



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



Services Sunday 3rd September 2017 - Trinity 13

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

4.00pm Tea and Praise with Communion Rev'ds Trudie and Andrew Wigley

**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 -		
Wednesday 6th Sept.		NO Tiny Tots - starts next week.
Thursday 7th Sept.	9.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Messy Church meeting - St. Paul's vestry
Friday 8th Sept	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal, St. Paul's
Saturday 9th Sept.	2.30pm All day	Wedding of Josh and Amber - St. Paul's Methodist rep synod

Services - Sunday 10th September 2017 - Trinity 14		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	All Age service	Rev'd Rob Smith
4.00pm	Tea and Praise with Communion	Rev'ds Trudie and Andrew Wigley
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler

Message from Josh & Amber

As many of you know we are getting married at St Paul's on Saturday 9th September at 2:30pm. Although we could not invite everyone to the reception, we would be pleased to see anyone who would like to come to the ceremony, with some tea and cake after.

For your prayers:

- Students, teachers, support staff as the new academic term begins
- The half marathon today – for safety and fun, and ourselves as we serve in this event
- Those affected by the Hurricane Harvey in America
- Kenyan presidential elections, for peace and honesty as a re-election is called
- Those who are getting married this month, thinking especially of Josh and Amber

Parish Giving Scheme – Diocesan launch at St Pauls:

You will be aware that as part of our recent *Giving in Grace* financial stewardship focus that we launched a new way of giving via direct debit called the Parish Giving Scheme. A number of people in Dorcan Church are now following this method of giving.

We were part of a pilot scheme in the diocese and it is now being rolled out across the diocese and is launching at St Paul's on Saturday 16th September from 9:30-noon. There is an opportunity to hear more about the scheme and is open to everyone, not just treasurers and ECC members. If you would like to know more, or are thinking of joining the scheme then do come along. Registration is via the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-giving-scheme-launch-event-tickets-32349904435> or ask Jackie to book you in if you do not have access to a computer.

**Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust
annual Ride & Stride 2017.**

This event takes place on September 9th, I will again be cycling on behalf of the Trust, and the Dorcan Church. If you would like to support me by sponsorship. there will be a sponsor form in both centres, later in August, or you may donate by text using code EWCR 62 (amount) £5 to 70070, or online @ [justgiving.com/fundraising/john-davidson9](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-davidson9).

If you feel you would also like to participate, in the Ride & Stride see me for details or visit www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk to download info.

Last year I managed to visit 31 Churches in the Swindon area, I am hoping to improve on that.

We did receive a grant from them recently (for the new heating at St Paul's)

many thanks *John Davidson*

Missional Giving

Ignite have been tasked with looking at our Missional giving in respect of where the money should be sent for this year. We are looking at 2 National/International charities and 1 local one.

If there is a charity which you feel that the Church should consider could you please let me know. Our young people will then research some of them to present to the congregation at our Harvest Celebration. You will then have an opportunity to vote.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Debbie

The Marathon – TODAY – Sunday 3rd September:

Many of you will be reading this ahead of Sunday so will know that today we will be having two services, both communion at 8:45 and 4pm to work around the road closure - Dorcan Road will be closed northbound from 10:31 – 13:37 (!). In addition, during the morning there will be crowd barriers erected so there will only be certain crossing points for pedestrians and vehicles and these are at the Morrisons roundabout and on the Messenger roundabout.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help give out water/energy boosters at the Dorcan Church Aid Station which will be situated on the northbound side of Dorcan way on the Kingfisher drive roundabout (bear in mind the above - that you may need to cross the road at Morrison's or The Messenger). The Aid station will be obvious as we are erecting a gazebo and there will be a pallet of 5,000 water bottles by it! Nathalie will be in contact with specific instructions and final details (nathalie@calisnenath.org.uk), but in essence we are there to offer opened water bottles, high energy gels and sweets to runners (who we expect to be coming through from 11:15-12:30) with a 45minute clear up thereafter.

Our friends from Gateway East are also joining us and we will be praying at the Aid station at 10:30am with a final briefing from Nathalie following her marshalling meeting earlier that morning. Dorcan T-shirts will be available for everyone.

This is a super opportunity to be out and about and serving the community, and please do pray for the runners (who include Neil Marshall and Chris Smith), for smooth running of the event and for ourselves as we man the Aid Station.

A letter from The Rt Revd Mike Hill: As +Mike prepares to retire he has written a final letter to parishes in the Diocese. This letter sets out a commitment to resourcing new ministers, calling for churches to pray for, equip and release a new generation of workers into the harvest field and specifically those to lead our churches. The full text of the letter can be found at the following link and paper copies are also available in both centres.

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/news/2017/08/22/letter-parishes-bishop-mike/>

On Saturday the 30th September 2017
at 10.30am at St Paul's Church
Members of the Eldene Monday Fellowship
will be holding

A BIG BAKE EVENT In support of Tear Fund.

We are fundraising for people living in poverty in Malawi who are struggling to grow a harvest due to drought.

We would appreciate contributions of cakes, items for a nearly new stall, books, CDs etc.

We would also be grateful for any offers of help on the day.

Monetary donations also welcome

So come and join us and find out more about TEAR FUND.

Look Forward to seeing you there.

Christine & Kathy

If anyone is interested in **Primary School Work**, Abi from InSchool is holding a prayer time at Meadowcroft Community Centre - Fri.Sept.15th 9.30am. I'm sure she will share how the work of InSchool is going.

The Life Path that was held at Malmesbury Abbey, earlier in the Year, was really successful . Ray and I are planning on going so will have car places available. We are away on holiday until Thurs.14th Sept so please leave a message on our phone.

Margaret 01793 532849.

The next Bishop of Bristol

Getting involved in the process of appointing the next bishop

You will be aware that +Mike is retiring at the end of September 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. Also there will be an open meeting with the Prime Minister's and Archbishops' Secretaries for Appointments on Thursday 19 October, where you will be able to share your views directly with them. Venue TBA.

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?

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 7th September - 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