



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



<b>Services Sunday 22nd October 2017 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rob Smith
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd J. Ashby
This morning Alex is at Pewsey supporting the wider Methodist circuit		
<b>Welcome to the Dorcan Church.</b> <b>If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.</b> <b>Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.</b>		

## What's on this week -

Monday 23rd October	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 24th October.	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer, St Paul's Men's Fellowship Group at Ecklington, Eldene
Wednesday 25th October		<b>No</b> Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! St Tim's <b>No</b> Tiny Tots at St Paul's <b>No</b> Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 26th October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
Saturday 28th October	11.00am	Jack and Hannah's wedding! Leatherhead Church

## Services - Sunday 29th October 2017 - Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday

### St. Paul's

**10.30am** Morning Worship Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Martin & Simone*, Teas: *Hazel & Alison*  
Sunday Club: *tba*, Creche: *None*

### St. Tim's

**10.30am** Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

**Living with loss – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 4pm St Paul's:**

We will be holding our annual "Living with Loss" service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm at St Pauls.

This service is to remember anyone whom we have loved and lost – whether recent or a number of years ago. All are welcome, and ***please do consider who you might personally invite who has been bereaved.***

Invitations are available at both centres for you to take to give to others.

**Praying together as God's church**

**Weekly prayer each Tuesday at 9am, St Paul's**

This is an opportunity for us to come together as a church for 20-30mins to pray for the community, others, ourselves and the world, and to read the Bible together. Over the coming weeks we are going to be reading through the books of Nehemiah and Galatians. This is a great way to start the day and to grow in our discipleship and corporate and personal prayer life, so we do hope that you will come if you are able.

**Fortnightly prayer on Tuesdays at 10am, St Tim's**

**Next one this week**

A group from St Tim's now meet every fortnight on Tuesdays at 10am. This is an opportunity to come together to pray particularly for St Tim's and where God is leading us in the local community, given all the exciting things that are happening, particularly during the week. Watch out on the notices for dates.

**Prayer board and basket at St Paul's**

Following our building work we are now all organized again so don't forget to add your prayers, and prayers answered, to the board. Also, the prayer basket is by the door for you to write a prayer and for any of us to pick it up and commit to pray for over the next week. Happy praying!

*Trudie*

## Sad Church Family News

It is with sadness that we share that

**Audrey Taylor** passed away on 10th October.

She had worshipped at St. Paul's for many years, and will be sadly missed.

Her funeral service will be held at St. Paul's on Monday 30th October at 12 noon,  
Preceded by a private committal at Kingsdown.

**Turning Point:** The new UK mission partners for Turning Point are Emily and Moses Obiti and we are looking to arrange a date for them to visit us early in 2018. In the meantime you'll find some copies of the latest *Viewpoint* at <https://tptrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Viewpoint-Oct-2017.pdf> and there are also a few copies printed at each centre.

The website has lots of up to date news and can be found at <https://tptrust.org/>  
There are also some great ideas for Christmas presents to help support Turning Point!

We will let you know when we fix a date for a visit and in the meantime Turning Point remains in our prayers.

### **Stewardship tokens for offertory during services:**

Firstly, thank you for your continuing financial stewardship for God's mission and ministry in this place and community. Your support enables us to continue, and grow, in all that we currently do, and to start new things. We all give in a variety of ways whether into the plate, by envelope or electronically each month, and we give thanks for our offerings at each service.

Following feedback, for those who give electronically, there is now an opportunity to place a token in the offertory plate each week as a symbol of your giving if you would like to. From today, in both centres as you come into the service there will be a small basket with two different tokens in it – one for the *Parish Giving Scheme* (the new direct debit scheme) and one for existing *Standing Orders*. If you would like to, please take one of the tokens and then place it in the offertory plate as it comes near you. We trust that this is a helpful way to mark our electronic giving for those who would like to. Thank you again for your continuing support and your commitment to our recent *Giving in Grace* stewardship programme.  
*Finance Team*

### **Parenting Courses.**

In July I attended training to become a licensed facilitator with Care for the Family to run parenting courses in our parish. There are 3 different courses I can run, one for the Early Years, one for The Primary Years and one for the Teenage Years. I plan to run the next one at St Paul's. The course lasts for 6 weeks, 2 hours per week.

The courses are designed so that we'll learn from each other as we share ideas and tips. We'll also have the opportunity to look at some of the current thinking in parenting education, and decide whether we want to use any of these ideas within our own family. Although it can be hard at times, when we know that other parents have the same struggles as us, it can help us not to feel so isolated. Each course is also fun and I hope it will help you grow in confidence in your role as a parent.

If you think you would be interested in any of these courses, please email me, stating the names and ages of your children and it will help me to decide which one to run next January. [jennypoole@virginmedia.com](mailto:jennypoole@virginmedia.com)

### **Advance notice from:**

**Helen, Hazel, Mari, Elizabeth at TTTTODAY. SAVE THE DATE!**

Come and join the Celebration, it's a very special day, come and join the Celebration it's Tea, Toast, Talk's 1st birthday, TODAY!

Everyone welcome on **Wednesday, 1st November**,  
at St Timothy's church between 8.45 - 10.30am.

### **Methodist Circuit News:**

From 1st September 2018, Rev'd Andrew Wigley will also have pastoral charge of Stratton Methodist Church. This is because when Rev'd Debbie Hodgson's appointment there finishes, the Circuit do not expect a replacement to be available.

Rev'd Mark Barrett will take over at Debbie's other church - St Andrew's Moredon / Rodbourne.

We pray for the circuit at this time of change.

Jo Bush and I are busy booking **Christmas Unwrapped** dates with the local schools. If you have never been involved before and would like to know more please contact us. Its a fun way we teach Yr.4 children the Christmas Story.

Both Teams are having Training at St.Paul's on Fri. Nov. 24th 9.am. If this date isn't convenient let us know. Nothing has changed so its more like a reminder.

Margaret H. 532849

### **Missional Giving – an update**

Thank you to everyone involved in helping us decide where our budgeted missional giving should be offered for 2017. Our annual budget, which is approved by ECC each year, includes giving away £2,000 of our income, and we would hope to increase this in the years to come. It was where this money should go which we have been considering these last few weeks. This £2,000 is in addition to funds we raise for other causes during the year, such Children's Aid and Action for Children (from our Christingle services), Swindon Youth for Christ (from our carol service), and other charities that we support through coffee mornings, giving of gifts such as food or personally.

In March this year, ECC were delighted that our children and young people offered to help us as a church decide where our £2,000 should be gifted to, making this a focus at Harvest. At the beginning of September we were asked as a church via the notices and during some of the services, to suggest charities to support which the children would then research. Six charities were suggested by us all and these were researched and presented by our young people at the all age service at Harvest. Following their presentation and our votes, we are pleased to say that the three charities that our £2,000 will be shared between are:

**Brighter Futures**

**Cancer Research**

**Parkinsons UK**

Thank you to everyone who has been involved and engaged in this, and to our young people for researching and presenting our suggested charities.

**LINK TO HOPE**  
**[www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)**

Shoe boxes will be collected and blessed at the United Service on November 5th after which they will be sorted in Worthing and will be going to Ukraine, Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania.



Please pick up a leaflet and read it and decide to send it to either an elderly person or a family. Tick what's included in the box on page 2 of leaflet and sellotape it to the box along the red colour, folded with your £2 transport donation on the leaflet on top.

Please put unwrapped sweets into a plastic bag, and any liquid bottles or sachets in another bag so it protects the other items in boxes.

There are a few knitted children's hats at St Paul's church.

Knitters please note homemade knee blankets and or little soft stuffed toys can be given separately to be used as packing between boxes.

If anyone wants to contribute small items and not a filled box please bring them to either church or give them to Christine Parsons, Paul Tayler or Clare Smith.

## ADVENT CALENDARS

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by award winning artist, Alida Massari. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas.

**Meaningful features** - Behind each of the 25 windows there is a line from the Christmas story with a high quality colour picture -  
- Foiled for freshness -  
25 Festive Fairtrade chocolates made from our improved Fairtrade blend-35% cocoa - Palm oil free - Charitable donation - Recyclable box and tray -  
Made, designed and produced in the UK.

I will be placing the combined order from the Church on **Monday 30th October** so I **MUST** have your order by Sunday 29th.

I will arrange for signup sheets in both St Pauls and St Tims. I would aim to distribute them at the Christmas Fayre. The Advent Calendars are £3.99 each. The same company are also selling

Christmas Crackers (£9.99 a box or 6) and Angels for hanging on your Christmas tree (£3.99 per box but have to be ordered by case of 18 boxes) please see me if you are interested in these as well. More details can be found at their website,

<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>

Thank you, Nathalie

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 25th October** - Tel 695698 or e.mail [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail**