



St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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*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 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
1.00pm	Baptism	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
4.00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Today Andrew is at Aldbourne supporting the wider Methodist circuit

St. Tim's

10.30am	Harvest Parade	Rev'd Rob Smith
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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.**

Today, 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, we are collecting only dry and long-life foods only, to be shared between Foodbank and Big Breakfast (as usual) with a financial offering instead for Women's Aid.

What's on this week -

Monday 9th October	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 10th October.	9.00am 1.30pm 7:30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer, St Paul's Christian Union at Dorcan Academy Circuit meeting, Lyneham Men's Fellowship Group - Ecklington, Eldene
Wednesday 11th October	8.45am 9.00am am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Parenting Course, St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St Tim's ECC at St. Tim's
Thursday 12th October	9.30am 7.00pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Licensing of new priest in charge, Penhill & Upper Stratton

Services - Sunday 15th October 2017 - 18th After Trinity

St. Paul's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Anna & Brian*, Teas: *Janice & Jan*

Sunday Club: *Mary & Helen*, Creche: -

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Neil Marshall

Next week! Cardboard lids/trays for today's Messy Church! The tops of the cardboard boxes used for paper realms or similar are ideal for our Messy families to take home all their crafty creations as they need to be kept flat. If you have anything that would do the job please could you bring them to St Pauls next week? Thank you!

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 the charities we will be voting to support over the next year
- For those who have little, and are hungry, that our actions and generosity may be the answer to prayers
- For the new parenting course started at St Tim's
- All those who are in need of God's healing and peace
- All those recently bereaved following the loss of a loved one

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

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. Over the coming weeks we are going to be reading through the books of Nehemiah and Galatians. This is a great way to start the day and to grow in our discipleship and 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. Watch out on the notices for dates.

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

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 been in hospital. He had recently been living with his son.

We will miss a faithful member of our Church. *Viv*

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*

Parenting Courses.

In July I attended training to become a licensed facilitator with Care for the Family to run parenting courses in our parish. There are 3 different courses I can run, one for the Early Years, one for The Primary Years and one for the Teenage Years. The first one has just started at St Tim's and I plan to run the next one at St Paul's. The course lasts for 6 weeks, 2 hours per week.

The courses are designed so that we'll learn from each other as we share ideas and tips. We'll also have the opportunity to look at some of the current thinking in parenting education, and decide whether we want to use any of these ideas within our own family. Although it can be hard at times, when we know that other parents have the same struggles as us, it can help us not to feel so isolated. Each course is also fun and I hope it will help you grow in confidence in your role as a parent.

If you think you would be interested in any of these courses, please email me, stating the names and ages of your children and it will help me to decide which one to run next January.

Advance notice from:

Helen, Hazel, Mari, Elizabeth at TTTTODAY. SAVE THE DATE!

Come and join the Celebration, it's a very special day, come and join the Celebration it's Tea, Toast, Talk's 1st birthday, TODAY!

Everyone welcome on **Wednesday, 1st November**, at St Timothy's church between 8.45 - 10.30am.

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

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 signup 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>

Future dates for the diary as at October 2017

Saturday 14th October 2017

Parish Officer Training Morning
Sheldon School, Chippenham SN14 6HJ

Saturday 25th November

Christmas Fayre
11am-1.30pm, St Pauls, Church Centre

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

Wednesday 20th June 2018

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

Thursday 8th November 2018

Deanery Synod, 7pm, Oliver Tomkins School

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

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 11th 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