



St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
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28th February 2016

*Transforming lives and communities  
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



## SERVICES - 28th February

### St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley and Paul Tayler
10.30am	Morning Worship	Revd Trudie Wigley and Revd John Monaghan

Today we welcome the Revd John Monaghan who will be joining us until 10<sup>th</sup> April. John is in his final year of curacy at Malmesbury Abbey and is with us to gain experience in a different context, and I'm sure we will also learn a lot from him too! John will be preaching at 10:30 at St Paul' on 28<sup>th</sup> February and will be involved in a number of areas in his time with us. We warmly welcome him today.

### St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
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This morning Colin Parsons is at Rodbourne supporting the wider Methodist circuit.

Readings 28th February	Isaiah 55: 10-13 Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15	1 Corinthians 15: 51-58 Luke 6: 25-34
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**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** - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 29th February	2-4pm 7.30pm	Monday Club - Scrabble and Dominoes Ministry team meeting at 60 Fairlawn
Tuesday 1st March	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group - 27 Glevum Road Newsweek: Stories in the news
Wednesday 2nd March	9.00am 1.30pm Pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Covingham School KS2 assembly SCT lecture "Economics and Faith" Rt Revd Michael Doe
Thursday 3rd March	9.30am 8:30am- 8:45pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Day of prayer for the diocese at Bristol Cathedral
Friday 4th March	Am 6pm	Covingham school, Easter Cracked open Women's World Day of Prayer, St Pauls

### **SERVICES 6th March**

#### **St. Paul's**

10.30am                      United Holy Communion                      Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *John & Joan*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*, Sunday Club: *tba*

**Day Lent Course – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March - cancelled:** interest has been such that this day course will now not be happening. However, the course is continuing in strength at the weekly house and cell group meetings, and we continue to pray for ourselves and the 60+ people who are following the course as we look to God's life Calling for us personally and as a church.

#### **Have you thought of being confirmed?**

In July, we shall be joining our friends in Parks and Walcot for our ecumenical confirmations. 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.

## Prayers

Your prayers, for:

- Outreach to children and young people, thinking particularly of Easter Cracked open which starts this week and will see 200 children visit us to hear the Easter story
- Those who are bereaved at this time
- World leaders and for wisdom in their decision, thinking particularly of the EU
- The ceasefire in Syria, and an end to war across the world
- For ourselves this Lent, that it may be a space for curiosity, time and courage and that we might hear God's "Life calling"

### **Peter Fretwell:**

It is with sadness we share that Peter died peacefully at home on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Peter's funeral will be on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11am St Paul's, Covingham, followed by the committal at Kingsdown Crematorium. All are welcome as we meet to give thanks for Peter's life. Our prayers are with Dorothy, Stephen & Debra, and the family, at this difficult time. May Peter rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Commissioning of Church Link team – next Sunday:**

On 6<sup>th</sup> March, Mothering Sunday, we will be commissioning all those who serve as church links. Each member of Dorcan has a church link person, and their purpose is to uphold you in prayer and to be a point of contact if you would like a listening ear. This is an important way of showing our love and support for each other, and this care is one of the four strands in our vision of Building God's house (Outreach, Discipleship, Care and Community).

We will therefore be commissioning the team following the review and reinvigoration of our pastoral care which we would said we would do as part of Building God's House. We look forward to commission and giving thanks for our church link team next week.

### **Good Friday - Walk of Witness -Your response is needed today please!**

Having considered further, we are looking at arranging a walk of witness on Good Friday at 11am starting from St Pauls. For this to be a convincing witness to the community it would be appropriate for a meaningful number of people to join together for this event. Are you willing and able to walk with us?

Everyone is welcome. This has been in the notices for a number of weeks and responses thus far do not support such an event. However, if you feel this is an important witness for us as a church and are able to support it, then please could you let any member of the ministry team know if you are willing to commit to this **by the close of today - 28<sup>th</sup> February**. We will then be able to make a decision on whether to go ahead and then plan accordingly.

Thank you. *The ministry team.*



## Building God's House

1. **Update now available:** We committed as a ministry team to giving an update on where we are so far with Building God's house, together with plans for the next few months. We committed to this next phase at our covenant service at the beginning of this month, and further copies are available today so please take one.
2. **What you are asked to consider in this next phase:** You are asked to consider three things as to how you might be part of Building God's House in this next phase:
  - To prayerfully consider **who you might invite to the enquirer's course** that will be run after Easter
  - To reflect during Lent on God's life calling for you personally. **What is God asking of you?**
  - To commit to helping in some of the practical matters. As we prepared for our September away-day a number of people expressed a desire for practical ways to support our ministry and outreach through things such as new noticeboards, a cross on the roof, improved signage at St Tim's etc. **These suggestions have been made in the past and will not move forward with out someone taking a lead and co-ordinating possibilities.** Is that person you?

### An evening with Stuart Townend – 19<sup>th</sup> April.

If you like the modern hymns such as “In Christ alone”, “How deep the father's love” and “The Lord's my shepherd (I will trust)” then this is an evening for you! Stuart Townend wrote these hymns, and on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, he will be visiting Swindon as a part of his Spring Tour.

He will be performing with his band at St. Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon at 7.30pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Tickets are available from the Lighthouse Bookshop, Highworth, the Rainbow bookshop, Swindon, or to buy online (booking fees apply)

- find the link at [www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.shrivenhammethodistchurch.co.uk). See you there!

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)