | Holy Communion | Rev'd Trudie Wigley |
| 10.30am | All Age Worship | Neil Marshall |
| 1.00pm | Baptism of Rudi Thomas Mayhew We welcome the family and friends of Rudi as he is bought to baptism today | |
| 4.00pm | Tea and Praise | Rev'd Andrew Wigley Rev'd John Monaghan |

St. Tim's

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Paul Tayler |
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This morning Andrew Wigley is at Queens Drive.

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.

A notice in the notices about notices!

During our Sunday services we are trying to keep verbal notices to a minimum as almost all of them are in the weekly notices which Anna kindly puts together.

We are now printing more of these each week so there are now some available to pick up the following week if you missed it.

With this in mind, if you feel that you would like something shared verbally on a Sunday, please could you let the Steward or service leader know so that they can make a decision as to whether it is appropriate to share it in the chapel (either during or after the service), or afterwards in the snug. *Thank you.*

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.

Faith and politics - what is our response to the EU referendum?

The debate and conversations are gaining momentum as we come to the referendum in June. It can be a little confusing to pin-point the main issues, so the following websites may help as you consider and pray what your vote might be. The BBC provides a helpful "What you need to know" and can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-32810887>

There is also another website which aims to create a space for Christian debate on this issue, with arguments on both sides. This can be found at www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk. We pray for all our nation's leaders and ourselves as we come to this important vote.

Life Path is being put on again at Malmesbury Abbey, arranged this Year by Abi Corry. It's a day for School aged children going through the life of a Monk. It's being held Monday June 27th and Tuesday 28th 9.30 - 3pm. As at least one of our Schools, - Covingham, is taking part it would be good if a few of the School Team could take part. It means also attending on the Sunday 26th 4pm - 9pm for Tea and training. Ray, Pam and I are going on the Monday and we have a spare seat in our car if someone would like to join us.

Please let me know ASAP. For more information contact me on 532849

Margaret

“There is a petition to “save Swindon’s libraries” form on the community notice board at St Paul’s. The petition is calling upon Swindon Borough Council to guarantee the future of all libraries in Swindon by ensuring that they continue to be run by professionally trained council staff and funded by the council. The library is an integral part of the centre so please show your support by signing the petition”.

We have been busy "doing up" the small meeting room with the view to it being used as a young peoples/prayer room. Do please come and have a look on Sunday after the service. A big thanks to Callum for giving up a morning of his holidays to help paint! Deb.

Flame FM Duty Managers :

FLAME FM Duty Managers needed. Providing support for the presenter by way of having a keen listening ear to what's being broadcast. Also taking and making telephone calls as needed, meeting and greeting visitors, and making copious teas and coffees during the month of May.

Training for Duty managers will be on Saturdays 23rd and 30th April, 10am-11.30am. You don't need to come to both! Days and times during May will be to suit your diary. For more information or to offer your services do get in touch and chat to Barbara 01793 536815, or email Barbara@flamefm.co.uk .

Dave Jones

Uganda Link News

A visit to Uganda from the Swindon deanery is planned for February 2017. The outline plan is:

- a) *To go for a fortnight from around 11th February 2017 (Saturday at the beginning of half term)*
- b) *To spend some time in Kampala and some in Luweero staying partly in the homes of local Christians*
- c) *To visit a safari park at Mukono Falls for a couple of nights*
- d) *To cost around £1500.*

The new and exciting news is that the trip will coincide with the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the Martyrdom of Archbishop Janani Luwum (on 16th February) which will be a big Ugandan celebration – and for which the Archbishop of Canterbury is also attending, so you will be in good company!

If you are interested or would like further details please contact Tony or Janet P.

Duncan and Marion, our contacts in Kampala, have a new daughter born on 5th. April. They are looking for a name to go with Marion, Martha and Mary. We have suggested Miriam.

Tony P.

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

Wednesday 14th April

A gathering of Messy Church teams from across the Swindon area,
at St John's, Parks, *from 7pm-8:45pm*

Friday 15th April

Flame FM a 'Question Time' style debate 7pm
at The Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill, Swindon

Tuesday 19th April

An evening with Stuart Townend, (Performance, chat & Worship)
7pm, St. Joseph's College, Ocotal Way, Swindon

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Sunday 24th April 2016

Dorcan Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7th May 2016

Bristol Diocese Synod

Saturday 16th May 2016

Safeguarding Leadership Training (SG2) at St Paul's 10-4pm
For Churchwardens, LLMs, supervisors/leaders of children & young people's work
or work with vulnerable adults. Booking via Diocesan office essential.

Wednesday 6th July 2016

Ecumenical Confirmations, St Johns, Parks & Walcot

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

3rd December 2016

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th January 2017

Lay Ministers conference at Brunel Manor in Torquay.

Calling all Messy Church teams!

We would like to invite everyone involved in Messy Church to a gathering of Messy Church teams from across the Swindon area at St John's, Parks on Thursday 14th April from 7pm-8:45pm.

We hope to support and encourage one another, pray together, share ideas and discuss challenges. We would also like to talk about whether we might like to arrange a training session and if so, what we would like the training to cover and when would be the best time to arrange it. We have secured a small pot of money to pay the expenses of inviting a Messy Church trainer to Swindon.

This time we would especially love to know:-

- *What has excited/encouraged you about your Messy Church in the last six months?*
- *What are your biggest challenges?*
- *What themes have gone well? – please bring any particularly good sessions for others to take away and maybe some examples of the crafts?*
- *What food crafts have gone well? Any particular winners for Easter? Can you bring some to share?!*

No need to book, just come along – the more the merrier!

From Becky Lafford (Pinehurst) and Linda Fletcher (Parks and Walcot)

Church AGM – Sunday 24th April after 10am United Service

Please remember to put this date in your diaries, and come(!) as we celebrate the good things in the life of our church in 2015, and look forward to the future.

There are vacancies for representatives to Church Council, and also as Church Stewards – please consider whether you might serve the church in this way, and look out for nomination forms in the churches.

Help Please – Could you bake a cake, or serve tea and coffee?

On Saturday 23rd April, our circuit is hosting District Synod at Sheldon School in Chippenham. We need to provide refreshments for about 120 people, so any offers of cakes would be appreciated. Also, if anyone would be willing to serve tea and coffee, either morning, lunch, or afternoon, please do see Andrew Wigley. All help appreciated!



What's it all about? An opportunity to ask questions and learn about the Christian faith

We are looking to run some short and informal sessions in late April/early May to explore the Christian faith and give an opportunity to ask questions.

As a way of playing your part in the vision of Building God's house, **please do prayerfully consider who you might encourage to join these sessions**, and don't forget to ask them! Invitations are available at the back of the church with more information.

Electoral Role on display today: the period for revision is now closed, and a copy of the electoral role is displayed at both St Pauls and St Timothy's. Please could you check that your entry is correct and advise Barbara Wilcox of any amendments? Thank you!

TURNING POINT- a charity which is supported by the Dorcan Church - are holding two events - both on the 21st May.

1. **TP Hi! Tea.** From 2-5pm at Holy Trinity Church, Knaphill. Entry Free. Come and join in the cream tea and loads of activities for all ages to give you a glimpse into life in Kibera and the great work that Turning Point is doing. Also meet Judy C.E.O. of TP-Kenya and John Kariuki, Kibera Centres' Director who are both coming all the way from Kenya for the event.
2. **The Turning Point Harambee** from 7-11pm at Christchurch, Woking. Tickets are £35. An evening of great food, live music, dancing and a charity auction. Judy and Kariuki will also be at this event sharing their experiences from Kibera. Tickets are available on line from bit.ly/tp Harambee

PLEASE NOTE that I will need items for the next newsletter by the end of Wednesday 13th April please. I am going away for the weekend on Friday morning and I need to finish the notices on Thursday morning at the latest.

Thanks. *Anna*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 13th April**
Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)