



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



**Services - 18th February 2018
 First Sunday of Lent**

St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship Sue Morgans & Diane Killick

Welcome: *John & Joan*, Teas: *Rosemary & Amy*, Sunday Club: *tba.* Creche: *None*

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

With thanksgiving for the life of Leila Thwaites

This weekend our young people and their leaders are in Leatherhead for THE BIG MIX! They will be returning this afternoon. Alex Scott is at Pewsey and Colin Parson is at Moredon supporting the wider Methodist 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.**

Service of Thanksgiving for Leila Thwaites - TODAY

We will be celebrating the life of Leila during the communion service at 10:30 at St Tims.

All are welcome, and please do stay for fellowship over refreshments afterwards.

We will also be warmly welcoming her family for whom our prayers continue.

What's on next week -

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| Tuesday 20th February | 8.15-10.00am 9-9.45am 11.30-2pm Lunchtime 7.30pm 7.30pm | Deanery leadership, snug Morning Prayers, St Paul's Clergy chapter, Rodbourne Dorcan Academy Christian Union Men's Fellowship, Hatherley Rd. Nythe Circuit Leadership, Lyneham |
| Wednesday 21st February | 8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm | Tea & Toast, St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's |
| Thursday 22nd February | 9.30am 8-9.00pm | Holy Communion & St. Tim's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger |
| Friday 23rd February | 2.- 4.00pm | The Friday Club at St. Paul's (See separate notice) |

Services - 25th February 2018 2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Anna & Brian*, Teas: *Hazel & Alison*, Sunday Club: *tba.* Creche::Nicki & Anna

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Neil Marshall



**New Youth Club @ St Paul's starting Wed 7th March
19.00 - 20.30 for school years 7-9 (aged 11-14)
For more info see Rob**

Rob and Kath are looking for babysitters to allow Kath to help with the Wednesday night youth group: if we could get a few people we could set up a little rota, please see Rob if you could help.

The Big Mix 2018 - happening this weekend.

19 of our young people are at Leatherhead Methodist Church (Hannah's Church) for the Big Mix 2018 this weekend.

Could you please pray for the preparations, the leaders and mainly for the children that not only will they have a fun weekend but will meet with God as they discover more about His plans for them.

Messy church – 18th February: We are very short of people to lead Messy Church TODAY due to half term holidays, The Big Mix and general availability. If you are able to help in any way, please could you let Alison Merrett or Diane Killick know? Thank you!

LENT 2018!



This coming Wednesday, 14th February, we start our lent journey towards Easter, and we start this season with our Ash Wednesday service at St Timothy's at 7:30pm. As we continue in our journey for the 40 days of lent there are some new materials this year to support us in this.

#LiveLent is a resource from the Church of England which provides for a series of daily reflections on John's gospel and, like the Christmas resources, can be accessed in a number of ways. It would be great to journey together this Lent, so can I encourage you to join in and sign up?

The resources can be accessed in a number of ways:

- By texting LENT to 88802
- Online at www.churchofengland.org/lent
- Download the #LiveLent app for iOS or android
- In a booklet (£2.50 - we have limited numbers in each centre)

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LENT 2018!



An important part of #LiveLent "*Let your light shine*" are daily prompts to think about how we might be a witness and be generous to others.

Messy Church this month is therefore going to be thinking around this theme through the story of Jesus doing the mucky job of washing the disciples' feet! We will be encouraging families to journey through lent not just with the #LiveLent reflections, but also using the 40acts.org.uk materials which give a daily suggestion of something to do to show generosity.

It would be great if the whole church was engaged in 40acts.org.uk – this is not just for children and families – so do pick up a copy of the Wallchart which is available today.

The next **Friday club meeting** will be on
Friday 23rd Feb. at 2pm at St. Paul's,
when two gentlemen
Fred Jennings & Dave Smith
will talk on 'Life in the Railway Village'.

Francis May

Easter Cracked Open at both centres is taking place the 2nd and 3rd week of March. Easter is early this year so not a lot of time to arrange, so please think about whether you can be part of the Dorcan School Teams.

Training is on Feb 23rd 9.30am at St. Pauls. If you have never helped before and would like to know more please see me or Jo Bush.

Easter Cracked Open is a group session so if you don't feel you want to lead a part your help is really valuable.

Look forward to hearing from you -
Jo and I can't do it on our own.

The General Data Protection regulation (GDPR) will take effect in May 2018. It replaces the existing Data Protection Act 1998 and gives us all (as individuals) more rights and protection about how our personal data is used by organisations. The Church must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation.

As a starting point we will be reviewing all our databases, email lists, spreadsheets, paper documents and other lists of personal data in order to establish what data we actually hold, how we store it and what basis we have for processing it.

To assist with this review, if you hold personal data about people for Church purposes/activities could I please ask you to email me at dorcan.church.office@gmail.com or telephone the Church Office on 435987.

Over the next weeks I will provide updates to explain the steps that we will be taking to ensure that we are ready for the May 2018 implementation. You can find information about the new regulations at www.parishresources.org.uk

Thank you.

Jackie Hancock Church Administrator



Women's World Day of Prayer

The annual Women's World Day of Prayer, which is an ecumenical event bringing together all the churches in the local area, will be held at St John's Church, Park North this year at 10.30am on Friday, March 2nd.

This year the theme is God's creation and the service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America. The service has been translated into over 60 languages and 1,000 dialects in 170 different countries.

Please come along and be part of this great wave of prayer circling the globe. In this service the women of Suriname urge us to cherish the exquisite gift of creation and to commit ourselves to caring for God's world responsibly, so that we may pass it on, unspoiled, to future generations.

The egg that shares the Easter story

The new look 2018 Real Easter Egg range is available to order now.

People are being asked to buy one as a special gift for a family member or friend as a unique way of sharing the story of Easter. Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and which supports charitable projects. This year the Original and Dark eggs come with an A5 Easter story activity book which has 24 pages. Illustrated by Martina Peluso, the book will delight children and adults. The Special Edition comes with an olive wood holding cross keyring from Bethlehem and a simple guide to Easter. A Hunt Box is also available with six midi eggs and a 12 page cross shaped Easter story-activity booklet. For larger groups, the Sharing Box comes with 30 midi eggs and 30 copies of the cross shaped Easter story-activity booklet.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea at first. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to make The Real Easter Egg. To date, more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through independent retailers and supermarkets. The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £250,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

For more details see the full shop list at www.realeasteregg.co.uk

There is a sign up sheet in St Paul's. If people can't get to St Paul's please contact Nathalie directly on nathalie@calisnath.org.uk or 01793 421549 Last day to sign up is Sunday 4th March after which I will be placing the order.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nathalie

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 21st February** - 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