



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

Love one another;
for the one
who loves another
has fulfilled
the law.

Romans 13:8

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Services Sunday 10th September 2017

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am All Age Service Rev'd Rob Smith

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Paul Tayler

This morning Colin is at St Andrew's, Moredon, and Andrew is at Wroughton, both supporting the wider Methodist circuit.

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 11th Sept.	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 12th Sept.	7.30pm	Clergy/LLM Chapter gathering St Leonard's, Blunsdon
	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship meet at 27 Glevum Road
Wednesday 13th Sept.	9.00am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's
	9.00am	Tiny Tots at St Paul's
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St Tim's
	7.30pm	Local Preacher/worship leader meeting, Christ Church, Marlborough
Thursday 14th Sept.	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
	7.30pm	ECC at St Tim's
	7.30pm	Parish Share seminar, St John's Hayden Wick
Friday 15th Sept	9.30am	Pray for primary schools, Meadowcroft community centre.
Saturday 16th Sept.	9.30 - 12.30 6.00pm	Parish Giving Scheme launch, St Paul's X:Site for years 3-6; The Academy, Pinehurst

Services - Sunday 17th September 2017

St. Paul's

8.45am Morning Worship Rev'd Rob Smith

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: Amy & Rosemary, *Teas:* Amy & Rosemary,

Sunday Club: tba *Creche:* None

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

For your prayers:

- Those affected by the wave of hurricanes in the Caribbean, Bahamas and America
- Tensions in the Far East
- Those in leadership in its many forms, for wisdom and character
- Sue Morgan who is on a residential this weekend as she starts her training for Licensed Lay Ministry
- Ourselves, that we may both love others and be transformed by God's love
- Those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who have lost loved ones

Parish Giving Scheme – Diocesan launch at St Paul's next saturday:

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.

A steering group has been put together with the aim of setting up a chaplaincy to the Swindon Law courts. The details are below and if you feel this is something you could help with, then please contact Martyn:

CHAPLAINCY TO THE SWINDON LAW COURTS

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday Morning ? Would you like to help provide free, independent and confidential support and help to all court users and court staff in the Swindon Magistrates' Court and Swindon Combined Court ?

We are in the process of setting up a Court Chaplaincy service and are looking for Volunteers to join us. Full training will be given.

We are also hoping to re-open the café in the Magistrates' Court serving tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits, cake and pastries (not hot food)

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact: Martyn Cook

TEL : 01793 825535 / Email : martyn@thecookhouse.org

Half-Marathon – thank you!

A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported the Aid station which Dorcan Church manned at last week's marathon. We handed out countless bottles of water, energy gels and jelly babies and despite the rain we had a great turnout and loads of fun.

We cheered on the runners and many of those taking part thanked us. It was moving to see runners of all abilities and with physical challenges taking part, and to support them as they ran for charities and in memory of loved ones – a truly great event for Swindon and community.

Thank you too to Nathalie who coordinated and organised us all, and Andrew and Rob who put up gazebos and banners early in the morning. Thank you all!

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

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*

**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 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.

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?

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.

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

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 14th 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