



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



SERVICES		
Sunday 16th February 2025 Epiphany 5		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	LLM Sue Morgans
St Tim's		
10.00am	Messy Church	Messy Team

**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 23rd February 2025		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
St Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	LLM Paul Tayler

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 23rd February 2025, Stephen is at Stratton, Neil is at Aldbourne and Alex is at Bath Road supporting the wider Circuit.

What's On This Week		
Tuesday 18th February		
St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Café Morning
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Too
St Tim's	2.00pm - 3.15pm	Prayer Group
St Paul's	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Easter Cracked Open Meeting
Wednesday 19th February	Time	Event
St Paul's	11.00am	Funeral Service Sheila Evans
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Friday 21st February	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

Update on our Tiny Tots groups

Church leaders and volunteers met last week to discuss the challenges facing both the St Tim's and St. Paul's Tiny Tots groups.

It was agreed that more volunteers are needed for the groups to continue running this important outreach to local families.

Over the past 45+ years this ministry has connected with, and served many people in our community, and it is a vital part of our mission and ministry.

We are appealing for assistance to help with setting up the sessions, putting out chairs and toys before families arrive from 1pm.

Whilst we currently set up from around 12:30pm at St Paul's and 12noon at St Tim's, this could be done earlier in the morning so there is flexibility on timing.

We also need volunteers to help during the sessions from 1-3pm, this could be a weekly or occasional commitment. This role would include a short on-line foundation safeguarding training session, and follow our safe recruitment process regarding references.

Please pray for a solution as we look to continue this ministry. If you could help or would like to know more contact Pam Wood, Dianne Lane, or a member of the ministry team.

Tiny Tots

Due to school half term both Tiny Tots groups **will not** run on Wednesday 19th February.

Kind regards
Brenda Fisher

Applications for Volunteer advisor role

The Diocese is keen to encourage applications from parishioners for the key role of Volunteer Advisor, and whilst those actively seeking work are likely to view the vacancy on our website, or jobs boards there may be parishioners who are not actively seeking work, but would be interested in this role.

The details can be found here

[Volunteer Advisor - Diocese of Bristol](#) and if you would like an informal conversation please contact

Geralyn Meehan, Geralyn.meehan@bristoldiocese.org or [07907864604](tel:07907864604).

Kind Regards

Georgina Martin

Deanery Administrator

Sheila Evans

The funeral service for Sheila will be held at St Paul's on Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 11.00am, followed by committal at Kingsdown Crematorium and refreshments in the Church Hall. All are welcome to come together to remember Sheila, who was a loyal member of the Dorcan Church for many years. Please continue to pray for her family at this time.

Stephen

Lucille Boston

The funeral for Lucille Boston will be held at St Marks Church, Dalston, London E8 2LJ (instead of St Paul's West Hackney, London) Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 10.30am. This will be followed by a committal at Manor Park Cemetery, Newham, London. The change of venue is due to the sheer numbers that wish to attend.

Funeral Details for Rev Brian Pearce

Dear all,

Firstly mum, Andy and I would like to thank you all for your lovely, heartfelt messages of sympathy and memories shared since the passing of my dad, it truly has been such a testament to dad and how he built relationships over his whole lifetime.

We are holding a Service of Thanksgiving on Monday 24th February, 1.30pm at St Thomas The Martyr Church, Monmouth, NP25 5ES. This will be followed by refreshments for us all to catch up and share memories of Brian before returning to Swindon.

For anyone who would like to attend the service we, as a family, are providing a coach to leave from Swindon and bring people back afterwards. This allows people who do not drive or would find arranging a long journey difficult the opportunity to attend, if you wish.

If you would like to attend the funeral, and travel by coach, please let Diane Killick know by Sunday 16th February, so we can know the size of coach to order, as well as an idea of numbers for refreshments.

In the meantime, we will announce a time and place for collection on the day.

If anyone has any queries regarding the service you can find details online by visiting <https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/131043> or contact me through my work number 01793 832072.

Many thanks again from myself and all of our family, God bless you all.

John Pearce

Handy Person

We are looking for a Handy Person who could help as and when with various jobs within and around our buildings Could you be that person or do you know someone who could assist?

For more information please contact
Diane

ROOFERS

(**Raising Oodles of Funds Encapsulating Repairs & Services**)

Following our recent meeting , we have A varied assortment of activities for fundraising and fellowship planned throughout the year, including;;

- Board game evening.
- The Big Band
- Quiz Night.
- Afternoon Tea Plants

Full details will follow



Answers to last week's quiz

General Knowledge

1. The Black Prince was the son of which English king? = **Edward III**
2. 'The Blades' is the nickname of which English football team? = **Sheffield United**
3. What number wife was Anne Boleyn? = **2nd**
4. Who designed the Clifton suspension bridge = **Isambard Kingdom Brunel**
5. Which borders town is considered to be neither English or Scottish = **Berwick on Tweed**

This weeks quiz

Flags

1. Which colours are on the flag of Argentina?
2. Which leaf appears on the Canadian flag
3. What are the two main colours of the Vatican flag
4. What colours is the cross in the flag of St George
5. What three colours are on the Italian flag

ECO Tip

More than half the money spent on fuel bills goes towards providing heating and hot water. Installing a room thermostat, a programmer and thermostatic radiator valves and using these controls efficiently could save you around £75 a year.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 18th February 2025** to 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.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee