



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



John
Chapter 1 v 43—51

SERVICES - Sunday 14th January 2024
Epiphany 2—The Baptism of Christ

St. Paul's

8.45am	Covenant Service with Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott

St Tim's

10.30am	Covenant Service with Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 14th January 2024, Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider 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.

SERVICES - Sunday 21st January 2024		
Epiphany 3		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Stuart Fisher
4.00pm	Messy Church	Messy Team
St Tim's		
10.00am	Messy Church	Messy Team

What's On This Week		
Monday 15th January	Time	Event
St Paul's	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Christmas Unwrapped & Easter Cracked open meeting (Small hall)
Tuesday 16th January	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm 10.00am - 12.00pm 7.45pm - 9.45pm	CID's Café Too CID's Coffee Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group
Wednesday 17th January	Time	Event
St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	10.00am - 11.00am 1.00pm - 3.00pm 1.00pm - 3.00pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm	Morning Prayers Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Blaze for School year 2 - 6 Youth Club for School year 7+

What's On This Week (Continued)

Friday 18th January	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul
St Paul's	7.00pm - 10.00pm	Evening of Entertainment

An Evening of Fun, Singing and Dancing

Friday 19th January @ St Pauls Church

Something for everyone, all welcome

Starts 7.00pm

Soft drinks available,

(See Diane for more information)

Diane

Good News

In the past few weeks I mentioned Paul Tayler was to be contacted by phone only. I am happy to say that Paul is back on line with his e-mail.

Paul

A HUGE Christmas thank you!

Thank you to you all who supported our various activities and ministries over Christmas. We committed to many additional things and it was Dorcan church at its best! We connected with a significantly increased number of people in our community, and also made new connections which was encouraging.

Whether you were involved upfront in our activities or supporting behind the scenes, this is a BIG, BIG thank you to you all - our Christmas plans would not have happened without you all.

We wish you a Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany season and look with expectancy and remain curious and alert as to where God will lead us this year.

Trudie Wigley

In Memoriam, [Ring out, wild bells]

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the
snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the
mind
For those that here we see no
more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;

Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the
times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful
rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and
blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of
gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of
peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier
hand; Ring out the darkness of
the land, Ring in the Christmas that
is to be

From Dorcan Church ECC Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership - Next Steps

This is a near repeat of the December 2023 notices, with an extended time deadline.

Our thanks to you all for participating in the October 2023 Congregational Meeting, in which we discussed the future of our Local Ecumenical Partnership. A paper was circulated on 16th November 2023 and some hard copies are still available in the two churches.

What's next?

Some very important feedback you provided is that you want our Ecumenical essence to be maintained if the LEP were to be dissolved. Our next step on this journey is to define in detail what we really mean by Dorcan Church's Ecumenical "essence", and to determine what would need to be in place for that to continue under a single-denominational structure. To achieve this, ECC is formulating a small group to focus on defining the requirements for a new kind of Ecumenical agreement (Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme, or LECS).

What will the group be doing?

The group will be responsible for collecting and documenting feedback from us all on how we wish to continue expressing our ecumenical essence going forward. E.g. communion settings from other traditions, Covenant service, visiting preachers. We expressed that these and other aspects are important to us and it is about getting these articulated, documented and agreed by our parent denominations so they are carried into the future.

This work is needed to create a draft document that will form the basis of a legally binding agreement between both denominations to ensure our Ecumenical essence lives on, whatever the structural and legal governance arrangements are. The group will be exploring questions such as:

- What does it mean for us to be an Ecumenical church?
- What are the things we do, say and think which make us Ecumenical?
- What things are needed both spiritually and practically to help us retain our Ecumenical essence?

For clarity, it is important to note that the scope of the group is focused on collating raw feedback into a document and then preparing a draft Ecumenical agreement (we have a template) for consideration as part of any decision to cease the current structure of the LEP. It is not to make any decision on the future of the LEP.

Who will be in the group?

We are looking for a group of around 6 people to join Stephen, Trudie, our Church Warden and our Senior Steward (Diane Killick and Nathalie Marshall) to work on this. The aim is to prepare a first draft of a document explaining what Ecumenism means to us by mid-April 2024, which will be circulated for further comments and feedback, although timing for this may now slip.

How can I sign up?

We need a range of views and experiences reflected in this group, so if you would like to be involved or to suggest someone (please ask them first!), please speak to Diane or Nathalie by Monday 22nd January. To enable the group to be of a size to work well, if more than six people are nominated then we will look to ECC to nominate the group, with particular attention to diversity in its many forms. Please pray for this group as we move forward with this work.

CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED.....EASTER CRACKED OPEN

Just a reminder

For the schools team and anyone else interested!

We'd like to invite you to a meeting in the small hall at St Pauls on Monday 15th January 2.00pm until 3.30 ish.

Sue and Diane



Answers to last week's quiz

1. In what year was the first credit card issued in the UK? 1966, 1967, 1968. = **1966**
2. On which Caribbean island would you find the resort of Varadero? = **Cuba**
3. Which monarch is buried in Canterbury cathedral? = **Henry IV**
4. "Houston, we have a problem" is a line from which film? = **Apollo 13**
5. In what county is Chatsworth house? = **Derbyshire,**

This week's Quiz

General Knowledge.

1. The UK town of Stretford sits on which river
2. Which instrument can be base, electric or Spanish
3. What country borders Switzerland to the left
4. 2, 3, 7, 11, 19 are all types of what number
5. What is the name of the fourth book in the Harry Potter series

Good Luck

ECO Tip

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All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 16th January 2024**

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