



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

FOR GOD  
SO LOVED  
**THE**  
WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,  
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM  
SHALL  
**NOT**  
PERISH  
**BUT**  
HAVE  
ETERNAL  
**LIFE.**  
**JOHN**  
**3:16**

**Services Sunday 12th March 2017**  
2nd Sunday of Lent

**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Beth Lamb
10.30am	All Age Service	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
4.00pm	Informal Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

**St. Tim's**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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This morning Colin Parsons is at Wroughton supporting the wider 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.**

<b>What's on this week -</b>		
Monday 13th March	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 14th March	9.30/11 7.30pm	Liden School St Tim's, Easter Cracked Open Circuit meeting at Lyneham
Wednesday 15th March	All day 9.00am 9.00am 1.30am 7.30pm	Methodist Presbyteral synod, Swindon Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Circuit Leadership, Lyneham
Thursday 16th March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
Friday 17th March	2-4pm	The Friday Club at St. Paul's (see separate notice)
Saturday 18th March	10-4pm	Flower festival, marking 40th anniversary of dedication of St Tims building

## **SERVICES Sunday 19th March 2017**

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

10.30am Morning Worship Neil Marshall

Welcome: *John & Joan*, Teas: *Jean & Joan*, Sunday Club: *Nathalie & Helen*

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

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

10.30am Celebration of 40th anniversary of opening of St. Tim's Led by Hilary Cooke

1-4pm Flower Festival at St. Tim's

### **Building God's House – Update No.4:**

The latest update of all the good things happening in *Building God's House* is available this weekend. Please make sure you receive your copy and take time to have a read of it.

There is much to be thankful for, and more to get ready for as together we are . . . Building God's House. If you have any queries or comments, please do speak to one of the Ministry team.

## For your prayers -

- For all those who hold economic power in leadership, thinking particularly of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and those working in financial centres of the world.
- For the Church of England as it grapples with gender and sexuality issues
- For Easter Cracked Open, the team who make it make it happen, and the children from our local schools who will come
- For ourselves as we continue in Lent, that we will head to Jerusalem with our Lord
- Those who are unwell, awaiting medical appointments or results, or anxious about the future.
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones.



## Flower Festival at St Timothy's to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Church in Li- den.

Saturday 18th March 10am to 4pm  
and Sunday 19th March 1pm to 4pm

All donations will go to  
the Great Western Hospital  
Brighter Futures Fund.

Contact Janette Causer  
01793 618251 for further details.

You will be pleased to know we shall very soon be able to start preparations for our **new screen**; however the final costing has exceeded our expectations.

If you feel able to assist with any contribution towards this, there are envelopes at the back of church for your donation, which shall be greatly received.

**As many of you are aware our son Nathan is, at present, training for the Anglican priesthood.** He moves to his first Parish, Stevenage in July and his Ordination is at St Albans on the morning of Sunday 2nd July.

Some of the congregation have already expressed an interest in attending and we are thinking about transport. If anyone else is wanting to attend could you please let either of us know as soon as possible as Nathan has to inform St Albans of numbers.

Once again thank you for your interest, support and prayers over the years for Nathan.

Pete and Debbie

**It's your move.**

Moving to THE senior school (key stage 3) can be rather a daunting experience, and as a church we go into our local schools to do a fun assembly, and leave some very helpful books to help with this. If you would like more details, and are interested in joining the team,

please contact me.

Diane 336420



**The Friday Club** - held at St. Paul's once a month between 2-4pm on a Friday afternoon..

This week, on Friday 17th March, Dennis Goacher will be talking to us on one of his favourite subjects - "Railway Preservation", accompanied by slides.

Tea and Coffee included for only £2 each. All Welcome.

If you subscribe to one of our **regular giving schemes** you will have received a personal thankyou letter. To those whose giving is via the offertory plate I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Dorcan Church, for your financial contribution which makes it possible for us to continue the work and mission of the church.

For those of you who like to make a regular contribution we have been selected to be the pioneers of a direct debit scheme shortly to be introduced to the Diocese of Bristol. Called The Parish Giving Scheme it is already operating successfully in other dioceses. Details can be found at: [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk).

A reminder that if you pay income tax HMRC will top up your donation by 25% if you make a Gift Aid declaration. This is a significant help at no cost to you. Forms are available on the Church web-site [www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/docs](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/docs) or from one of the wardens.

Later this year we will be looking at a programme called 'Giving with Grace'. In order to cultivate what St Paul calls the grace of giving we need to think carefully about all we receive from God and prayerfully review our giving.

Thank you again for your support and your commitment to giving. Regular giving enables us to plan and budget wisely to continue the work of the church and reach out to our community.

*Tony Prichard*  
Treasurer

### **Envelope Giving Scheme**

New envelopes are available this week for the new financial year. If you would like to join this scheme please see Brian Avery who has some spare sets.

Please dispose of any unused envelopes from previous years in your re-cycling bin.

Tony Prichard

**Photos from 2016:** If you have some favourite photos from the life of the church last year please could you email them to Jackie? ([dorcanchurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcanchurch.office@gmail.com)) It would be good to share some of them at our upcoming AGM. Thank you.

## LENT GROUPS

Groups start Monday 6th March. These will be weekly in five sessions for most groups, but every two weeks at one.

The Lent course this year is themed around our diocesan vision 'Creating connections' and leads participants to consider what it means to be a disciple connected to God, each other and our communities.

It is our prayer that, as we meet together in small groups across the Diocese to spend time exploring God's word through this resource, we would discover afresh what it means to be a follower of Christ bearing witness to His name.

If you want to sign up there is a list available at both Saint Timothy's and Saint Paul's. It outlines the existing groups who are all doing the lent course and the start dates, please put your name and contact number [with the group that you would like to attend](#). While we cannot guarantee you a slot in your choice we will do our best to accommodate you. Alternatively you can discuss with me.

Alex - House Group Co-ordinator Tel: 346507

### **Trying to read through the Bible? Do you use Bible Notes to help you?**

In the next few weeks we will be putting out a few copies of 'Word for Today'. If you do not already use Bible Notes, this will be an opportunity to try them.

If you already do use Bible Notes then we welcome your feedback on how you find they help you in your walk of faith.

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## **A Lenten reflection on Fasting and Feasting**

Fast from judgment, Feast on compassion  
Fast from greed, Feast on sharing  
Fast from scarcity, Feast on abundance  
Fast from fear, Feast on peace  
Fast from lies, Feast on truth  
Fast from gossip, Feast on Praise  
Fast from apathy, Feast on engagement  
Fast from discontent, Feast on gratitude  
Fast from noise, Feast on silence  
Fast from discouragement, Feast on hope  
Fast from hatred, Feast on love  
What will be your fast? What will be your feast

Rev. Ann Fontaine

### **Lent activity – 40acts:**

In Messy church this month we explored generosity in the context of learning about the season of lent. The “take home” was a wallchart with highly practical and do-able ideas for 40 acts of generosity, one for each day of lent. Suggestions range from ideas such as “*tell someone what you like about them*” to “*giving some of your points on a loyalty card as a gift to someone*”.

*The messy congregation will be following this over lent and invite you to join with them as we all journey towards Easter. There are ready-made packs of the Wallchart and other ideas at the back of the church and if we run out we can print some more.*

*Alternatively all the information is on the website [40acts.co.uk](http://40acts.co.uk).*

*The Messy team*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**11:15 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

We are holding our annual general meeting on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April straight after the united service which will start at the **earlier time of 10am**. Ahead of this, the annual written report will be available from next week, so please do pick up your copy then.

**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 alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday nights. 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 the church. Nor is it a committee which "rubber stamps" decisions - over the last couple of years some bold and well discussed decisions have been made surrounded by prayer and made 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. If you need any further information then please speak to a Church warden, member of the ministry team, or current ECC member. Nomination forms are available in each centre.

**Electoral Role - notice of revision. Please act before next Saturday:** The opening of revision of the electoral role starts today and closes on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. After this time no amendments can be made until after our AGM. The revised list will be displayed, as legally required, from next Sunday for the 14 days before our AGM. If you are not on the electoral role and would like to be, or are not sure, please do speak with Barbara Wilcox our Electoral roll officer who will be able to help you (tel: 538695 / b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com). By being on the electoral role it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan church, stand for Ecumenical Church Council and speak at the annual meeting, yet most importantly, it is a significant way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church. Do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.

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All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 16th March Tel 695698 or e.mail [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.