



**St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)**

2nd October, 2016

*Transforming lives and communities  
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



*"All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
For all his love"*

**Services Sunday 2nd October 2016**  
*"Harvest Festival"*

**St. Paul's**

<b>8.45am</b>	Holy Communion	Beth Lamb and Rev'd Trudie Wigley
<b>10.30am</b>	All Age	Ignite & Vybe

**St. Tim's**

<b>10.30am</b>	Harvest Parade Service	Neil Marshall
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As we celebrate Harvest today, as in previous years all dried foods will go to support breakfast Club and Foodbank, and perishable goods will go to Women's Aid. Thank you for your support of these charities as we celebrate god's abundance this Harvest.

**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** - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 3rd October	2-4pm	Scrabble and Dominoes at St. Tim's
Tuesday 4th October	1.10pm	SYFC youth van at Dorcan school
Wednesday 5th October	9.00am 1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 6th October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's

### **SERVICES 9th October**

#### **St. Paul's**

10.30am                      United Holy Communion                      Rev'd Trudie Wigley  
and Alex Scott

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*,    Teas: *Cathy & Friends*: Sunday Club: *tba*

4.00pm                      Informal Tea & Praise                      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

#### **For your prayers:**

- The charities that we are supporting this Harvest and the good work which they do – Breakfast Club, Foodbank and Women's Aid.
- For those who have little, and are hungry, that our actions and generosity may be the answer to prayers
- Syria and the bombing in Aleppo, that all parties may show respect and love of our common humanity
- All those who are in need of God's healing and peace
- All those recently bereaved following the loss of a loved one

**St. Paul's: 08.45 Service 25th September – Congregational Survey**

Thank you to everyone who took part in this survey. The information gained will be very useful to me and I appreciate your participation very much.

During the sermon I mentioned the 2016/17 Methodist Prayer Handbook. £3.95 each. These can be obtained from: Norwich Books & Music, 13a Hellesdon Park Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR6 5DR Tel. 0845 017 8220;

email [order@norwichbooksandmusic.co.uk](mailto:order@norwichbooksandmusic.co.uk)

or visit [www.methodistpublishing.org.uk](http://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk)

*Colin Parsons*

**Cardboard lids/trays – please collect for Messy Church!** Each Messy church our families leave the church juggling various creations, with many crafts needing to dry after a busy afternoon of painting and gluing! Putting things in bags would be a disaster, so we would like to provide families with some kind of flat tray with a shallow lip to lay their creations on and transport home. We thought the tops of the cardboard boxes used for paper realms would be ideal, so if you could collect these, or have ideas for anything similar that is flat that would be super please.

If you could bring them to church on 16th October (next Messy) that would be great. Thank you!

**Rob Parsons – the “Wisdom House”:** Rob is chief executive of Care for the Family and a best-selling author. He is coming to Swindon on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November as part of his “Wisdom House” tour – an evening where he unpacks some lessons of life with stories that will touch your heart, times that will make you laugh and teaching that is inspiring and encouraging.

More details and how to book at [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive)

**Parish officer Training morning Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 9:30-1pm:** This is an excellent Diocese-run morning of talks, seminars and workshops for Churchwardens, ECC Treasurers and Secretaries, ECC members, parish administrators and all church members looking to expand their skills and knowledge. Tony Prichard, our Churchwardens and others have attended in the past and found it informative and a fun morning.

The seminars cover a wide range of topics that will both equip those who attend and also empower the local church. It is held at Sheldon School Chippenham and more information and signing up details can be found at <http://www.bristol.anglican.org/2016/parish-officer-training-morning/>

**The Friday Club** will be meeting again on the  
21st October, from 2-4 at St. Paul's  
for a social afternoon.

All welcome

*Anna.* 695698

# What a weekend! Thank you to you all



**A MASSIVE thank you to everyone for making our anniversary celebrations a fortnight ago such as success. Saturday was packed and buzzing with people from the community, and was indeed a “FunDay” with good conversations and new connections made. Sunday was an inspiring time of worship and thanksgiving, with commitment to the future as we continue to “Build God’s House”.**

**It could not have happened without the commitment and hard work of so many, in so many different ways, both over the weekend and in the months of preparation and planning.**

**Thank you for pulling together to make it an anniversary to remember in the life of this church.**

## To God be the glory!

**And some more good news from the day .....**

**The Tombola raised an amazing £500 for the radiotherapy “Brighter Futures which we will send on to them.**



### **Folder of good wishes for our anniversary:**

Please do take a look at the folder of good wishes from various people for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is on the top of the cupboard near the prayer board and as we receive letters and emails of thanks we will put them into the folder.

**A huge thank you to the catering team** and to the youngsters and adults who helped with the lunch on the Sunday.

You were all AMAZING!! - *Deb*



## We're STILL hungry.....Can you help?

Thank you to those who have offered to support Messy Church in various ways with the catering. It is very encouraging. We still need more help for this to be sustainable, so please do prayerfully consider if you might be able to join the team. Below is the original notice last week to give some background.....

Since our last Messy Church in July our wonderful catering team has seen some changes and we are therefore looking to expand the team to enable us to continue to provide tea each month. The fellowship and hospitality of having a meal together is a foundational value of the Messy Church movement and **at the current time will struggle to continue offering Sunday tea together.**

Going forward, it may be that we can think creatively of ways to do things differently to ease the preparation and serving, for example, “make your own sandwich”, or offering easier foods such as hotdogs. To continue as we are, or in looking at other possibilities, we need a team, and the bigger team we have the easier it will be and to spread the various roles. Here are some ideas where you could be involved and **you don't necessarily need to be available every month, or even on the Messy Sunday to get involved!**

- Putting together a list of provisions needed each month
- Doing the food shopping ready for the preparers on the Sunday
- Co-ordinating the army of cake-bakers each month and ensuring delivery for the Sunday
- Preparing food on the day
- Laying the tables and stocking up on napkins etc.
- Washing up on the day
- Overseeing the catering team to connect all the activities

Please do prayerfully consider how you might be able to offer your skills and energy in any of these directions. **We have a particular urgency for our next Messy Church in two weeks on 16<sup>th</sup> October** and it may be that you can offer this as a one-off to help tide us over so we can plan further ahead. If you can help in any way then please get in contact with Trudie Wigley (326128) as soon as you can. Going forward it would be helpful to have a gathering of those interested so we can agree a sustainable way forward.

Messy Church is a priority in our outreach and through it we continue building the connections we make through other activities including our schools work, children and young people Sunday groups, Tiny Tots, baptisms etc.

Please do pray and continue how you might be able to contribute.

Thank you

Trudie    01793 326128    07505 652781    Rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk

### **How about a Café at St Paul's?**

Come to a meeting at St Paul's on Wednesday 12th October at 7:30pm and find out more. Why?

You will know that the library at St Paul's will close unless a community group puts plans together to run it. As part of this we need to start thinking about our own plans to cover the significant shortfall in income that is likely next year. One option we may want to consider is to run a café at St Paul's to generate some income, but also to enhance our offering as a church. This might also be part of a solution alongside a community run library. If you have any ideas about how the café might run, or could be willing to help, please do come along to this initial meeting which is intended primarily to bring together interested persons and their ideas.

NB There is no formal proposal being offered; this is purely an exploratory meeting. But it could also be the beginning of an exciting new venture...

### **New Years Eve Church Party.**

Family fun ,bring and share food  
and whatever drink you want to drink.

St Pauls Hall 8pm til 12.

### **NEW FOR 2016 in the Dorcan Church -**

**Fair Trade Advent Calendars** telling the Christmas Story  
NOW WITH IMPROVED QUALITY CHOCOLATE

Alan Titchmarsh has welcomed the launch of the 2016 Real Advent Calendar, describing it as 'a great idea'. Each Real Advent Calendar comes with a free 28 page copy of the Christmas story in the box, 24 Fairtrade chocolates and sales of the calendar support charitable causes.

Get your orders in with Nathalie Marshall now at £3.99 each. Closing date for orders Sunday 30th October. See [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk) for more details and images of the calendar

Sign-up sheets available in both St Tim's and St Paul's - please give any money direct to Nathalie or Neil; this can be on collection of the calendar if more convenient.

**Please note** - change of details below whilst I am away. *Anna*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Jackie Hancock by Thursday 6th October  
Tel: 01793 435987 or e.mail [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)  
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail