



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 6th March 2022
 1st Sunday in Lent ·**

St. Paul's

10-11.50 am	Breakfast Club	Deb Mulcock & Team
10.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe, Karen McBride & Ruth Richey
6.30pm	Vybe ages 14+	Deb Mulcock & Team

St Tim's

No Service

**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.**

SERVICES— Sunday 13th March · 2nd Sunday in Lent		
St Paul's		
10.30am	All age & Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler

What's on this week.

March 2022		
Tuesday 8th 10.30—12pm	St Paul's	Coffee morning @ Cid's Cafe
10.30am– 11.45am	St Tim's	Prayer group led by Brenda Phillips
7.30pm– 9.30pm	St Paul's	Bible study and Prayer group led by Diane Lane
Wednesday 2nd		
1pm– 3pm	St Paul's	Tiny Tots
1.15pm—2.45pm	St Tim's	Tiny Tots
4.30pm	St Paul's	Standing Committee

Dates for your Diary

As at 1st March 2022

Thursday 24th March 2022

7-9pm, St Paul's

"Unveiled: Women of the Old Testament and the choices they made" Ladies night. All welcome. Please invite friends too!

Sunday 8th May 2022

4pm Confirmations

at the Dorcan Church St Paul's

Deanery "Synod Snippets":

Have you ever wondered what goes on in Deanery synod? If so, then "Synod Snippets" may be for you! If you receive the notices electronically then you will find attached an outline of what was focused on. If you'd like a hard copy then please do contact Maggie in the office. Happy Reading!

Covid procedures:

With the full easing of Covid restrictions and guidelines, Standing Committee are meeting this coming week to review our risk assessment and will share further in due course. Thank you for continuing to think of each other in these early days of the easing of all requirements.

Tea and Toast - St Timothy's.

Starting on Tuesday mornings!

We are delighted that we have a team of lovely people to be able to re-start Tea and Toast. Hurray! A massive thank you to them. There has been delight from the community to this news and we are likely to start sometime after Easter.

Whilst we have the absolute minimum number in the team to be able to restart, we have no slack at all and would welcome a couple more people to join the team, perhaps every 2-3 weeks.

Are you able to help please?

If so please grab Trudie or Stephen.
With thanks.

Trudie

Licensed Lay Minister conference – Saturday 5th March:

This weekend Sue, Paul and Barbara, our Licensed Lay Ministers, will be at their (delayed!) biennial conference, exploring the theme of “Partnership in Mission”. Please do pray for them as they attend and reconnect with other LLMs, are refreshed, and seek to renew their vision of God's mission for the church in God's world. We thank them for their ministry amongst us.

Trudie

Easter Cracked Open 2022.

Due to the ongoing Covid situation and lack of volunteers available, we have made the decision to cancel Easter cracked open again this year.

Thank you to those who did respond whether positively or negatively.

As a way forward we plan to hold a meeting for past/present/ possible future volunteers, indeed anyone interested in this outreach to schools. This will be near the beginning of the Summer term so please watch this space for a day, date and time! In the interim please feel free to contact Jo Bush or Sue Morgans to share any thoughts/views/concerns/hopes/questions.....

Thank you

Sue and Jo

Food Collective.

Trudie, Stuart and Stephen met with the Manager of Swindon Food Collective this week to begin discussions about the possibility of using St Tim's as a Distribution Centre.

This does still need further discussion, but if it is to go ahead we need some volunteers.

Please see either of the ministry team if it is something you feel you might be being called to be involved with, or if you just want to know more about what is involved.

'Walk this way.'

An opportunity to reflect on the journey of Lent.

Connecting with the way of Jesus through scripture and prayer,
creative stillness and activity.

Stratton Methodist Church, Ermin St, Swindon SN3 4NL

Saturday 5 March 2pm - 4pm

led by Deacons Karen McBride and Ruth Richey, Warden and
Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order

'The service today will be followed by coffee and cake, a chance to
stay and chat with Karen and Ruth and with each other.'

Lent Lunches 2022

I propose to start a five week series of Lent Lunches, to be held at St Paul's church starting on the 8th March at 1pm (following on from CiD's café) until 5th April, inclusive. We will be looking at 'The Passion' from various resources and Bible passages (your input will be welcomed). Lunch will be simple (bread and cheese, hot or cold drinks) voluntary donations only. In order that I can cater adequately for those wishing to attend please let me know in person or by phone or email if you would like to join me and any special dietary requirements, which may involve you bringing your own lunch. Please let me know by 2nd March at the latest. Rev Stuart

ECO Tip 11

March and our thoughts start to turn to spring flowers and planting. But don't forget there could still be frosts and insects and small mammals still need places to hide should the snow fall so don't be too tidy. Leave some piles of sticks and leaves around where you can.

Have you thought of being confirmed?

On 8th May at 4pm we have the privilege of hosting the Ecumenical Confirmations at St Paul's. Confirmation is a significant moment in our Christian journey and can take on differing significances for us – for some it is an affirmation of our faith following baptism as a child when others made promises on our behalf; for others it is part of our adult baptism; for some it is when we chose to take our first communion; and it can also mark membership of the church and a particular denomination.

If you haven't yet been confirmed, is this 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 Trudie, Stephen or Stuart – we would love to talk with you in confidence and explore further.

Trudie

Prayer Board

As you may know, there is a Prayer Board at St Paul's (on the wall to the left as you enter the Worship area), and you are invited to put requests for prayers on it.

There is also a prayer board at St Tim's (on the table in the hall),. it will remain for a month because usually there are no weekly services.

Please ensure you have the appropriate permission before putting up any requests, in particular if you mention anyone's name. Please also include your name and the date you put up the request.

Prayers will be left for two weeks before being removed in order to keep the board up to date, if prayer is still needed please use another piece of paper and repeat the request.

General prayers will be offered in worship for the specific prayers on the board, but names will not be mentioned at the moment as the worship is live streamed and then available on the web.

And don't forget, there is also a board for answers to prayer, please us this too.

Stephen

Real Easter Eggs

A variety of chocolate Easter Eggs are available from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, each made of Fairtrade chocolate, plastic free, and including an Easter Story Activity Book. There is a sign-up form in St Paul's and St Tim's for you to place your orders, or you can email Stephen and Angela Roe stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk with your requirements. Details of what is available are on the form or at www.realeasteregg.co.uk

Payment should be made through the Church account in one of two ways:

1. By bank transfer. Please ensure that you put 'Easter Eggs' as your reference. The Co-operative Bank; **08-92-99; 65312775**
2. Put your payment in an envelope clearly marked with 'Real Easter Eggs' and your name, and give it to Stephen or Angela Roe, or Tony Prichard.

The closing date for orders is Sunday 6 March, so that we can get free delivery on the order. We will not be able to take any orders after this date.

Stephen and Angela

Prayer Chain

We have a 'Prayer Chain' in order to pray for particular needs among our people. This is coordinated by Cathy Scott, who receives the requests for prayer and circulates them to those on the Prayer Chain. Please tell Cathy if you would like prayer for a particular situation, but please ensure that anyone named or who might be identified in your request has your permission before sending it to Cathy. Please also let Cathy know if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain and receive requests for prayer. Cathy's contact details are : catherinescott160@gmail.com or Tel: 01793 346507.

Jubilee celebrations:

Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June. How might we celebrate?

You will already know that our Queen is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee over the long bank holiday weekend in June. There are a number of national events planned, of which you can find more about here: <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>

As we celebrate this milestone in her service to us, it would be great to mark this occasion as a church. With the national events taking place and the encouragement for local community street parties on the Sunday, it would be good if we might do something as a church on Saturday 4th June – however big or small! For example, on the big side we could host a community fun day along the lines of our own 50th anniversary a few years ago, or we could put on a more informal drop-in gathering such as “pop in for an afternoon cream tea”.

What do you think? And importantly, **would you be able to organize and co-ordinate a celebration at Dorcan?** Please do get your thinking hats on and have a word with Trudie, Stephen, Stuart or John if you feel this is something you’d like to explore the possibility of taking forward.

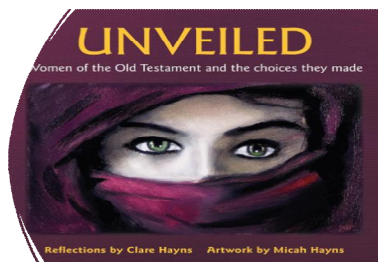
Trudie



The Men's Fellowship meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's in the Snug at St Paul's from 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

Next meeting is **Wednesday 9th March**

LADIES' NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE!



Thursday 24th March 7-9pm
St Paul's Church,
With special guests Author Clare Hayns
and her son, Artist Micah Hayns

Join us for an interesting and enjoyable evening finding out about some of the amazing women of the Old Testament

Whether you're familiar with the Bible or not, this is a relaxed evening, celebrating and learning from women of the past

Micah will be bringing along his drawings from the book, and there is also the option of a sketching lesson from him!

Please bring something for a simple bring and share nibbles table.
Drinks provided

Women and girls of all ages welcome – do feel free to invite a friend to come along with you

Used Postage Stamps

I have a large envelope from RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind) in which I can send them used postage stamps. The stamps need to have approximately one centimetre of paper round the edge. I already have several donations, but if you have any you would like to donate please pass them on to me.

Joan McCann

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 8th March 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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