



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



*“Whoever loves his own life will lose it;
whoever hates his own life in this world will keep it for life eternal”*
(John 12:25)

Services - 18th March 2018 - 5th Sunday of Lent

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

**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 19th March	1.30pm 7-9pm	Eldene Easter Cracked Open, St Tim's Parenting Teenagers, St Paul's chapel
Tuesday 20th March	9.30am 9-9.45am Lunchtime 7.30pm	Eldene Easter Cracked Open, St Timothy's Morning Prayers, St Paul's Meeting Room Dorcan Academy Christian Union Men's Fellowship, 4 Hatherley Rd. Nythe
Wednesday 21st March	8.45am 9.00am 11.00am 1.30pm 7 for 7.30pm	Tea & Toast, St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Safeguarding team, St Paul's vestry Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Open clergy chapter meeting, St Paul's chapel
Thursday 22nd March	8 - 10am 9.30am 9.30am 8-9.00pm	Deanery leadership team, St Paul's vestry Covingham Easter Cracked open, St Paul's Holy Communion at St. Tim's (for 3rd week) Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Friday 23rd March	9.30pm 2-4pm	Covingham Easter Cracked open, St Paul's The Friday Club (see separate notice)

Services - 25th March 2018 Palm Sunday		
St. Paul's		
10.0am	United Service with Holy Communion Including Walk of Witness	Rev'ds Andrew & Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Joy & Angie</i> , Teas: <i>Hazel & Alison</i> Sunday Club: <i>Debbie & Hazel/Niki</i> , Creche: <i>Nicki & Niki</i>		

Holy Week and Easter services: Details of all our Easter services are available today. Please do take a flyer for yourself and also for someone else who you might invite to join us.

Everyday in Holy Week there is an opportunity to meet and reflect on the passion story, and together to continue our Lenten journey towards Easter.

**Sunday 25th March Palm
Sunday Walk of witness NEXT WEEK
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

Confirmation - have you thought of being confirmed?

On Sunday 16th June at 4pm, we shall be hosting the ecumenical confirmation service, and our friends from the West Swindon Partnership will be joining us. Confirmation is an important part in our Christian journey and can take on a different significance to different people – for some confirmation is a way of affirming their faith for themselves which was promised on their behalf when they were baptized as infants, for others is part of the process of baptism when older, for some they approach it as the time they would like to start sharing in communion, and for others it marks their commitment to membership of the church and particularly denomination. And for many people it is a combination of all these and more!

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.

Trudie

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 after the Service today to help us with the task.

THE FRIDAY CLUB

The next meeting of the Friday Club will be on Friday 23rd March when there will be quizzes, board games, exchange of jigsaws plus light refreshments. All are welcome so do come along.

Advanced notice!

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!

Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral

Thursday 29th March 10:30 (Maundy Thursday):

Traditionally this service is when we share in the blessing of oils which are used in Christian initiation (e.g. baptism) and healing. However, this service is also a unique opportunity for us all to come and pray together, share in the Lord's supper and for each of us to renew our commitment to the various ministries to which we have been called to.

A number of the Ministry team are going, and if you would like to come too, then please contact Jackie by Thursday 22nd March so she can let the cathedral know numbers and also perhaps link people up with car lifts (435987).

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 21st March** - Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email