



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



Jeremiah 31:33

"I will be their God, and they shall be my people"

Services Sunday 22nd January 2017 **Covenant Sunday**

St. Paul's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Following the service this morning, the prayer team will be available for you. If you would like to receive this ministry, please do come and join them in the chapel.

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

This week Neil Marshall is at Bath Road 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.

What's on this week -		
Monday 23rd January	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 24th January	7.30pm	ECC at St. Tim's
Wednesday 25th January	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's NO Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 26th January	9.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Swindon Churches Together, The Willows

SERVICES Sunday 29th January 2017

St. Paul's

8.45am	Said Holy Communion	Paul Tayler & Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Sunday School for All	Led by the Ministry team
Welcome: <i>Dennis & Joy</i> , Teas: <i>Hazel & Alison</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Mary & Helen</i>		

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Colin Parsons
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“Sunday School for all” - next week 10:30 at St Paul's, preceded by breakfast from 9:30am:

Following the positive feedback from our first “Sunday school for all” in October, we are holding our next one this coming Sunday.

As part of early preparations for Lent our topic will be atonement - that is, how we are reconciled with God through Jesus, or as some might express it “how we are saved”. We will be looking at some of the theological theories, but an important part will be thinking about the “so what” in how it shapes our faith, discipleship and how we share with others.

And as you fed back, there will be more time for discussion and debate, and for those who would like to share breakfast together beforehand, this will be served from 9:30 onwards. Please pray for all those preparing the material and supporting this gathering, and for each one of us as we explore this topic.

Saturday 4th Feb 7.30pm Jonathan Veira: Performing “Songs and Tales” at St. Mary's Church, Cheney Manor Road in support of Swindon Night Shelter, Tickets – suggested donation of £10 on the night.

For your prayers -

- Ourselves, that we may know afresh God's unconditional love this Covenant Sunday
- The unrest in Gambia following elections
- Our young people at the beginning of their Youth Alpha course
- For God's church throughout the world during this week of Christian Unity
- For those who are bereaved and mourn loved ones
- Those who are unwell, or awaiting medical appointments or results.

Prayer basket:

This is a reminder of the weekly prayer basket which is on the table at the entrance. If you would like someone to pray for you over the next week then please do write a prayer request and pop it in the basket. If you feel you can commit to praying for someone over the coming week then please do take one of the requests as you leave. Any remaining will be taken by the ministry team and prayed for.

This past week, there was a meeting of all Swindon clergy and in the basket are their prayer requests. As a church we commit these requests to prayer, so please do take one and pray for that clergy person, their need and the parishes and people where they serve. This offer for prayer support was gratefully received.

Swindon Interfaith group:

Wednesday 1st February, 7:30pm Eastcott Community Hall, Old Town.

Talk on "Religious Education: here and now?" The speaker is Sarah Lane Cawte who studied theology, was a religious education teacher for many years and is now Education Officer for the Free Churches Group and Churches Together in England and current chair person of Swindon SACRE.

For more information please see Facebook page, website or contact mervclaxton@yahoo.com

"Footsteps" As I have not received any bookings for this Holy Land trip, I will cancel it at the end of January. Thank you Paul

We are looking forward to starting the creche facility soon now. Thank you for offering to help. Please give your forms in to Jenny Poole preferably, or Sue Morgans, Jan Shellard or Nicki Clinch asap if you haven't already. We will set up a rota when all the paperwork is in place. Thankyou again. Sue Morgans
Please note there is space for more leaders/helpers if you sense God calling you!

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SATURDAY 13TH MAY

ST PAULS

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED - A FANASTIC EVENING - DONT MISS IT

There will be a bake sale in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation after our United service on 5th March to mark Fairtrade Fortnight, (27th Feb to 12th March).
Please could you bake lots of lovely things to sell at church that morning.
(More details nearer the time)

Its Pantomime Time – oh yes it is!!

Staff from Thames Water return for their 20th Year. This time they are making a pantomime, about making a pantomime! Come and get a glimpse of a small village Women's Institute attempt at putting on their annual pantomime, Aladdin, with hilarious and disastrous consequences.

The Thamesville Women's Institute Theatrical Society (T.W.I.T.S) are staging their 20th Annual Pantomime. They bring in a big West End producer to make this the best show ever. Or so they think. In a village full of Ego's and idiots the version of Aladdin slowly comes together, then as they perform it quickly falls apart!

All proceeds from this years charity pantomime are going to Wateraid. Wateraid is an international organisation whose mission is to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalised people by improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Tickets are £10.00 from Jo Kirkland (email dougnjo@tesco.net) or £12 (plus £1 booking fee) direct from the Wyvern theatre.

Performances 27 and 28 January 2017, 7.30pm.

Thanks - *Jo Kirkland*

PLEASE NOTE changes below for the next three Sundays

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Jackie Hancock by Thursday 26th January
Tel: 435987 or e.mail dorcan.church.office@gmail.com
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail