



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



"Jesus was baptized...and as he was praying,  
 heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove"  
*Luke 3:21-22*

**Services - 13th January 2019**  
**2nd Sunday of Epiphany/Baptism of Christ**

**St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am All Age celebration Rev'd Rob Smith

Welcome: *Vybe/Ignite*, Teas: *Hazel/Pam*, Sunday Club: *None*, Crèche: *None*

4.00pm Tea and Praise Rev'd Andrew Wigley

**St. Tim's**

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Andrew Wigley

**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 - next week -</b>		
Monday 14th January	3.30pm 7.30pm	Finance Committee, Merlin Way Ministry Team, Merlin Way
Tuesday 15th January	Am 1.00pm 7.30pm	Clergy Chapter, St Mary's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Men's Fellowship at 4 Hatherley Road, Nythe
Wednesday 16th January	8.45am 9.00am 11.15am 6.45pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots starts at St. Paul's Funeral of late Lesley Giles, Kingsdown *new* (older) Youth club, St Paul's Centre
Thursday 17th January	9.30am 7.00pm 7.00-8pm  8.00-9pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Baptism preparation Merlin Way *new* Walking footie for over 65's, Dorcan Leisure Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger

<b>Services - 20th January 2019</b>		
<b>Covenant Sunday</b>		
<b>Launch of Holy Habit - Prayer</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'ds Trudie Wigley and Rob Smith
Welcome: <i>Anna &amp; Brian</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy's Group</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Mary/Deb/Clare/Niki</i> , Crèche: <i>Jan &amp; Anna</i>		
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Walking football for the 65 and over's every Thursday for next 6 weeks at Dorcan Leisure Centre 7-8'. See Rob for more details

## **The Bible Course - Explore the BIG story**

I am going to be doing "The Bible Course" by the Bible society (8 sessions), probably weekly or fortnightly on a Tues afternoon starting late January/early February. (day and time negotiable). If you would like to join me please contact, in person or on Swindon 617517.

Thanks - Sue Morgans

From the Bible Society Web Site -

- The Bible Course is ideal for 1-2-1 coaching, small groups and larger gatherings and can be used anywhere from homes, work places or prisons. It can also be used by older youth groups, student groups and in churches. The course is accessible for people new to Christianity, ideal as a follow-on from courses like Alpha or for mature Christians wanting to increase their understanding of the Bible.
- Whether you're well versed in Scripture or just starting out on the journey, *The Bible Course offers a superb overview of the world's best-selling book.*

Lots of more detailed information can be found on the Bible Society's web site.



**A MASSIVE thank you** to everyone who supported and helped make all the Christmas activities and services happen and run so smoothly, and for delivering an amazing 5,000 Christmas cards! It was a full Christmas schedule and it would not have happened without the hard work of so many of you, in many different ways.

All of the activities and services went well and we have received positive feedback and thanks from a broad range of people, including many from the community. We invited people to *#FollowTheStar* and encounter Jesus and we pray that in the coming year those who came will find out more as we all continue in our journey with God.

We approach 2019 with excitement for all that it may bring for us as God's church. With grateful thanks, as ever. *Trudie Wigley*

## **Holy Habits**

### **Next Gathering, Sunday 3rd February - Lunch**

This is a reminder that we will be meeting to do some forward thinking of the habits of “*Sharing Resources*” (March-April) and “*Biblical Teaching*” (May- June) over a lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> February following the united service. We propose a simple lunch of something like soup and bread, with cakes following. We can spend this time in fellowship deepening the habit of “*Eating Together*” as well as thinking ahead to these two habits, and we aim to finish by 1:45am.

Arrangements for lunch will be communicated next week, but to give you the heads up we will need volunteers to make some soup and cakes, and someone to “lightly” co-ordinate the food to ensure we have the right amount. We will all be asked to bring our own bowls, cutlery, drink etc. to minimize setting and clearing up. *Ministry Team*

**Room Divider:** Over the last month or so, you may have noticed our new blue room divider in the church at St Paul’s. This room divider can extend to up to 6m long, or be folded to a compact size for storage, and it also provides acoustic screening.

This unit can be used in a number of ways, e.g. to form an enclosed space for prayer ministry or for a creche, or to be used as a backdrop for when we extend the seating area from the church into the hall. It is also being used to provide some privacy when safeguarding training is being held, and to provide a reduced space for smaller groups. Going forward, we plan to use one side of the divider as an additional internal church noticeboard. In the short time we have had it, it has been of immense use and our hirers are also appreciative of the benefits it brings.

### **On-line booking for St. Paul’s**

*Our on-line booking system for use of St. Paul's Church and Centre is now fully live. All requests for parties, events and meetings (including church meetings) should go through this system please.*

*Details can be found here:*

[http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/centre\\_bookings.php](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/centre_bookings.php).

*If you have any questions or problems then please ask.*

*Tony Prichard e-mail: [hall.bookings@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:hall.bookings@dorcanchurch.org.uk)*

*Tel: 520734*

### **Centre Administrator and Caretaker – news and help required urgently**

Many of you may know that we are presently without a Centre Administrator and a Caretaker. Tania announced she was leaving just before Christmas, and Joe informed us at the end of November. On behalf of the Church, we have wished them well and thanked them for their service amongst us and their support.

Standing Committee has met on several occasions to make arrangements to ensure that we can continue to run as a Church Centre, especially over the busy Christmas period. We are particularly grateful to Diane Killick and to Tony Prichard for arranging and providing vital cover at short notice. Standing Committee is looking at ways of providing both temporary cover and a more permanent solution, and will update ECC on 23rd January.

In the meantime, we urgently require your help, often in simple ways, to help spread the load. This might include helping to move chairs and tables, to open / close up for a booking, or to provide tea and coffee, check the facilities after a booking. I am sure there will be a number of people who feel able to offer help, and so support the ongoing life and mission of our church, and this could be you! Please do speak to any member of the standing committee – Diane Killick, Tony Prichard, John Davidson, Viv Craig, Trudie Wigley, Andrew Wigley – they will only be pleased to hear from you! Thank you.

### **Library – update on self-service access**

ECC met in November with Dale Heenan and Diane Rendell from the Covingham Library Community Trust, and were given a demonstration of the newly-installed self-service access system at Liden Library. Dale and Diane gave very helpful responses to the wide-ranging questions raised by ECC members.

Following the demonstration, ECC met to discuss what had been learnt from the demonstration and from the answers provided. ECC agreed to support the self-service access initiative subject to a number of conditions (details in ECC minutes to follow), including a restriction that the self-service access system will not be used after 6pm until further discussion and agreement has been reached.

Diane Killick, with help from Tony Prichard and John Davidson, has agreed to take the lead on behalf of ECC, commencing in the New Year. A Faculty application will need to be approved, first by ECC, and then through the Diocesan DAC approvals process. All additional costs will be picked up by the Library Trust.

### **Parents of children under 5**

A Care for the Family course about parenting in the early years will start on Monday evenings at St Paul's on February 5th. If you want to come, please book a place with me soon either by speaking to me or email : [jennypoole@virginmedia.com](mailto:jennypoole@virginmedia.com). The course is free, but there is a book to accompany it which costs £7.50 which I need to order.

### **Helping Hands**

Helping hands needed at Tiny Tots, St Tim's for 2019

Session Time 1.30 to 3.00. (Clearing up time until 3.20.)

We are blessed as we have enough help in the kitchen but we need help with the session and putting the church back in order.

You are welcome to taste and see if this is for you.

Can you spare one Wednesday a month or more to help?

If you live in the Dorcan area and transport is an issue I may be able to help. Want more information?

Ask Viv, Sarah, Diane Phillips, Tricia, Anne, Hazel, Elizabeth or Rob

### **Messy Church**

Please could you collect for me, any size boxes and the inside of a kitchen roll tube. The more the better. If I could have them by 21st Jan or before that would be lovely. Thank you. Hazel Merrett

### **Belated thanks to all involved in any way in the services over Christmas**

Special thanks and appreciation to all those involved in the music during the Carol Service at St Pauls.....you were great! Please pray about how we can take this involvement further to continue to enhance and enrich our worship by using the gifts God has given us! Please speak to me (or anyone else) if you are interested/have some ideas! Thanks again. Sue

**Future dates for your diary as at January 2019**

***Sunday 4th February 2019***

Soup and cake lunch after united service until 1.45pm latest. Exploring next 2 Holy Habits of Sharing resources and Biblical teaching.

***Sunday 24th March 2019***

Sunday School for All 10.30am St. Paul's

***7<sup>th</sup> April 2019***

10.00am United Service with Communion  
Followed by the Annual General Meeting at 11.30am

***Sunday 12th May 2019***

3.30pm Ecumenical Confirmation at Purton

***Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019***

2<sup>nd</sup> Covingham Beer festival

**Dorcan Performing Arts Group present 'ZINDERS' on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. 7 p.m. at Dorcan Academy. Adults £4.00, Concessions £2.50. Available on the door or from 01793 339344.**

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 16th January**. Tel 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email**