



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



“As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you”
God as a comforting mother - Isaiah 66:13

Services - 11th March 2018 - 4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

10.30am All Age Morning Worship Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Vybe/Ignite/Sunday Club*, Teas: *Janice & Jan*, Sunday Club/Creche: *None*

St. Tim's

10.30am All Age Morning Worship Rev'd Rob ~Smith

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 next week -

Monday 12th March	9.30am PM 7-9pm	Liden Easter Cracked Open, St Timothy's Private Internment of ashes for the late Dennis Goacher Parenting Teenagers (watch out you lovely teenagers!), St Paul's chapel
Tuesday 13th March	9.30am 9-9.45am 10.00am Lunchtime 1.30pm 7.30pm All Day	Liden Easter Cracked Open, St Timothy's Morning Prayers, St Paul's Meeting Room 1Sam4&5 St. Tim's Morning Prayers at Tryon Close, Liden Dorcan Academy Christian Union Church Link meeting, St Tim's Men's Fellowship, Hatherley Rd. Nythe Methodist Presbyterian synod, Gordano Valley
Wednesday 14th March	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tea & Toast, St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's ECC at St. Tim's
Thursday 15th March	9.30am 9.30am 10 - 2.00pm 8-9.00pm	Nythe Easter Cracked open, St Paul's Holy Communion at St. Tim's (NOT St. Paul's) Deanery leadership team, St Paul's vestry Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Saturday 17th March	12.30pm	Funeral of Revd Beth Brown, St Mary's Church, Bishop's Cannings, Devizes

Services - 18th March 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Rob Smith

Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*,
Sunday Club: *Debbie & Niki*, Creche: *None*

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Mid-week communion this Thursday 15th March :

The service will be at St Timothy's, rather than St Paul's. The following week on 22nd March we will continue as planned to meet at St Timothy's.

Funeral of the Rev'd Beth Brown

Following the announcement of the death of Beth Brown, I now have details of her funeral which will be at St Mary's Church, Bishop's Cannings near Devizes on Saturday 17 March at 12.30pm.

If any one wants to come and needs a lift please contact Neil or Nathalie and we will arrange something for you. If you are able to offer a lift, please let us know!

Many thanks for all your support and kind messages.

Nathalie

Prayers for this week -

- Prayers of thanksgiving for those who mother us, and that we might be a mothering community
- Those for whom Mothering Sunday is a difficult time
- For the news that we have seen in the headlines this week
- Our outreach to children and young people, especially Easter Cracked Open which starts this week
- Those who are unwell, awaiting medical appointments or results, or anxious about the future.
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones

Tuesday Morning prayers, 9am St Paul's:

On their recent Big Mix weekend, our young people followed the theme of "*Hearing from God*" looking at the story of Samuel. We thought we would follow their lead and read 1&2 Samuel as part of our weekly prayer meetings.

We will be continuing from 1 Samuel 24 this coming week and there will also be plenty of time for prayer – for ourselves, others and God's world. We will meet in the Meeting Room as it is lovely and warm with the winter's sun and a boost from the fan heater!

Look forward to seeing you.

**Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday Walk of witness
United service of communion at 10am with walk of witness**

This year we are looking to move our walk of witness from Good Friday to Palm Sunday as a way of engaging more with those in our community and enabling more of the church family to walk together in witness.

Please come and join us for a United service at St Paul's at the earlier time of 10am (yes – clocks do go forward that day!) and as part of our worship, we will finish with a walk of witness in the local area and return back for refreshments around 12:15-12:30pm. #LiveLent

As part of our preparation for our **Church parade of witness on Sunday 25th March** we will be making palm leaves from paper. Please join us on the 18th after the Service to help us with the task.

**Advanced warning!
Saturday 12th May 2:30pm
Church family afternoon**

As part of “Thy Kingdom Come” – the national prayer initiative – please come and join together as the Dorcan church family at Barbury castle for fun together and a time of prayer for our town as we overlook our home of Swindon from the hill.

Come with your kites, outdoor games, dogs, cakes to share and hot flasks!

TEAR FUND has been working with the third world for 50 years and are inviting their supporters to pray with them on the two dates below.

GIVE THANKS

Tear fund have been overwhelmed by the response to the UKAID match appeal, and are pleased to say that supporters have helped raise over £5million that the Government will now match.

Tear Fund celebrations

This year Tear Fund are giving thanks and celebrate their 50th anniversary with a service in Coventry Cathedral, with guest speaker; the Archbishop of Canterbury. Supporters are invited to join them at 10:30am on Sunday 6 May 2018 and pray for the future of ending global poverty. Online registration opens next month – If you cannot make this service please pray along with them where you are on this special day!

Also Tear Fund would love each church to organise a prayer gathering to lift our voices along with churches around the world. Please join in prayer on 27 May 2018 if you can, when churches all over the world will pray a prayer written especially by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Is there anyone interested and able to organize a prayer time in Dorcan please speak to christine? Find out more details in the We Won't Stop church.

God Bless,

Christine Parsons

RICE still for sale - £3 a bag.

TODAY is your last chance

EASTER EGGS are now here,
Payment on collection please.

Milk - £3.99, Dark - £5.50,
Special £9.99



Nathalie

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 14th March** - Tel 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail