



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 14th May 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday after Easter**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Trudie Wigley
11.45am	Annual General Meeting	

**St Tim's**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
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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.**

<b>SERVICES - Sunday 21st May 2023 Seventh Sunday after Easter</b>		
<b>St Paul's</b>		
08.45am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
4.00pm	Messy Church	Messy Team
<b>St Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Messy Church	Messy Team

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 21st May. Stephen is at Pewsey supporting the wider circuit

<b>What's On This Week</b>		
<b>Monday 15th May</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Eldene School	09.00am - 10.00am	School Assembly - Rev Stuart Fisher
Liden School	09.00am - 10.00am	School Assembly - Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Knit and Chat
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	09.00am - 11.30am	CID's too Coffee Morning
St Paul's	10.30am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
St Tim's	2.00pm - 3.15pm	Prayer Group
St Tim's	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Home Group
St Paul's	7.45pm - 9.45pm	Bible Study & Prayer Group
	<b>Continued overleaf</b>	

## What's On This Week (Cont'd)

Wednesday 17th May	Time	Event
St Paul's	10.00am –10.45am	Morning Prayers
St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Tim's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Paul's	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Blaze for School Year 2—6
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Youth Club for School year 7+
Thursday 18th May	Time	Event
Nythe School	9.00am - 10.00am	School Assembly - Rev Stuart Fisher
Friday 18th May	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

### Working Parties

#### At St Timothy's on Saturday June 10th

We would like to do some outside and inside maintenance and cleaning, weeding painting / paint preparation, graffiti removal. Willing volunteers very welcome.

**John Davidson.**

### ECO Tip

Electric tumble dryers use energy. If it's a nice day dry your clothes outside. In the winter most drying is done by the wind, so check the forecast for wind days and nights as you can hang washing overnight (as there is no dew in the winter).

**Revised**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date of our Annual General Meeting** – 14th May 2023: Our AGM will be held after our 10:30am service at St Paul's, starting around 11:45am. There will be a shorter service at St Tim's to enable attendance, and the possibility of lifts for those for whom this would be helpful – if you need a lift please contact Maggie at the office on 01793 435987 or [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com) .

Our meeting will be a maximum of an hour, and we will receive the annual report, elect officers and tend to our legal business. A particular focus this year will be offered from the Finance Committee who will be guiding us through a more in depth review of our finances. Talking about money can be hard and we may not feel confident with “numbers”. However it is important that, as a church, we understand our financial position – both giving thanks for all of God's provision and committing to pray when we are challenged financially. There will be time for questions, so please do come with some! Please do put this AGM date in your diary and come along.

**Annual General Meeting – situations vacant:** Circulated with these notices are details of the elections and appointments to various roles within Dorcan Church. I would suggest you start with the document that is entitled “READFIRST\_AGM” Please do reflect and pray as to where you might be able to help, or where you see gifts in others whom you'd like to encourage. As the body of Christ together we are Christ's church, each with our own gifts, so please do pray for these key appointments.

**Electoral roll now closed for revision** – our roll has now been revised and is required to be displayed for 14 days before our AGM. In both centres you will find a list of names (only) displayed. If your entry of incorrect or missing, then please do let Barbara Wilcox , our Roll Officer, know. ([b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com))

**Papers for the AGM** – our Annual Report, accounts and Agenda will be circulated later this week, with a few hard copies available in both centres.

## Receiving Communion at St Paul's – changes to our pattern

Going forward we will be continuing in our practice of receiving wine by the dipping of the wafer in the wine by the celebrant, or receiving from the silver common cup or, for a small number of people, a non-alcoholic option. However, this practice can mean that the people around us come and go at different times which can be disruptive in this special, quiet time. At a recent preachers' meeting, we agree that we would look to try a different way of coming for communion and we share this with you as follows, and will try it this coming Sunday:

A steward will come to the row where you are sitting and invite you to come forward to receive. Please would you come to one of the two sides around the table where the railings and kneelers are. However, please keep the area at the front of the communion table free where there are no kneelers or rails – this is a change to our current practice. When you have received communion, please remain at the rail until everyone on your side has received and we will then offer a short prayer of dismissal to return to your seats. Those distributing communion will then move across to the other rail, for the same to be repeated.

We will explain it again over the next few weeks and then review whether this is helpful to the ambience and practicalities of communion. Thank you for trying it out and feedback is welcome.

*Trudie, Stuart and Stephen*

Please may I draw your attention to a number of vacant roles at the Diocesan Office.

Please can I ask you share these via your networks?

Director of Property

Environment and Sustainability Outreach Officer

Adviser for Parish Development

Adviser for Curacy

Adviser for Fresh Expressions of Church

Details at [Vacancies: Join us - Diocese of Bristol \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/vacancies)

## Christian Aid Week.



Christian Aid is a charity working in 29 countries across many areas of the world. It seeks to combat poverty and to establish dignity, equality and justice for all.

We, as a church are again wanting to support the special fund-raising 'Christian Aid Week' which this year runs from 14 - 20 May.

If you are willing, there are three ways in which you can donate:

1. A gift can be put in one of the Christian Aid envelopes that are now available at both St Paul's and St Tim's. Envelopes containing donations should then be placed in the normal weekly collection baskets (by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, please).

By transfer to the Dorcan Church bank account (Sort Code 089299 Account 65312775) Please put 'Christian Aid' as the reference.

By donating directly to Christian Aid through its website:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Please consider if you are able to support this important work, either by giving or by prayer, and if you want to learn more about Christian Aid; its aims, its beliefs and its work, then please visit

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

## Quiz Nite @ St Paul's Friday 2nd June 2023



In October last year we held a Family Quiz Nite at St Paul's. It was so successful that we are repeating it again.

- Teams up to 6 persons. If you do not have a team, don't worry, come along and get to know others by joining a team.
- Starts 7.00pm till 9.30pm
- £3.00 per person or £18.00 for table of six.
- There will be raffle prizes and all proceeds will go to the Dorcan church

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## To move the mountain of plastic

**PLEASE SIGN TO BEAT THE RUBISH PROBLEM**

**And GO ON LINE or sign the petition. [tearfund.org/prayforrubbish](https://tearfund.org/prayforrubbish)**

**By praying, for people who are affected with flooding and health problems caused by the rubbish damped and piles heaped up around the world and blocking the Rivers flowing. Please share by talking about this problem.**

***Join Tearfund and find out more of how people are affected by plastics and climate changes and how to pray.***

We're facing mountains of plastic pollution. 2 billion people have no safe way to dispose of rubbish, and it's people in poverty who are suffering the worst impacts of this rubbish problem. They are forced to live and work among piles of waste, which is making them sick, releasing toxic fumes, flooding communities and causing up to a million deaths each year.

**But Jesus told his followers that even the smallest amount of faith can move mountains.**

So, we are asking you to put your faith into action and join us **TEARFUND** in demanding an end to plastic pollution. And we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do just that.

During 2023 and 2024, nearly 200 governments are meeting to develop the first-ever global treaty on plastic pollution. But it's not a done deal. Please add your voice to demand an end to plastic pollution and its harmful impact on people living in poverty. Poverty is not God's plan. You are. Sign our petition today.

Tearfund is part of the Renew Our World and BreakFreeFromPlastics coalitions.

## **Cake fit for a King – thank you from Ben Wigley**

Thank you to everyone who supported me through the bake sale. We raised £169 for my charity trip to The Gambia which was amazing! I have now exceeded the amount I pledged to raise which means that more can go to the school I'll be supporting with IT equipment and tuition. Thank you.



## Answers to last week quiz

1. **Anniversaries** - put these in date order of earliest first. Crystal - Pearl - China = **Crystal (15) China (20) Pearl (30)**
2. **Writers**; put these in date order of earliest first. Charles Dickens - Mary Shelley - Johnathan Swift = **Johnathan Swift (b 1667) Mary Shelley (b 1797) Charles Dickens (b 1812)**
3. **Religions**: put these in date order of oldest first.  
**Islam - Buddhism - Hinduism = Hinduism (1500 BC) Buddhism (500 BC) Islam (7th Century AD)**
4. **Prime Ministers UK** put these in date order of office earliest first Neville Chamberlain - Stanley Baldwin - David Lloyd-George = **Lloyd-George (1916) Stanley Baldwin (1923) Neville Chamberlain (1937)**
5. **Distance from London** closest first. Cardiff - Manchester - Plymouth = **Cardiff (155 miles) Manchester (199 miles) Plymouth (215 miles)**
6. List the following birds in order starting with the smallest: Cuckoo, House Martin, Blackbird and Starling = **House Martin (12.5cm), Starling (21cm), Blackbird (25cm) and Cuckoo (33cm)**

## This week's quiz

1. The Catholic version of the Bible contains Apocrypha, which is a collection of how many complete books?
2. In which of the four Gospels do the wise men visit Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus
3. Which book of the New Testament describes the four horsemen of the apocalypse
4. According to the Bible, on which mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments
5. In Anglican churches, at what time of day does the ceremony known as matins usually take place



# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 16th May 2023**

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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.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee