



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 13th March 2022  
2nd Sunday in Lent**

**St. Paul's**

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| 10.30am | All Age & Communion | Rev Trudie Wigley |
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**St Tim's**

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Paul Tayler |
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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.**

**SERVICES— Sunday 20th March  
3rd Sunday in Lent**

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| <b>St Paul's</b> |                 |                         |
| 08.45am          | Morning Worship | Paul Tayler             |
| 10.30am          | Morning Worship | Rev Stuart Fisher       |
| 4.00pm           | Messy Church    | Debbie Mulcock and team |
| <b>St Tim's</b>  |                 |                         |
|                  | No Service      |                         |

**What's on this week March 2022**

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| <b>Tuesday 15th</b><br>10.30—12pm | St Paul's | Coffee morning @ Cid's Cafe                    |
| 7.30pm— 9.30pm                    | St Paul's | Bible study and Prayer group led by Diane Lane |
| <b>Wednesday 16th</b>             |           |  |
| 1pm— 3pm                          | St Paul's | Tiny Tots                                      |
| 1.15pm—2.45pm                     | St Tim's  | Tiny Tots                                      |
| 6pm-7.30pm                        | St Paul's | Blaze for school years 2-6                     |
| 7.30pm-9.00pm                     | St Paul's | Youth Club for school years 7+                 |

**Covid procedures Update**

The Standing Committee will meet later today (Wednesday 9th March) After this meeting an update will be communicated.

This will be communicated via the Face book page.

Link <https://m.facebook.com/stpaulssttimothysswindon/>

## **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

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

On 8<sup>th</sup> 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*

## 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.

## **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.

## **ECO Tip 12**

Increasingly, professional gardeners are calling for us all to avoid peat based composts. Not only is peat extraction destroying habitat but peatlands are also carbon sinks, holding on to more CO<sub>2</sub> than trees and so essential to efforts to slow climate change. Composts which are not marked will contain Peat. Seek out Peat free to know categorically that it doesn't contain peat.

## Jubilee celebrations:

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

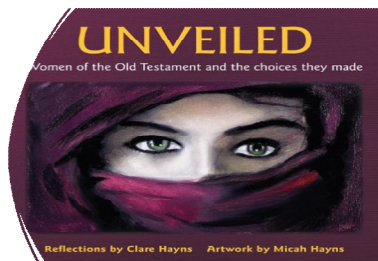
You will already know that our Queen is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee over the long bank holiday weekend in June. There are a number of national events planned, of which you can find more about here: <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>

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 4<sup>th</sup> June – however big or small! For example, on the big side we could host a community fun day along the lines of our own 50<sup>th</sup> 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*

# LADIES' NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE!



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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



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

No Meeting today 9th March 2022

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 15th March 2022** to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
Thank you.

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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.