



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

Blessed are  
the peacemakers,  
for they will be called  
Children of God

James



**SERVICES - Sunday 29th January 2023  
4th Sunday of Epiphany**

**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev Moira Slack
10.30am	Morning Worship	Sue Morgans

**St Tim's**

10.30am	Covenant Sunday	Rev Trudie Wigley
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Please pray for our Clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 29th January. Stephen is at Stratton and Alex is at St Andrews Moredon 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 5th February 2023**  
**3rd Sunday before Lent**

<b>St Paul's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev David Gray
<b>St Tim's</b>		
	No Service	

**What's On This Week**

<b>Monday 30th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	2pm—3.30pm	LINK meeting in the chapel
<b>Tuesday 31st</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	09.00am –11.30am 10.00am—12.00pm 7.45pm –9.45pm	CID's too Coffee Morning CID's Coffee Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group
<b>Wednesday 1st Feb</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's Edgehill Care Home St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	10.00am—10.45am 10.30am—12.00pm 1-3pm 1-3pm 6.00pm –7.30pm 7.30pm—9.00pm	Morning Prayers Morning Service with Deacon Stephen Roe Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Blaze for School year 2-6 Youth Club for School year 7+
<b>Friday 3rd</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	10.00am—12.00pm	Food Collective—Paul

## **Threads Through Creation**

A wonderful bible-based art show at Bath Abbey ...

Eight million stitches expressing God's love!

'Threads through Creation' is an extraordinary, uplifting art exhibition at Bath Abbey, on show from 7th January until 19th March as part of a nationwide tour of 20 cathedrals and churches.

It took Christian textile artist Jacqui Parkinson three years - and eight million stitches!

The show consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from Genesis. You've read it in black and white – now see it in amazing colour! The panels are huge (2.7m high, up to 3.5m wide) and truly breath-taking.

It's a great opportunity for sharing with friends – bring along some non-Christians, and there'll be some interesting conversations! Everyone comes out buzzing ...

Admission: Free. See [www.creation-threads.co.uk](http://www.creation-threads.co.uk) and [www.bathabbey.org.uk](http://www.bathabbey.org.uk)

## **Mother's Day Runaways**

**7:30pm Thursday 16th March  
At Rodbourne Methodist Church**

Mothering Sunday can be tricky for a whole host of reasons. Our Mother's Day Runaways service is a chance to reflect and bring to God some of those difficult to talk about topics such as childlessness, infertility, miscarriage, infant death, death of a mother, abuse, estrangement and the many other life stories that impact this date.

The worship will last about 30 minutes and will walk the path of lament and hope as we seek the God who sees us and loves us. To find out more or talk about these or other issues please get in touch with Revd Rach Collins 01793 529263  
[rach.collins@methodist.org.uk](mailto:rach.collins@methodist.org.uk)

## **Methodist Art Exhibition**

Victoria Methodist Church in Bristol is hosting the Methodist Modern Art Collection from 20 February until 8 April, and there are a number of events associated with that.

This link should give further information.

<https://www.vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk/articles-of-faith/>



## **Swindon Food Collective**

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who have helped local families through a very difficult year.

If you can, please consider donating these items in particular, bottles of squash (1 litre), coffee (100 gms), long life juice (1 litre), sugar (500gs/1kg), tinned fruit, tinned meat and tinned potatoes. Other items that are useful include 2 in 1 shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam and razors, deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry pods, washing up liquid, bleach and surface wipes/sprays

## **ECO Tip**

When making a cup of tea, only boil the amount of water that you need. You waste electricity (and money) heating water you won't use.

## **CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED**

### **Belated THANKS to all involved and encouraging feedback from schools.**

"My class thoroughly enjoyed it."

"I loved that church, I'd give it five stars."

"I liked the activity with the little faces."

"I really liked making the maps that showed where they travelled because it helped me learn how far it was."

"I learned that the shepherds were scared when they saw the angel at first. I didn't know that."

"All of the activities were creative and I liked all of them because they were all unique."

"I now know the full story of Christmas in a crafty way!"

"It was fun to do it this way."

"May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your help with organising and delivering this lovely event. The children really loved the experience and after a period of time when we couldn't meet, I would like to thank you also, as I really enjoyed the activity."

Please watch this space for information about Easter Cracked open which we hope to be able to deliver this year.

Sue and Jo

## **Lighten our darkness**

Have you got stubs of candles left over from Christmas? Don't throw them away! They can be recycled to bring light and warmth to the people of Ukraine.



Drop them into the collection box in St Pauls, they will be collected, melted down and made into new candles to be sent to Ukraine

At the Candlemas service we often use candles for aesthetic and symbolic purposes. Instead of doing this next Sunday I invite you to continue to bring candles for this appeal and during the service there will be a short time of reflection thinking about and praying for the situation in the Ukraine.

Thank you

## Lent Knittalong

Victoria Methodist Church in Bristol is excited to be hosting another mystery knitalong this Lent!

This year we will be knitting a scarf (or those with a bit more time can knit a wider wrap/stole version) over the course of Lent: the exact design of the scarf is a mystery, and will be revealed as knitters progress through the project!

We will cast on together on Wednesday 22nd February, and knitters will have a scarf finished in time for Easter day on the 9th April. Knitters will receive daily knitting instructions by email each week; these will be accompanied by daily reflections/meditations which have kindly been written by seven different Ministers and worship leaders from the Bristol circuit and beyond.

Some general information (such as yarn/needles needed etc) and the pattern for a practice swatch will be sent out on the 1st February, and the weekly emails will go out from the beginning of Lent. The pattern has been designed to be accessible to knitters of all abilities: if you can cast on and off, and can work the basic knit and purl stitches you should be able to join in! (There are some different stitches introduced which might be new to some, but they will be fully explained as we go along, and there will be accompanying videos for those liking extra support! And easier options/alternatives are given throughout.)

If you're not already on the mailing list you can sign up to take part by emailing Helen at: [learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk](mailto:learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk) Facebook users would also be very welcome to join the group 'Victoria Methodist Bristol Knitalongs', where a lovely community of knitters across the world share progress, ask questions and chat about the reflections (and all pattern reflection documents will be posted on here too).

With best wishes from Lyn, Helen and all of us at Victoria.

Anyone who would like to join in who would like the pattern and reflections printing out each week please let me know.

Angela Roe



### Answers to last week quiz

1. Which Nobel prize-winning author wrote the 1954 novel 'Lord of the Flies' = **William Golding**
2. It may not have been a joke, but in which play did Shakespeare write the line 'Knock, knock! Who's there...' = **Macbeth**
3. Which of the following numbers is not a factor of 72: Is it 6, 9, 16, 18 = **16**
4. Admiral Lord Nelson took on the French and Spanish fleets at the Battle of Trafalgar in which year. Was it 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806 = **1805**
5. The Disney fish and Jules Verne's captain both have the name Nemo, which is Latin for what = **No one**

### This week's quiz

1. What is the chemical formula for dry ice, which changes directly from a solid to a gas when heated
2. The ancient fortress of Masada, is found in which country
3. The national flag of three of these countries have only red, white and blue, but which one also has gold: Luxembourg, Malaysia, Laos, Cuba
4. Sean, Ann, Mark, Paul and Jenny all feature on what TV programme
5. Which of the four Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles was known for saying 'Cowabunga'

Good luck

# NOTICES

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