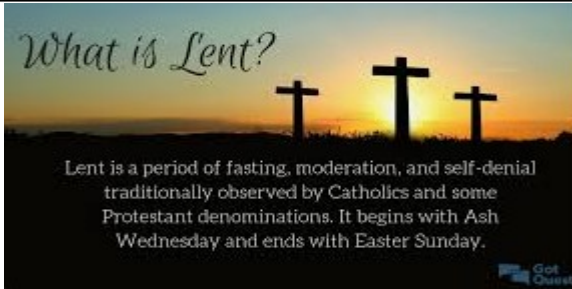




**St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden**
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*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**SERVICES - Sunday 18th February 2024
Lent 1**

St. Paul's

08.45am	Morning Worship	LLM Paul Taylor
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

St Tim's

10.00am	Messy Church	Messy Team
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 18th February 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 25th February 2024 Lent 2		
St Paul's		
10.30am	All Age	Rev Trudie Wigley
12.30pm	Baptism of Teddy Crane	Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher

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What's On This Week		
Monday 19th February	Time	Event
St Paul's	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Roofers
Tuesday 20th February	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm 10.00am - 12.00pm 12.30pm - 2.00pm	CID's Café Too CID's Coffee Morning Lent Lunch - Small Hall - Rev Stuart Fisher
St Tim's	2.00pm - 3.15pm	Prayer Group
	Continued over	

What's On This Week (Continued)

Wednesday 21st February	Time	Event
St Paul's	10.00am - 11.00am	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+
Friday 23rd February	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective -Paul

Sabbatical

Dear friends,

I (Stuart) will be taking a sabbatical this year, for some much needed rest and refreshment.

Brenda and I have booked a holiday for the last two weeks of July and following that for August until the end of October. I will be largely absent from normal duties and the routines of church and Parish life in those months.

I may be around though and some exceptions may occur. This will be a time to relax and also catch up on 'other' things at home. I have the full support of Trudie and the Diocese and the Dorcan church council, who all support me, not just in this decision, but throughout ministry and I am truly grateful.

Thank you. God bless,
Stuart

Prayer Breakfast

2 Chronicles 7:14
New International Version - UK

14. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

An opportunity to join for prayer and breakfast on **3rd March**.

Doors open from 9am
Breakfast served from 9:15am
Prayers from 9:30am
Refreshments from 10am - no refreshments after the service.
Please join at any point that works for you.

There will be a sign-up sheet for breakfast. Similar to last time. I plan to offer simple toast and porridge so please just indicate which option you would prefer so I can provision accordingly. Please also indicate if you require gluten free, dairy free, have a nut allergy, or other dietary requirements.

Many thanks

Nathalie Marshall

Tuesday Group

This is just to let you know that the Tuesday group will be meeting at the home of Angela and Stephen Roe in Merlin Way, instead of the small hall at St Paul's. This is from next Tuesday 13th February for 5 weeks. We shall be meeting from 7:30 pm and doing the Difference Course.

Thank you

Dianne Lane

St Pauls Church and Community Centre

Our special place to worship and celebrate; home to a playschool, dance groups for all ages, CID's café, Senior Cits, Tiny Tots, craft groups, and many more community and personal events.

Unfortunately, we now have a very serious problem with the roof, its leaking, big time !!!!!

To enable us to continue worshipping and housing all, we **urgently** need YOUR financial support. As we are approaching Lent perhaps you could give up an item, save the pennies for the roof, or if you might like to make a donation. We shall be looking at any ideas for fundraising so if you have an ideas please share.

Applications are being made for grants and crowdfunding,

So folks, if we don't want to be singing 'Raindrops keep falling on my head'

Diane
Churchwarden

Crowdfunder

The Church has announced a fund raising appeal to find the necessary funds to carry out some extensive repairs to the roof of St. Paul's. The upkeep is the responsibility of the local congregation.

We are appealing to the local community to donate what they can so that we can continue to provide a home for the various groups who depend on the centre for their activities. Any funds left over will be put into church funds for reaching net zero for both St. Paul's and St. Timothy's.

Kingfisher Pre School
CID's Café
Dance groups
Birthday and Celebration parties
Karate classes

Tiny Tots
North Dorcan Senior Citizens
Exercise classes
Emergency Shelter
Warm and Safe Space

We are truly a community asset for the local people. QR code to Crowdfunder page. Please share far and wide.



From all sources the fund has just reached the first £1,000.

Keep up the good work.

Tony Prichard (Treasurer)

Congregational Meeting Monday 26th February 2023, 7pm at St Timothy's. Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership - Next Steps

We are all invited to this gathering to share and discern what is important and precious to us ecumenically so that we can include these aspects in a new kind of Ecumenical agreement (Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme, or LECS) as we define our future. ECC recognises the importance of expressing and documenting what is important to us, but we do need your help. We therefore invite you to a congregational meeting on **26th February, 7pm at St Timothy's**, to share and explore this amongst ourselves.

To help us think about this, before the meeting we are all encouraged to think and pray about what it is specifically in our current ecumenical worship that:

- we value, and
- what we wish to continue when Dorcan comes under the legal governance of the Church of England

It may help to consider this under some of the following headings, but please don't limit yourselves to these aspects:

Communion practice

Ministry of Methodist Local Preacher and Ministers

Ministry of Licensed Lay Ministers

Styles of worship

Other aspects

At our meeting we will also share an update on where we are and answer your questions, where able. Your input is vital as we draw up the LECS document and it needs to be shaped by us all, so that it is ours. We do hope you are able to come - and there will be cake (and some healthy things)! Please do continue to pray, think, talk, discuss as we continue this path into our future.

Trudie and Stephen

Working Party

Can you spare an hour or two on Saturday February 17th, anytime from 9.30 until 12.30, various jobs inside and out

Many thanks

Diane

Anne Davey

Dear Friends,

It is with the saddest of hearts that I have to tell you our Dear Sister in Christ, Anne Davey, passed away on the morning of Friday 2nd Feb.

It has come as the greatest of shocks. Beloved wife of Mo, mother of Penny and Ben, Anne suffered another major stroke and sadly her earthly body was not able to recover from this.

The family are of course heartbroken, but they are assured of our love and prayers.

The Funeral service will take place on Tuesday 27th February, at 3.00pm at Kingsdown Crematorium and all who wish to pay their respects are welcome to attend.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for Macmillan Nurses, may be sent c/o Pearce Funeral Services

Sending our love and prayers to Mo and the family, may Anne rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen

" the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Romans 8:26–27.

Thank you, God bless,
Stuart

Tuesday Day time	St Paul's Small Hall, Covingham 12:30-2pm to include a Lent lunch Starting 20 th Feb until 19 th March Led by Stuart Fisher revsffisher@btinternet.com
Tuesday Evening	23 Sedgebrook, Liden, SN3 6EY 7:30pm-9pm Starting 13th Feb until 19 th March (not 20 th Feb) Led by Trudie Wigley and Stephen Roe Rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk NB 13 th Feb only at 11 Merlin Way, Covingham, SN3 5AN

Messy Church

We held a messy church meeting last week to discuss how things are going. It was agreed at this meeting that we will hold just one Messy church per month for Dorcan Church, which will be held at St Tim's in the morning 10-11.30.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Messy and I'm sure you will join us in celebrating all the families we have been able to welcome into church through these sessions.

Dates for your diary-

Feb 18th- February Messy 10-11.30 St Tim's

March 29th Messy Good Friday 10-11.30 St Tim's

Please come along/ let any families know about these sessions.

Thank you

Clare and the Messy Team

Annual Reports for the AGM

As part of entering in to a new year, we like to take time to look back on the previous year, and celebrate what God has done among us and through us in the Dorcan church in the previous year. This then forms our Annual Report, which is presented to our congregation at the AGM, but is so much more than just "a report". It is good to reflect and review, to recognise the good things that our Lord is doing in building his house in this place. We'd love for this report to reflect more of what our church community are doing, not just the legal minimums which are required for the charity commission. So if you run, or are involved in, a group or activity associated with the Dorcan Church, and you would like to share and celebrate what you did in 2023 with the rest of your church family, please will you consider writing a short paragraph for this annual report. It doesn't have to be formal; think of it as a written testimony of God's goodness through your group. In order to collate and print in time for the AGM, Maggie will need these submitted to her by **23rd February**, just under a month away. Please do ask if you have any questions.

Nathalie Marshall (Church Council Chair)

Thomas Tallis Reimagined

Cantores presents a programme centered around the music of one of England's greatest composers Thomas Tallis, including many of his magnificent Latin motets, as well as his nine tunes for Archbishop Parker's Psalter as the centerpiece of the programme. Tallis' music will be interspersed with contemporary settings of some of the same texts, and pieces directly inspired by Tallis, including works by Cecilia McDowall, Bob Chilcott, David Bednall, and a new work specially composed for this programme by Esther Kay.

Saturday 9 March 2024 at Cirencester Parish Church (7:00pm)

Saturday 23 March 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton (4pm)

Tickets £15 (U18s & Students £5).

Link for tickets and more information about the choir can be found at <https://www.cantores.net/tallis-god-grant-with-grace/> or speak to Nathalie Marshall.

Cantores are a highly sought-after chamber choir with a growing reputation for innovative and exciting programming, creating memorable performances in and around the Cotswold's'.

We consist of 30 enthusiastic and dedicated singers under Musical Director Simon Harper, performing at the highest amateur standard and thrilling audiences around the Cotswold's with choral music from the Middle Ages to the present.

Oliver

25-27 April, Memorial Hall, Royal Wootton Bassett.

Alasdair has the title role! We'd love for some of our church family to come and support. Please see the attached flyer for details or talk to Neil or Nathalie.

Annual Supporter conference

Our Annual Supporter Conference, The Changemakers, returns on 2nd March 10:30 – 13:00, in London, at regional watch parties and online. ([register via the website](#))

The Changemakers Conference is an opportunity for interested people across England and Wales to come and meet together. This event is an opportunity for us to say thank you to our supporters, celebrate our recent achievements and find out about our upcoming plans, including Christian Aid Week 2024.

Guest Speakers include Philip Galgallo and Rev Felibien Ndintore , both from Burundi.

This can be accessed online.

In my area, I am aware of watch parties being held at:

Gloucester: Lonsdale Road Methodist Church

Bristol: Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church

Purton: Purton Methodist Church

Devizes: St Andrew's Methodist Church

Salisbury: TBC

(actively seeking other Churches who may be able to host as well).

I hope you will consider registering for conference and will encourage others to do so too. (Thank you to those who have.) You do need to register even if attending a Regional watch party in person.

I am happy to share more information about any of the above, as well as information about our ongoing projects.

Please ask if I can be of any help .

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours

Yvonne

Yvonne Penn

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Answers to last week's quiz

1. Which Greek god was god of the underworld? =Hades,
2. What is the name of Queen Elizabeth II youngest grandchild =James Viscount Seven
3. In which country is Angel falls located? = Venezuela
4. What is the capital city of the United Arab Emirates? = Abu Dhabi
5. In which year did Emmerdale (farm) first air? = 1972

This week's Quiz

General Knowledge.

1. How many sides does a dodecahedron have?
2. On which continent is the Great Victoria desert?
3. What is the common name for the trachea ?
4. In which sport might you score a Nelson ?
5. How many band members were in Derek and the Dominos ?

Good Luck

ECO Tip

Read a book to become more “carbon literate” and understand the greenhouse gas cost of your choices. Try *“How Bad are ananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything”* Mike Burners-Lee

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All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 20th February 2024**

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

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee