

Just a reminder that it is the **Sunday Club/ Ignite Epiphany party**, for all youngsters and their families, after the 10.30am service today.. If you have not yet let Deb know that you are coming could you please email me on debmulcock@gmail.com.

Also forms will be available this Sunday for signing up to the Big Mix weekend at Leatherhead 16 - 18 February.

Many thanks,. *Deb*

Services - 14th January 2018
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St. Paul's

08.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	All Age Worship	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Vybe/Ignite/Sunday Club</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy & Friends</i> , Creche, <i>All age Service</i>		
4.00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
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What's on next week -

Monday 8th January	2.00pm 4.00pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's Centre Management Committee, St Pauls
Tuesday 9th January	9-9.45am Lunchtime 3.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer, St Paul's Dorcan Academy Christian Union Finance Committee, St Paul's Men's Fellowship Group. 4 Hatherley Road.
Wednesday 10th January	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 11th January	9.30am 8-9.00pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre,

The words "THANK YOU!" are written in a large, bold, stylized font. The letters are outlined and have a 3D effect, with the 'O' in "YOU!" having a small circle at the bottom right, resembling a smile or a lightbulb.

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who supported and helped make all the Christmas activities happen and run so smoothly, and for delivering an amazing 4,000 Christmas cards! It was a full Christmas schedule with some new services such as the Memorial carol service, and all of this would not have happened without the hard work of so many of you, in many different ways.

All of activities and services went so well, despite some snowy frustrations earlier in the season! We have received positive feedback and thanks from a broad range of people, including many from the community. The appreciation of what we do was seen through the numbers who came, and with some efficient chair layouts we were able to fit everyone in, especially at the Christingle service where we had a record 295 people !

What we have seen this Christmas is some of the continuing fruit of our focus on “*Building God’s House*” and more people than ever heard the greatest story of #GodWithUs. Thank you for your trust, commitment and pulling together as we continue working alongside God in what he is doing.

We approach 2018 with excitement for all that it may bring for us as God’s church.

With grateful thanks, as ever. *Trudie Wigley*

Thanks to all who joined in leading worship for our Carol service. Please watch this space for more regular opportunities to participate very soon..... *Sue*

Christmas offerings: Following our Christmas offerings, we are pleased to share that £120 has been sent to each of The Children’s Society and Action for Children from the Christingle services, and £120 to Swindon Youth for Christ from the Carols by Candlelight. Thank you everyone!

Sad Church Family News

*It is with sadness that we share the passing away
of two of our church family.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Leila Thwaites unexpectedly passed away at home
on 23rd December 2017.

Leila was an active member of St Tim's before #
moving to be nearer her family in 2015.
We will share further information and details of funeral
arrangements as soon as we are aware.
Our prayers are with her son Gary, and the family.

Hugh Reid passed away on Sunday 17th December.
Hugh was a part of the Dorcan Church family,
together with Phyllis.

Hugh's funeral will be at Kingsdown on
Monday 15th January 11:45am and all are welcome.
Our prayers are with Phyllis, and the family.

For your prayers – Rev'd Beth Brown:

Please continue to hold Beth in your prayers
following a road traffic accident on
23 December. She remains seriously unwell
in the John Radcliffe, Oxford, having had a
number of operations.

We pray for a sense of peace and comfort, in
the healing path ahead.

Turning Point – visiting us on 4th February 2018!

The new UK mission partners for Turning Point are Emily and Moses Obiti and, together with their young children, they are coming to visit us in February and sharing during our united morning service. In the meantime you'll find some copies of the latest Viewpoint newsletter at <https://tptrust.org> and there are also a few copies printed at each centre. Ahead of their visit there are a couple of things to share:

- ***A point of contact for Turning Point:***
Following notices in the newsletter last year, no-one has shared that they are the church contact for Turning Point. Therefore to enable us to continue well in this link, please could you consider whether you might be that person please? This would mean keeping in contact, ensuring newsletters are received and made available, and coordinating future visits.
- ***Hospitality on 4th February 2018:*** As a church I'm sure we would like to extend a good and warm welcome to the Obiti family. Please would you consider whether you might be able to extend hospitality over lunch after the service, whether in your own home, or co-ordinating a bring and share lunch if there are enough people who are able to commit to supporting it.

If you are able to support either of the above on behalf of Dorcan church, please could you let me know?
With thanks. Trudie (326128)

PARENTING TEENAGERS COURSE

As mentioned in an earlier notice, I am now qualified to run positive parenting courses designed by “Care for the Family”. I have had several requests for the teenage course, so this will be the next one on offer. Any parents or carers of teenagers or children soon to become teenagers are welcome .

The teenage years are a time of transition and can be challenging for both parents and teenagers. This course is all about helping parents do the best job they can and meet other parents facing similar challenges and share experiences. Topics covered include understanding your teenager, developing healthy self-esteem, strategies for coping when the going gets tough, navigating screen time, relationships and preparing them for the day you’re not there.

The course comprises 6 sessions which I hope to run starting in the middle of February at St Paul’s Church one evening a week from 7 – 9pm. I am not setting the day until I find out who would like to attend and know which day would be most popular, so if you would like to come, please email me and let me know your availability so that I can choose the best day for the majority. There is no charge for the course, but there is a very good parents manual to accompany it which costs £7.50. Please email me at jennypoole@virginmedia.com

Look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Poole

Men’s Fellowship Group

Our first meeting for this year will be on Tuesday 9th January at 7-30pm, 4 Hatherley Rd, to plan for the year. All the male members of the church are welcome: it would be great to see some new faces.

Paul

**Prayer evening –
Good News for Swindon (GN4S) – 16th January:**

Following the prayer evening at Dorcan Academy last summer to which a number of us went, another prayer evening is being held on Tuesday 16th January in West Swindon. This is an opportunity to come together with other Christians and to pray for this town – the people, the communities and the churches who serve in this place. It is being held on Tuesday 16th January 7pm for 7:30pm at Lydiard Millicent CofE primary school, Sn5 3LR. Unfortunately this clashes with our ECC gathering, yet it would be super if others were able to attend and represent Dorcan Church.

Future dates for your diary as at January 2018

Tuesday 16th January 2018

Good News for Swindon Prayer Event
Lydiard Millicent Church of England Primary School, 7.30pm

Sunday 4th February 2018

United Service 10.30am Turning Point Trust
Emily and Moses Obiti, the new UK mission partners are visiting

Wednesday 28th February 2018

Deanery Synod, 7pm at Tadpole Farm CEVA School

Sunday 29th April 2018

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 13th May 2018

Archdeacon's visitation to Swindon at St. Paul's Church

Sunday 16th June 2018

Confirmation Sunday at St. Paul's (pm time tbc)

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Deanery Synod 7pm at St. Paul's with Linda Culling
Principal Deanery Academy

Sunday 9th September 2018

Swindon Half Marathon

Thursday 8th November 2018

Deanery Synod 7pm at Oliver Tomkins School

An Epiphany Sonnet

Malcolm Guite

It might have been just someone else's story,
Some chosen people get a special king.
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him,
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In temples they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 10th January** - 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