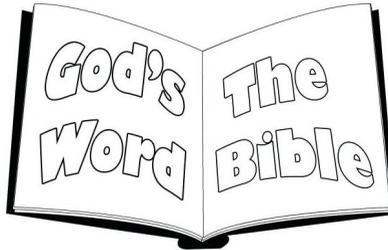




St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



READ IT! DO IT!

Biblical Teaching: Bible verse for May
"***Let the word of christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts sing
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.***"

Colossians 3: 16

Services 26th May 2019 - 5th Sunday of Easter

St. Pauls

10.30am Sunday School for All Rev'd Rob Smith
Theme: Biblical Teaching

Welcome: *TBC*, Teas: *TBC*, Sunday Club: *Deb, Hazel, Helen*, Creche: *Nicki & Anna*

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wiogley

This week Alex Scott is at Rodbourne 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.**

Funeral of the late Margaret Heatman:

Margaret's funeral is now confirmed for Monday 17th June 1pm at St Paul's, followed by a committal at Kingsdown crematorium.

All are welcome to both services, and if you would like to, you are welcome to wear anything red! Flowers are also welcome, with offerings in celebration of Margaret's life suggested to the Prospect Hospice c/o Pearce Funeral Services.

Terry, Suzanne, John, Nick and Sam and all the family remain in our prayers. May our sister Margaret rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bible verses:

In both centres you will shortly see a new board with a title "bible verses" on it. Please do use this to post up some of your favourite Bible verses to encourage us all to let the word of god dwell richly in us. Cards, pegs and pens are available. This is a great way that we can "teach" one another.

'MEGA MAKERS HOLIDAY CLUB**TUESDAY 30TH JULY - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST - 10am -12:30pm**

There will be a short meeting for everyone after the SS4A service on Sunday 26th May. please stay on for it, it will only be around 20 minutes as Rob explains what we will be doing and how we need YOUR HELP!

**Holy Habits – "Puddings and Ponderings evening"
- Tuesday 11th June 7pm, St Tims**

Following our last gathering of minds in February over soup lunch with +Viv, we agreed to meet in June for a puddings evening to touch base on our next two habits – July/August "breaking bread" and Sept/Oct "fellowship".

More details nearer the time but until then don't forget to pop the date in your diary!

**A message to Blaze Kidz Club, The Youth Club
and all our young people
from the Dorcan Church**

you
are
awesome

Thank you so much for a fantastic evening of entertainment last Wednesday.

You were amazing and each of you is so talented, gifted and precious. The place was packed out and you were confident in your performances and every one of you totally nailed it!
We had a wonderful evening and thank you for your hard work and effort, yet above all for being who you are.

From your Dorcan Church family
(p.s. when's the next one?! - we will be queuing for tickets)

A huge thank you to all the performers, hosts, back stage crew, tech crew, programme hander outers, ticket sellers, setter outers, tidy uppers, bar people, washer uppers and you the Church for your immense support for the Evening of entertainment we raised an incredible £502.00!! We are blown away!

We just need one more push so look out for the cake sale on the 9th June both after the 8.45 and the 10.30 services.

Thanks once again, Deb

St Paul's Tiny Tots - Volunteers required

The group meets at 8:00am to set up and finishes around 11:15am. If you would like to help to just set up or to stay during the session I would love to hear from you. We have a small core of regular volunteers but no reserve to cover holidays or illness. Volunteers can opt to help as often as they like or could go on a reserve list.

Please pray for the success of this group that supports local families.
Brenda Fisher, tel.497169. mob. 07799 393845
email brendaf111@btinternet.com

Bible resources – ideas still needed please!

As we start exploring our next Holy Habit of “*Biblical teaching*” it would be good if we could all encourage each other in our personal Bible study and learning by sharing resources and things that have worked for us. The idea is to pool all our ideas and produce a leaflet signposting us to different material - however we will have nothing to share without your input.

Jackie Hancock, our administrator, will co-ordinate our input so please could you send to Jackie ideas of devotions, bible studies, apps etc. which you find useful (dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)

It would also be good to have examples of back copies of daily readers so people can flick through them – if you could put them in the vestry in the large envelope marked “biblical resources” that would be super please!

This is an ideal opportunity to encourage each other.

Spiritual gifts course – sign up sheet in both centres:

We are offering a three session course of around 2 hours each exploring spiritual gifts:

- What are the gifts God has given you?
- How might you use those gifts?
- Where might you use your gifts?

Barbara Wilcox and Trudie Wigley will be facilitating the course and we will look at times to accommodate as many people as possible. Please put your name on the list and tick when you can make it and we will be in touch in a couple of weeks to confirm dates and dates. We are looking forward to being together and exploring the spirit’s work in us all so do sign up!

Spiritual gifts course: We can now confirm that the three-session gathering will be held on Mondays 17th June, and 8th and 22nd July 7:30pm. Venue is to be confirmed as either St Paul’s or St Tim’s. Those who signed up should have received an email to confirm. There are 20 of us on the course, and room for more so if you’d like to join us please do drop Jackie or Trudie an email or message. dorcan.church.office@gmail.com

ECC membership and elected position: Following our AGM in April and our first ECC meeting since, we are pleased to share the following members of ECC and those elected as stewards. Please pray for them in their responsibilities and leadership.



Membership of Ecumenical Church Council (2019-2020)

Elected Members (elected for a 3-year term)

*Also members of
Standing Committee

Nicki Clinch	until 2020
John Davidson*	until 2022
Nathalie Marshall	until 2020
Peter Mulcock	until 2020
Sue Morgans	until 2020
Jenny Poole	until 2021
Chris Rose	until 2020
Alex Scott	until 2020
Clare Smith	until 2021
Janet Prichard	until 2022
Tony Prichard*	until 2020

(3 vacancies)

Co-opted Members (co-opted for 1-year term)

Paul Taylor	until 2020
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Churchwarden (appointed on an annual basis)

Diane Killick*

Deanery Synod Representatives (elected for a 3-year term)

Viv Craig*	until 2020
Jenny Poole	until 2020

Ministers

Revd Trudie Wigley*
Revd Andrew Wigley*
Revd Stuart Fisher
Revd Rob Smith

ECC officers

Revd Trudie Wigley	Chair
Tony Prichard	Treasurer
Jackie Hancock	Acting ECC secretary (non-voting)

Other Appointments: (Church Stewards (appointed on an annual basis))

St. Paul's

Diane Killick (Senior Church Steward), John Davidson, Josh Mulcock, Chris Rose,
Clare Rose, (1 vacancy)

St. Timothy's

(Vacant) (Senior Church Steward)
Viv Craig, Dianne Mills, Sarah Paterson



STARTS THIS WEEK

**Wave of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost
Thursday 30th May to Sunday 9th June 2019**

Between Ascension Day and Pentecost we are invited to join in the “Wave of Prayer” of Thy Kingdom Come across the world. Whilst we prayed for our town as part of Thy Kingdom Come a little early in May, there is still more praying we can do!

On the website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> you will see a host of downloadable resources to help you pray during this time and they include:

**9 DAYS OF PRAYERS CALLED “Novena” for between these dates
(one published by the Methodist church - free copies in both centres -
and another by the Church of England)*

**A Prayer Journal*

**Daily prayer (Common Worship)*

**A journey with Mary*

Do take a look and join in!

The Methodist circuit has kindly given us some of the Methodist Novena booklets and you will find these in both centres. Please do take a copy. In case it’s a bit confusing, day 1 is the day after Ascension (Friday 31st May) and Day 9 is the day before Pentecost (Saturday 8th) as the dates are not printed in the booklet.

Philippians 4:6

”Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”

Half Term Fun At Odey's Cafe

Liden Library - Wednesday 29th May

10.30am-12.30

£2.50 per child

Squash and cupcake

Colouring competition

Party game with prizes to be won

Friends of Twigs - *BARN DANCE*

Friday 28 June, 7.30pm

At: St Paul's Community Centre, Covingham, SN3 5BY

LIVE MUSIC from The Marlborough Ceilidh Band

Bring your own food and drink

Tickets: £10 (children £5)

Available from 523294 or via contact@friendsoftwigs.org.uk

Friends of Twigs supports TWIGS
(Therapeutic Work In Gardening in Swindon)
and The Olive Tree Café

- two projects working to improve mental health in Swindon

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

Anna Newman by **Wednesday 29th May** Tel 695698

or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email