



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



Biblical Teaching: Bible verse for May
***¹⁶ 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 5th May 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
Gift Day- Launch of Holy Habit Biblical Teaching**

St.Pauls

10.30am United Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*, Teas: *Pam & Hazel*,
Sunday Club: *Nathalie & Niki*, Creche: *Jo & Anna*

Andrew Wigley is at Pewsey this morning, 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 next week -		
Tuesday 7th May	9.00am 1.00pm 5.15pm	Morning prayers - St. Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Bristol Cathedral, Licensing of Ven Christopher Bryan as Archdeacon
Wednesday 8th May	8.45am 9.00am 12.45pm 6.00pm	Tea & Toast at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Timothy's Blaze
Thursday 9th May	9.30am 8.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messengers.
Saturday 11th May	10.00am 2.30pm	Plant Sale & Coffee morning at St. Tim's Church Family afternoon at Barbury Castle
Sunday 12th May	6.30pm	Archdeacon visitation and admission of Church Wardens at St. John's, Parks.

12th May - 3rd Sunday of Easter		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Kevin Penfold
10.30am	All Age Worship	Neil Marshall
Welcome: <i>Joan & John</i> , Teas: <i>Sam & Janice</i> , Sunday Club/ Creche: <i>All age</i>		
4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Kevin Penfold
St. John's, Parks, SN3 2LG		
6.30pm	Archdeacon visitation Admission of Diane Killick as Churchwarden	

Gift Day – TODAY

Each year we mark one Sunday in the Spring as a Gift Day. This year we have chosen 5th May and we will be reflecting on God's generosity and our response through themed preaching on that day, exploring the holy habit of "Giving and Sharing resources".

God has been faithful and generous to us, and this is an opportunity to make a gift in recognition of this, and to support the mission and ministry of his church in Dorcan and in the wider community and church. In our financial stewardship we are all encouraged to "take responsibility, be generous and have faith" and this will look different for each one of us.

How to give:

- Envelopes are available in each church today so please do pick one up – they have the words "Dorcan Church Gift Day" on the outside. These are different envelopes to those some of you will use for your regular giving. Inside each envelope will be a slip of paper which you are encouraged to complete if you are a tax payer so that Gift Aid can be claimed on your offering. Our treasurer, Tony Prichard, is the only person who is aware of our personal giving and only needs this information to enable him to claim gift aid which makes a huge difference to our income. All this information is kept in the strictest confidence by him.
- Electronic transfer - if you would usually make electronic transfers and would prefer to do that, then please could you make the bank reference as "Gift Day 2019"
- Parish Giving Scheme – if you are a member of the direct debit scheme then it is very easy to make a one-off offering either online through your logon, or by phoning the scheme administrator.

When to give: During the services at St Paul's and St Tim's you will be invited to make your gift day offering into the weekly offering plate, together with your usual offering, if that is your normal practice. If you are not going to be at any of the services, then please do pass your offering to Tony in the meantime, or afterwards.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for reading this.

Kevin Penfold – on placement:

Kevin is training as a Licensed Lay Minister and worships at Christ Church, Old Town. He will be on placement with us from 5th May until mid-June and we look forward to him being with us. Kevin will be leading worship, preaching and getting involved in the mission and ministry here at Dorcan so do say hello and get to know him!

THANK YOU to everyone for your prayers and for the visits whilst I was in hospital.

I am back home now and getting a little stronger each day and hope to see you soon.

If anyone wants to visit, I am always in!

With love, *Mavis* 619144



**St. Tim's Plant Sale
& Coffee Morning**

We are holding this
event on

Saturday 11th May from
10 am until

midday at St Tim's.

We shall be selling cakes and preserves as well as having
a bring and buy table, etc. and of course plants.

Your support for this fundraising event will be much
appreciated. All funds are in aid of Dorcan Church.

**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!

All things to do with Archdeacons!

Swindon Deanery Archdeacon's Visitation 12th May 2019 - 6.30pm. You are invited!

Each year in May the relevant Archdeacon visits each Anglican deanery and formally admits Churchwardens to their legal office. This year it is being held on 12th May at 6:30pm at St Johns, Parks. Diane Killick was elected as the Churchwarden for The Dorcan Church so please do come and support and encourage her as she takes up this office for another year. This will be our new Archdeacon's first visitation, Ven Christopher Bryan, so we look forward to being with him.

New appointments

Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Ven Christopher Bryan - our new archdeacon who looks after Swindon deanery - will be installed as Archdeacon of Malmesbury at Bristol Cathedral at 5.15pm on Tuesday May 7, 2019.

Archdeacon of Bristol: This week saw the announcement of the appointment of Ven Neil Warwick as the new Archdeacon of Bristol. He will be joining the diocese later in the year.

We pray for both Christopher and Neil in their ministries amongst us, and for Michael Johnson and Graham Archer who are stepping down from their roles as our two acting archdeacons. They have looked after us very well and our prayers go with them.

DORCAN CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE
PRESENT

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

To raise money for our transport to Spree
And general funds for our groups

22nd MAY - 6.00 PM
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

£3 A TICKET TO INCLUDE A DRINK AND
NIBBLES - PLEASE BUY IN ADVANCE
FROM DEBBIE MULCOCK

Please come and support the young people's fundraising

Weekly diary dates – please let Jackie know of events!

Each week we try to capture dates for the following week and put them in the notices - this is so we can all pray and support the various areas of mission and ministry in the week, and to encourage us. Sometimes activities are missed because we don't know about them, or dates/patterns of regular events change and this can cause confusion.

In order to help with communication, please let Jackie know of events - and if the pattern changes please let her know details (e.g. a regular group breaking of holidays). This could cover a wide range of activities from school assemblies to prayer groups, house groups to footie etc.

Please send emails to dorcan.church.office@gmail.com

Many thanks, Jackie

The Bible Course - Explore the BIG story



- The Bible Course is ideal for 1-2-1 coaching, small groups and larger gatherings and can be used anywhere from homes, work places or prisons. It can also be used by older youth groups, student groups and in churches. The course is accessible for people new to Christianity, ideal as a follow-on from courses like Alpha or for mature Christians wanting to increase their understanding of the Bible.
- Whether you're well versed in Scripture or just starting out on the journey, *The Bible Course offers a superb overview of the world's best-selling book.*

Some comments from a recent Bible course

- “Would recommend to new Christians as well as lifelong ones”
- “Narrators easy to listen to and informative”
- “Handbook comprehensive”
- “Interesting discussions in relaxed atmosphere”
- “Showed you can accomplish anything with faith”
- “Found course stimulating”
- “Explained the make up of the Bible clearly”
- “Encouraged me to read more of the Bible”
- “Made lots of connections”

The course is in 8 sessions and if you are interested in joining a small group please speak to Sue Morgans or give her a ring on on 617517.

Lots more detailed information can be found on the Bible Society Web Site.

“Forging Connections”: 9th May 7-9:30pm, Trinity Centre (Gateway Church), Stonehill Green (SN5 7AR):

This is an opportunity to network with Christian organisations which provide services across Swindon, including NightShelter, SYFC, Willows etc. There will be a number of organizations there and this meeting – the first of Forging Connections – is to raise the profile and opportunities for Christians to volunteer, support each other and for churches to work more closely together.

If you are considering how your Christian faith might support charities in playing their part in sharing the Good News of Jesus then come along. There will be opportunities to talk to the various organizations about their work and connect with others across Swindon. For more information, please see poster.

Confirmations: new date in the Autumn:

Due to the number of youngsters looking to be confirmed from Dorcan church, +Viv has offered another time for a confirmation service, with St Paul’s hosting and this has been confirmed for **4pm Sunday 3rd November 2019**. This is great news and we give thanks for this possibility.

This will be a youth confirmation service, the first in the diocese and Methodist district, so is a particularly exciting time as our young people will be able to take a significant part in shaping the service themselves.

Please pray for all our youngsters in their faith journey and especially those thinking of making this next step, as well as their leaders who have nurtured them in their Christian faith.



THY KINGDOM COME

**Come and join us for the Global Wave of
Prayer**

**21st April - 9th June 2019
Ascension to Pentecost**

**Saturday 11th May 2.30pm
Church family afternoon at Barbury Castle**

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!

Meet in the Car Park. This is marked on Google Maps
under "Barbury Castle Car Park"

(Not Barbury Castle - you'll end up in the wrong place!)

Bible resources – ideas 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.

Dates for your Diary
[See the Website Diary](#)

Stratton Team Ministry have a vacancy for a
Media and Publicity Officer
Part time 5 hours a week.
Please see the poster at St Paul's,
or for further information contact Rev Vicky Fleming
vicky.fleming981@btinternet.com

Vacancies at Fairways Chippenham

The MHA Retirement Village at Chippenham are looking for the following staff -

Care Assistant (Nights) 37.5 hours

Care Assistant 39 hours

Senior Care Assistant 39 hours

Domestic Assistant 30 hours

Maintenance Worker 37.5 hours

Further details can be obtained on the
MHA Website www.mha.org.uk under vacancies
or telephone 01249 461239
for an application form

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 8th May** Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email