



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 12th February 2023
2nd Sunday before Lent**

St. Paul's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
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St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
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Please pray for our Clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 12th February. Trudie is at Stratton supporting the wider Deanery.

**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 19th February 2023 Sunday before Lent		
St Paul's		
08.45am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Rev Trudie Wigley Deacon Stephen Roe
4pm	Messy Church	Claire & Team
St Tim's		
	No Service	

What's On This Week		
Monday 13th	Time	Event
St Paul's St Paul's	10.30am—12pm 4.30pm—6.30pm	LINK meeting in the snug Standing Committee (Cancelled)
Tuesday 14th	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	09.00am—11.30am 10.30am 12.00pm 7.45pm—9.45pm	CID's too Coffee Morning CID's Coffee Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group
Wednesday 15th	Time	Event
St Paul's	10.00am—10.45am	Morning Prayers (Cancelled)
Friday 17th	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am—12.00pm	Food Collective—Paul

DUST + GLORY

A Lent journey of faith,
failure and forgiveness

This Lent, the preaching team recommend to you the 2023 “Big Church Read” Lent theme book called *“Failure: what Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up”* (by Bishop Emma Ineson). The Lent material from the Church of England – Dust and Glory – is based on this book and each day there is a reflection and prayer which can be accessed by email, app, telephone and in a booklet – we have some of these booklets for those who would prefer printed material and they will be available from Sunday 19th February.

In addition, a Lent course is offered on the theme and as a church we will be hosting some small groups across 6 weeks to explore the material and, on the Sunday before, the week’s theme will be briefly introduced across services. Some existing home groups may follow this material (please do ask your leader) and for those who are either not in a home group or whose group is following a different theme, there are some options for you to join a group for Lent. In both centres there is a sign-up sheet so please do consider and sign up **by Sunday 19th February** if you would like to be involved. Details are as follows:

Tues- days	St Paul’s Small Hall, Coving- ham 12:30-1:30pm to include a Lent lunch . Starting 21st Feb Led by Stuart Fisher	
Thurs- days	89 Ridge Nether Moor, Liden 2-3:30pm Starting 23 rd Feb Led by Barbara Wilcox	23 Sedge brook, Liden 7:30pm-9pm Starting 23 rd Feb Led by Trudie Wigley and Stephen Roe

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If you would like a copy of the main book and the cost causes a difficulty, then please do speak, in confidence, to Trudie, Stephen or Stuart and we would be delighted to give you a copy. We also hold a few copies for sale to save you purchasing online. For those who like kindle, it is also available on this platform.

We look forward to journeying through lent together as we travel with our Lord to the cross, and as we await the glory that lies beyond.

Mother's Day Runaways

**7:30pm Thursday 16th March
At Rodbourne Methodist Church**

Mothering Sunday can be tricky for a whole host of reasons. Our Mother's Day Runaways service is a chance to reflect and bring to God some of those difficult to talk about topics such as childlessness, infertility, miscarriage, infant death, death of a mother, abuse, estrangement and the many other life stories that impact this date.

The worship will last about 30 minutes and will walk the path of lament and hope as we seek the God who sees us and loves us. To find out more or talk about these or other issues please get in touch with Revd Rach Collins 01793 529263
rach.collins@methodist.org.uk

ECO Tip

Switch your electricity supplier so that you support renewable electricity generation rather than electricity made by burning fossil fuels. You could use the Green Journey price comparison site <http://greenjourney.switchgasandelectric.com/>

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Lent Resources for Personal Reflection

There are resources available on the theme of Dust & Glory and these can be accessed in a number of ways. Many of us will be following the material – why don't you join us? The materials can be accessed as follows:

Email

Sign up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-lent-reflections>

Church of England app:

Released before Ash Wednesday. If you subscribed to #Follow the Star at Christmas your app will automatically update

Smart speaker

Have a chat with your Alexa/Sonos/Homepod etc. and it will find the audio of the daily reflection for you

Phoneline

The Daily Hope phoneline will be providing an audio of the reflections, together with music. Phone on 0800 804 8044

Booklets

We have booklets available at both centres from this Sunday. Please do take one and if you would like, and are able, to make a donation boxes are available.

Dust to Glory, 40 daily reflections, Bible readings and actions to help us find God in the mess of everyday life. We have 100 copies suggested donation £1. For more information see Trudie.



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

Over the past six years, we have been encouraged to share insights, stories and reflections in order to contribute to the Bishops' discernment about matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage – known as Living in Love and Faith. The 5-week course of the same name which was offered across the Deanery was a part of that.

This week, from 7-10th February, General Synod will be considering the Bishops' initial response and voting on it. The full details are electronically attached (or printed), together with two pastoral letters from both +Viv and +Lee who share their differing personal positions with grace and love.

The proposals that will be put to synod this week can be summarised as follows:

A formal apology has been extended to our LGBTQI+ brothers and sisters for how they have been treated – with many excluded or rejected by the church;

The definition of Marriage will not be changed and teaching remains that it is a life-long commitment between one man and one woman;

New *“Prayers of Love and Faith”*: This resource will offer clergy a variety of flexible ways to affirm and celebrate same-sex couples in church, and will include prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and for God's blessing. The use of these prayers will be entirely discretionary - clergy may choose to use some combination of these prayers or not to use them at all;

New pastoral guidelines: These will be offered later this year, and will review past guidance relating to issues of sexuality, sexual intimacy, civil partnerships and marriage. It will also involve Identifying and addressing areas where there is little or no guidance – for example, regarding singleness and celibacy. Guidelines will also be reviewed regarding the requirement of celibacy for clergy and those in authorised positions in same-sex relationships

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For some, these proposed changes go too far, for others not far enough. This will be debated with deep conviction and passion this week and whatever the conclusion there will be a challenging path ahead. Many will be watching on this week as this comes to Synod and is reported in the press so please do pray for them - for the Holy Spirit to guide; that respect, grace and love are shown in abundance - in both agreement and disagreement; and that General Synod may be a good witness to the love of Jesus in a broken world.

If you would like more information, or to talk any of this through, please do speak with Trudie or Stuart.

EASTER CRACKED OPEN

We have arranged a training session on Monday March 6th, 2pm until 4pm in the small hall at St Paul's.

We'll have the props etc. there to run through each scene/activity. If you need a script please let us know and we'll get one to you before March 6th.

Please confirm your attendance with Jo and Sue

THANK YOU

Messy Church

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with Messy Church. If you are available on 19th Feb for Messy Church at St Pauls 4-5.30pm please let Clare know on clares247@gmail.com or 07709836813.

Many thanks for your continued support and prayers.

Clare

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.
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 5 March, so that we can get free delivery on the order. We will not be able to take any orders after this date.

Swindon Food Collective

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who have helped local families through a very difficult year.

If you can, please consider donating these items in particular, bottles of squash (1 litre), coffee (100 gms), long life juice (1 litre), sugar (500gs/1kg), tinned fruit, tinned meat and tinned potatoes. Other items that are useful include 2 in 1 shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam and razors, deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry pods, washing up liquid, bleach and surface wipes/sprays



After the success of Christmas Messy at both St Paul's and St Tim's we are pleased to share that Messy Church will be restarting once a month. We will be hosting it at both churches, on the same Sunday, with slightly shorter sessions of 1.5 hours. In the morning we will be at St Tim's from 10am and in the afternoon, as before, we will be at St Paul's from 4pm. This development comes following discussions amongst some of the team, those at St Timothy's and with ECC blessings and will initially be for a 4 month trial period. We start on 19th February, although for this month only we will just be at St Paul's

What happens going forward will depend on a number of factors, including the energy of the Messy team and attendance. However we are hopeful as this is a significant aspect of our outreach to families, complementing the already excellent young people's work led by Deb and the team, and our activities in the primary schools through Easter Cracked Open, Christmas Unwrapped and regular assemblies.

For us to be able to focus our mission and energy on Messy, ECC has agreed that on one of the Sundays each quarter we will not be holding a 10:30am service at St Paul's, although there will be a communion service at 8:45am. Please can we ask you to pray for Messy church and the team? Clare Smith will be co-ordinating going forward – thank you Clare - and as she takes up the baton, we thank Deb for all that she has done to keep Messy alive, especially during the pandemic – thank you Deb!

We are in the process of drawing together the team again and are always appreciative of new team members so if you would like to be involved please do contact Clare Smith or Maggie who is supporting us in the admin (dorcan.church.office@gmail.com 01793 435987)

Thank you all for your support and prayers as we move forward. Please do pray for all those who come, that they might know our Lord and explore the Christian faith with us.

MESSY Church

Come and join us!

Sunday 19th February 16:00 - 17:30

St Paul's Church, Dorcan

Make new friends

Time together

Enjoy a meal
(no washing up!)

Games
Crafts
Stories
Food!

For all ages together
For all sorts of
families
It's fun and friendly!
(and it might get a bit
messy!)



Answers to last week quiz

1. Starting with the earliest, put these four social media platforms in order of when they started: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat

Facebook (2004), Twitter (2006), Instagram (2010) and Snapchat (2011)

2. Bob Monkhouse, Max Bygrave and Les Dennis have all presented which tv game show. **Family Fortunes**

3. What is the world's oldest sporting tournament that takes place for two weeks in early July = **Wimbledon**

4. Which word describes a belief in two gods. = **Dualism**

5. Which Disney Princess has the least amount of screen time. = **Sleeping beauty (18 minutes)**

This week's quiz

1. What is Prince William's full name
2. Klefiko is a Greek dish with what main ingredient
3. What is the more common name for a Chinese gooseberry
4. 'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents' is the opening line from which novel
5. Which James Bond was the first to feature Roger Moore

Good luck



NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 14th February 2023** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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Previous editions are also available at: [Dorcan Church Weekly Notices](#)



You will have noticed we no longer pass the offering basket round.

Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to make your offering instead.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee