



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



Services Sunday 1st October 2017 - Trinity 16

St. Paul's

10.30am	United Holy Communion with Thanksgiving for baby Nana	Alex Scott and Rev'd Trudie Wigley
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This morning will be giving thanks for baby Nana Aba Adadzewa and celebrating with her parents, Eric and Margaret Quashie, who are regulars at St Paul's. During communion there will be the opportunity to receive prayer ministry for yourself or others.

1.00pm	Baptism of Lacey Moore	Rev'd 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.

What's on this week -		
Monday 2nd October	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 3rd October.	9.00am 10.00am 1:30pm	Morning Prayer, St Paul's Prayers, St Tims Christian Union at Dorcan Academy
Wednesday 4th October	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 5th October	9.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Open meeting for sharing views on the next bish- op of Bristol, Toothill church, Swindon
Saturday 7th October	10-12 noon All day	MacMillan coffee morning, St Tim's Methodist local Preacher training day, Pewsey

Services - Sunday 8th October 2017 - Harvest Celebration		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Colin Parsons and Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	All Age Celebration	Ignite
<i>Welcome: SC/V/Ig, Teas: Pam & Mari,</i>		
<i>Sunday Club: All age Service, Creche: All Age Service</i>		
1.00pm	Baptism	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
4.00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Harvest Parade	Rev'd Rob Smith
<p>We will be giving thanks and celebrating Harvest across all our services. This year, due to practicalities of getting fresh produce to Women's Aid, ECC suggest food offerings of dry and long-life goods only, to be shared between Foodbank and Big Breakfast (as usual) with a financial offering instead for Women's Aid.</p>		

Sunday School for all: Thank you for your encouraging feedback following *Sunday school for all* last week. As we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in October, there will likely be a number of documentaries on television and various publications where we can learn more about the Reformation, so we hope that last week's whistle stop tour will help us all engage with the commemoration.

We left with the question "*What needs to be reformed in the church today?*" so please do share further thoughts with any of the ministry team as we think through what it might mean for us as Dorcan Church. Thank you. *Trudie*

Praying together as God's church
Weekly prayer each Tuesday at 9am, St Paul's
Starting this week

Following discussions within the ministry team, we are starting a weekly regular time of prayer on Tuesdays to which all are welcome. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a church for 20-30mins to pray for the community, others, ourselves and the world, and to read the Bible together. This is a great way to start the day and to grow in our corporate and personal prayer life, so we do hope that you will come if you are able.

Fortnightly prayer on Tuesdays at 10am, St Tim's
Next one this week

A group from St Tim's now meet every fortnight on Tuesdays at 10am. This is an opportunity to come together to pray particularly for St Tim's and where God is leading us in the local community, given all the exciting things that are happening, particularly during the week.

Prayer board and basket at St Paul's

Following our building work we are now all organized again so don't forget to add your prayers, and prayers answered, to the board. Also, the prayer basket is by the door for you to write a prayer and for any of us to pick it up and commit to pray for over the next week. Happy praying!

Trudie

Available from today - Stewardship tokens for offertory during services:

Firstly, thank you for your continuing financial stewardship for God's mission and ministry in this place and community. Your support enables us to continue, and grow, in all that we currently do, and to start new things. We all give in a variety of ways whether into the plate, by envelope or electronically each month, and we give thanks for our offerings at each service.

Following feedback, for those who give electronically, there is now an opportunity to place a token in the offertory plate each week as a symbol of your giving if you would like to. **From today**, in both centres as you come into the service there will be a small basket with two different tokens in it – one for the *Parish Giving Scheme* (the new direct debit scheme) and one for existing *Standing Orders*. If you would like to, please take one of the tokens and then place it in the offertory plate as it comes near you. We trust that this is a helpful way to mark our electronic giving for those who would like to. Thank you again for your continuing support and your commitment to our recent *Giving in Grace* stewardship programme. *Finance Team*

Sad News

We have received news that Tony Hasler passed away on September 16th. A thanksgiving service will be held on October 3rd at Old Coulsdon, Surrey.

Tony worshipped at St. Tim's for many years, but over the last few months had We will miss a faithful member of our Church. *Viv*

At our Harvest All-Age next week we will be asking you to vote for the 3 charities that you would like Dorcan Church to support. Voting forms, however, will be available at both the 8.45am and the service at St Tim's. If you would like to take part please make sure you fill one in.

Also

A big thank you for all the encouragement you gave our young people - Callum, Isla, Jess, Luke and Beth who very kindly cooked and served breakfast last week - weren't they brilliant?!

Many thanks,

Deb

**Legal notice
relating to a “Pastoral Reorganisation” of Dorcan Parish:**

In both centres there is a notice on the boards entitled “*Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 – Draft pastoral Scheme*”. These are required public notices in relation to two items. Firstly, it is proposed that there is a transfer of land to and from our neighbouring parish of Stratton St Margaret. These are changes to boundaries of the two parishes and relate to small pockets of land (some with a few houses on) which are helpful to transfer in the light of the new Oakley Park estate and the course of the River Cole.

Secondly, the proposal is to “*terminate the team ministry in the benefice of Dorcan*”. This has nothing to do with how we work in practice (e.g. the ministry team of clergy and lay), but is a legal position that goes back to the days where there was one priest dedicated to one church. For example, in our benefice with originally 3 centres at Covingham, Liden and Eldene (and another one pondered over in Nythe), these 4 areas would originally have been envisaged to have had a full time priest in each area. Legally to enable this within one benefice (Dorcan is one benefice) a legal “team ministry” was set up allowing a priest incumbent in each of the 4 areas, with one of those incumbents overall holding the office of benefice incumbent. This person would be known as a Team Rector, and the other clergy as Team Vicars. With changes to resources a priest for each of these 4 areas is no longer viable, a position reflected across the Church of England, and therefore many team ministries in the legal sense are being “tidied up” legally by being disbanded. This makes no difference to the resourcing at Dorcan benefice or how we currently work in practice.

ECC have already considered and voted unanimously on these matters, however the notices are required so that anyone in the parish may view and comment on the proposals. If you have questions and would like to see the proposals then please ask either of our Churchwardens or myself. With thanks.

Trudie

The next Bishop of Bristol

Getting involved in the process of appointing the next bishop

You will be aware that +Mike has now retired and we thank him for his ministry and pray for him and Anthea as he steps down. We are all invited to become involved in the process of appointing the next bishop and below is how we might take part. If you would like to discuss anything with a member of the vacancy committee, please contact Oliver Home (oliver.home@bristoldiocese.org) who will be able to put you in touch with the relevant person. The diocese wants this consultation to be had as widely as possible so please do get involved.

Pray:

- ◆ Give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Mike;
- ◆ Pray for Bishop Lee and the diocesan team during the period of vacancy
- ◆ Ask for wisdom and discernment for all those involved in the process
- ◆ Pray for the person who is chosen to take on the role.

Attend an open meeting: come and share your views in a meeting across the deaneries in September and October. Our nearest one is in Swindon on 5th October 7:30 at Toothill Church, West Swindon. Your views WILL make a difference so if you have thoughts please do come along.

Submit your views online: This form will be available from the beginning of September, and can be completed by individuals and groups. It will focus on two areas for comment:
What difference do you want the next Bishop of Bristol to make?
What qualities would you like to see in the next Bishop of Bristol?

Dorcan Church Website

In preparation for updating the church website some maintenance work is being carried out. Please update any book mark you have to our published web address: <http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/> Anything else may disappear over the next couple of weeks.

We are looking at how we might improve our website so if you have any ideas please e-mail them to webmaster@dorcanchurch.org.uk.

Tony Prichard

Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride 2017

A big thank you to all who supported me, in this years Ride and Stride. My objective was to better last years total of 38 churches, which I did, visiting 42, thanks to new technology, my phone tells me I cycled 43.3 miles, and climbed 1688 ft doing it.

Together we have raised £412, to be shared by the Trust and the Dorcan Church. Thanks so much for your support. *John Davidson*

New Faith room at Dorcan Academy: Working in partnership with Swindon Youth for Christ (SYFC), a new faith room is being launched at Dorcan Academy at the end of this month. Please do pray for Ben from SYFC who is getting it off the ground and Rob and Trudie who will joining him on Tuesday afternoons to lead a new Christian Union.

ADVENT CALENDARS

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by award winning artist, Alida Massari. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas.

Meaningful features - Behind each of the 25 windows there is a line from the Christmas story with a high quality colour picture - Foiled for freshness - 25 Festive Fairtrade chocolates made from our improved Fairtrade blend-35% cocoa - Palm oil free - Charitable donation - Recyclable box and tray - Made, designed and produced in the UK.

I will be placing the combined order from the Church on Monday 30th October so I MUST have your order by Sunday 29th. I will arrange for sign up sheets in both St Pauls and St Tims. I would aim to distribute them at the Christmas Fayre. The Advent Calendars are £3.99 each. The same company are also selling Christmas Crackers (£9.99 a box or 6) and Angels for hanging on your Christmas tree (£3.99 per box but have to be ordered by case of 18 boxes) please see me if you are interested in these as well. More details can be found at their website,

<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday **7th of October** at St. Tims from 10am until midday. There will be a cake and produce stall and a stall for other, saleable small items. Many thanks, *Sarah Paterson*



Friday 13th October – an evening with Geraldine Latty and Paul Field: these two well-known singer songwriters have penned and performed a number of well-known Christian songs and they are coming to Swindon in October. Tickets are £12 for an evening with them at St Joseph's College on Friday 13th October. Call 01793 714608 for tickets or email venuehire@stjosephsenterprises.net

LINK TO HOPE www.linktohope.co.uk

Shoe boxes will be collected and blessed at both centres on November 5th after which they will be sorted in Worthing and will be going to Ukraine, Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania.

Please pick up a leaflet and read it and decide to send it to either an elderly person or a family. Tick what's included in the box on page 2 of leaflet and sellotape it to the box along the red colour, folded with your £2 transport donation on the leaflet on top.

Please put unwrapped sweets into a plastic bag, and any liquid bottles or sachets in another bag so it protects the other items in boxes.

There are a few knitted children's hats at St Paul's church.

Knitters please note homemade knee blankets and or little soft stuffed toys can be given separately to be used as packing between boxes.

If anyone wants to contribute small items and not a filled box please bring them to either church or give them to Christine Parsons, Paul Tayler or Clare Smith.

PLEASE NOTE - the date for notices to be included in future will be Wednesday

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 4th October** - Tel 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail