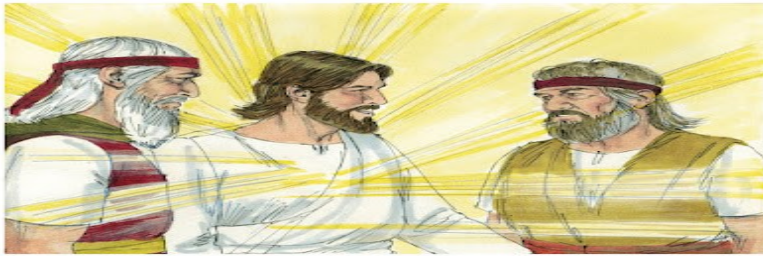




St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**SERVICES - Sunday 20th February 2022
2nd Sunday before Lent ·**

St. Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
10:30am	Sparks & Ignite	Deb Mulcock & team
6.30pm	Vybe	Deb Mulcock & team

St Tim's

10.30am	No Service	
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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 27th February 2022 1st Sunday before Lent		
St. Paul's		
8:45 am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Stuart Fisher
4pm	Messy Church	Deb Mulcock & team
St Tim's		
10:30am	Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK		
February 2022		
Tuesday 22nd 10.30am-11.45am	St Tim's	Prayer Group St Tim's, Brenda Phillips
7.30pm-9.30pm	St Paul's	Bible study and Prayer group led by Diane Lane

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th March 2022

10.30am United Worship

We welcome the Warden and **Deputy** Warden
of the Methodist **Diaconal** Order

Deacons Karen McBride and Ruth Richey

Sunday 8th May 2022

4pm Confirmations

at the Dorcan Church St Paul's

Lent Lunches 2022

I propose to start a five week series of Lent Lunches, to be held at St Paul's church starting on the 8th March at 1pm (following on from CiD's café) until 5th April, inclusive. We will be looking at 'The Passion' from various resources and Bible passages (your input will be welcomed). Lunch will be simple (bread and cheese, hot or cold drinks) voluntary donations only. In order that I can cater adequately for those wishing to attend please let me know in person or by phone or email if you would like to join me and any special dietary requirements, which may involve you bringing your own lunch. Please let me know by 2nd March at the latest. Rev Stuart

ECO Tip 9

Time for a spring clean? How planet friendly are your cleaning products? There are now lots of eco products on the market (Ecover, BioD, Splosh are some of the brands, with the latter only being

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

Ash Wednesday –2nd March 7pm St Timothy's:

As our Lenten journey begins, we will be holding our Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Timothy's. All are welcome to this reflective act of worship as we enter the season of Lent.

Trudie

Ladies night – Thursday 24th March 7-9pm, St Paul’s
“Unveiled: Women of the Old Testament and the choices they made”

We are delighted to welcome Clare Hayns and Micah Hayns, the author and artist respectively of the book “Unveiled” to St Paul’s. Clare is a friend of Trudie’s from Theological college and she is a thoughtful and perceptive writer, bringing ancient stories of the Bible alive for this age.

This is an event that is accessible for all – whether we are familiar with some of the Old Testament characters, or not. The evening will start from 7pm with socializing over nibbles and drinks (please bring some snacks to share), and from 7:30pm Clare will be sharing the stories of some of the outstanding women of the Old Testament for a half hour or so. Afterwards we have the chance to reflect and informally discuss the stories and how they might relate to contemporary issues with Clare, or to have some sketching lessons from the very talented Micah. He will also be bringing some of his original artwork from the book with him for us to enjoy.

After a long pause in our ladies’ gatherings this is a great opportunity and a different way to re-start our time together. Please do invite your female friends – it will be a gentle introduction to the Old Testament so it is very accessible for those who may be less familiar with the Bible. This is open to women of all ages, and it would be great to see some of our youngsters too. Flyers for you to give to your friends will be available from Claire Smith very soon. See you on the 24th March and for more information do grab Trudie or Claire.

Trudie

St Paul's and St Tim's Tiny Tots

St. Paul's Tiny Tots are looking for occasional volunteers to help out when we need to cover absences and holidays. If this is something you are interested in please contact Brenda Fisher, 07799 393845, or pop in any Wednesday afternoon from 12:45-2:45. This is an important part of our Christian outreach and supports young families.

Please keep the St. Tim's and St. Paul's Tiny Tots groups in your prayers.

Thanks you,
Brenda Fisher.

Have you thought of being confirmed?

On 8th 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

'Walk this way.'

An opportunity to reflect on the journey of Lent.

Connecting with the way of Jesus through scripture and prayer, creative stillness and activity.

Stratton Methodist Church, Ermin St, Swindon SN3 4NL

Saturday 5 March 2pm - 4pm

led by Deacons Karen McBride and Ruth Richey, Warden and Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order

We are also planning a soup lunch following the service on 6 March to give an opportunity to chat with Karen and Ruth informally. Please let Stephen know if you would like to stay for lunch, and also if you would be able to offer to make some soup.

Easter Cracked Open 2022.

After two years of cancellations, we are hoping to be able to invite the Y5 children from the local schools, once again, to St. Paul's and St. Timothy's churches to our Easter Cracked Open sessions. Here the children become involved in various activities that tell the Easter story in an active way. Each session lasts about 75 minutes and there might be between 2 and 4 sessions depending on class numbers on the day.

If you would like the opportunity to pass on the Easter story to these young people, please contact Sue Morgan or Jo Bush who would be happy to help you with any further information if you would like to know more about Easter Cracked Open.

We do hope that you would like to support this church outreach and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Please call Sue on 617517 or Jo on 643347

It would be so good if we could do this again so we're waiting to hear from volunteers. Thank you.

Real Easter Eggs

A variety of chocolate Easter Eggs are available from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, each made of Fairtrade chocolate, plastic free, and including an Easter Story Activity Book. There is a sign-up form in St Paul's and St Tim's for you to place your orders, or you can email Stephen and Angela Roe stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk with your requirements. Details of what is available are on the form or at www.realeasteregg.co.uk

Payment should be made through the Church account in one of two ways:

1. By bank transfer. Please ensure that you put 'Easter Eggs' as your reference. The Co-operative Bank; **08-92-99; 65312775**
2. Put your payment in an envelope clearly marked with 'Real Easter Eggs' and your name, and give it to Stephen or Angela Roe, or Tony Prichard.

The closing date for orders is Sunday 6 March, so that we can get free delivery on the order. We will not be able to take any orders after this date.

Stephen and Angela

Used Postage Stamps

I have a large envelope from RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind) in which I can send them used postage stamps. The stamps need to have approximately one centimetre of paper round the edge. I already have several donations, but if you have any you would like to donate please pass them on to me.

Joan McCann



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 use this too.

Stephen

Winner of the wordsearch

As we only had one entry for the wordsearch,

The winner is Joan McCann

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 22nd February 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

These notices are also available on-line at [www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/latest notices](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/latest_notices)
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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.