



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



SERVICES - Sunday 27th February 2022
1st Sunday before Lent ·

St. Paul's

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| 08.45 am | Morning Worship | Deacon Stephen Roe |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Revd Stuart Fisher |
| 4.00pm | Messy Church | Deb Mulcock & Team |

St Tim's

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| 10.30am | Communion | Revd Trudie Wigley |
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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— Wednesday 2nd March—Ash Wednesday | | |
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| St. Tim's | | |
| 7.00pm | Communion with Imposition of Ashes | Revd Trudie Wigley |
| St Paul's | Sunday 6th March | 1st Sunday in Lent |
| 10—11.50am | Breakfast Club | Deb Mulcock & Team |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Deacon Stephen Roe, Karen McBride & Ruth Richey |
| 6.30pm | Vybe ages 14+ | Deb Mulcock & Team |
| St Tim's | | |
| | No Service | |

What's on this week.

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| March 2022 | | |
| Tuesday 1st 10.30—12.00pm | St Paul's | Coffee morning @ Cid's Cafe |
| 7.30pm— 9.30pm | St Paul's | Bible study and Prayer group led by Diane Lane |
| Wednesday 2nd | | |
| 1pm— 3.00pm 1.15pm—2.45pm | St Paul's St Tim's | Tiny Tots Tiny Tots |
| 6.00pm—7.30pm | St Paul's | Blaze for school years 2-6 |
| 7.30pm—8.00pm | St Paul's | Youth club for school years 7+ |

Dates for your Diary
As at 1st March 2022

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

7pm Ash Wednesday Service

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

Thursday 24th March 2022

7-9pm, St Paul's

"Unveiled: Women of the Old Testament and the choices they made" Ladies night. All welcome. Please invite friends too!

Sunday 6th May 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

Tea and Toast - St Timothy's. Are you able to be part of the team?

Tuesday or Thursday 8:30-10am in Term Time

We are looking to start up Tea and Toast again at St Timothy's. This was very popular and busy before Covid turned up. The church was often getting towards full with parents popping in after school drop off as well as others from the community coming by for fellowship and getting to know new people. This initiative was started five years ago under the leadership and energy of Elizabeth Payne who is now stepping down. Thank you Elizabeth for all that you have done to make Tea and Toast so popular - you and the amazing team leave a great legacy for us to take up the baton and continue.

Tea and Toast has been missed by the community and we have been asked to start it up again by a number of the previous people who attended. One person shared that they wanted to come back specifically to meet in St Tim's because "it is a church for the community and we feel a part of it". What a wonderful encouragement to us as we work in God's kingdom!

We are looking at restarting in term time on either a **Tuesday or Thursday from 8:30-10am** with the day dependent on the size of team we may be able to gather. We are keen to have a size of team so that it is not a burden for any one person and therefore commitment doesn't have to be every week. Are you interested in being a part of this needed connection with the community in Liden?

If you are able to offer any of the following then this may be for you.....bung on the kettle, make tea and coffee, wash up, put out bread and spreads, plug in the toaster, and most importantly talk to people! **If you'd like to know more - and better still help! - then please touch base with Trudie or Stephen.** Thank you for considering if you might be able to help bring this successful and requested ministry back again!

Trudie

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.

Dear Church,

Now that life is getting back to normal, church activities are starting up again. So if you run a group of any sort, including prayer groups, cafes, house groups, open meetings, youth events anything that happens regularly for the benefit of the church, whether it happens weekly or monthly, please can you let me know with its date, time and contact and I'll endeavour to get it put in our weekly notices. After all good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity. You can email me on dorcan.church.office@gmail.com or even pop a note through the office door.

Blessings in Christ
Maggie

'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.

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 10

This weekend is the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight. The Fairtrade criteria includes ecological criteria so it is worth looking out for even just from the eco point of view. Although Rainforest Alliance, Organic etc. are seen as stronger eco certifications, and Fairtrade as a people centered certification, in reality Fairtrade covers both bases. Fairtrade fortnight is a great time to look out for special deals on Fairtrade products too – and don't forget to look for Fairtrade easter eggs if you haven't already ordered Real Easter Eggs via Stephen Roe.

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

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 us this too.

Stephen

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

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Trudie

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

Prayer Chain

We have a 'Prayer Chain' in order to pray for particular needs among our people. This is coordinated by Cathy Scott, who receives the requests for prayer and circulates them to those on the Prayer Chain. Please tell Cathy if you would like prayer for a particular situation, but please ensure that anyone named or who might be identified in your request has your permission before sending it to Cathy. Please also let Cathy know if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain and receive requests for prayer. Cathy's contact details are : catherinescott160@gmail.com or Tel: 01793 346507.

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

Men’s Fellowship

The Men’s Fellowship meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday’s in the Snug at St Paul’s from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. sharing experiences, general chat, encouragement, support and biblical study.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th March 2022

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

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

NOTICES

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Thank you.

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