



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church

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 13th September, 2015

Who do you say I am?
 Peter answered "*you are the Christ*"

Mark 8:29

SERVICES - 13th September

St. Paul's

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| 8.45am | Holy Communion | Colin Parsons and Rev'd Andrew Wigley |
| 10.30am | All Age Service | Sunday Club |
| 4.00pm | Tea and Praise Service | Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Rev'd Andrew Wigley |

At our tea and praise celebration today we will be taking the opportunity to share how we feel this service is going since its introduction 2 years ago.

St. Tim's

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Rev'd Andrew Wigley |
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Congratulations to The Revd Edward Pilkington:

On 18th September, Edward celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination! Our congratulations to you Edward, and we thank God for your long ministry and years of service. We send our love and blessings to you, Trish and the family and thank you for being a part of the Dorcan church family here in Swindon.

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| Lectionary | Proverbs 1:20-33 | James 3: 1-12 |
| Readings | Psalms 19 | Mark 8: 27-38 |
| 13th Sept. | | |

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.

Very many thanks to all of you for your loving, kind and considerate well wishes, prayers and cards regarding my continued ministry amongst you in Dorcan and a very big thanks to Angela for the terrific Cake. God Bless you

| What's on this week - | | |
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| Mon. 14th Sept. | 2-4pm 7.30pm | Scrabble and Dominoes at St. Tim's Ministry team at Merlin Way |
| Tuesday 15th Sept. | 9.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm | Morning prayer at St Paul's Evening Prayer at St. Tim's Children and Young people committee – venue TBA |
| Wednesday 16th Sept. | 9.00am 1.30am | Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's |
| Thurs.17th Sept. | 9.30am | Holy Communion at St Tim's |
| Sat. 19th Sept. | All day 6pm | Bristol Diocese synod, Stoke Gifford X:cite at St Pauls |

SERVICES 20th September

St. Paul's

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| 8.45am | Morning Worship | Neil Marshall |
| 10.30am | Baptism | Rev'd Trudie Wigley |
| Welcome: <i>Dennis & Joy</i> , Teas: <i>Janice & Shanice</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Nathalie & Niki</i> | | |
| 4.00pm | Messy Church | The Team! |

St. Tim's

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| 10.30am | Holy Communion | Rev'd Stuart Fisher |
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Refugees in Calais – a request for bin bags: During the weekend of 26th/27th September, our friend John Pearce will be joining a team going to the Calais refugee camps to help tidy and clear rubbish as it is becoming a health hazard. He asks us if we would be willing to support him by providing bin bags! He needs lots and they need to be the very strong thick plastic ones please. If you are able to buy some, then please do bring them next Sunday 20th September so they can be passed to John ahead of his travels. Thank you

Messy Church next Sunday – 20th September at 4pm:

Next Sunday we start again after the summer break and the theme will be “*Harvest: giving thanks and sharing*” and we will exploring this in the story of the feeding of the 5,000. The team have been busy planning and preparing and would all those involved ***please arrive around 3:15pm for briefing and prayer.*** Over 1,200 leaflets will be distributed to schools this week, so please do pray for all those who will come and for the team in their preparation.

For your prayers:

- *For refugees:* that there be a compassionate and practical response to the humanitarian crisis from each one of us
- *For farmers:* as they work hard to gather the harvest, and for those who package, transport, and process our food
- *For Methodist and Diocesan synods:* that the spirit will guide and direct his church through these synods being held over the next two weeks
- *For the ministry team:* For discernment and wisdom as they continue to prepare for our church family away-day

Building God's house: Thank you to all those who have signed up to our away-day on 26th September - there is still time for you to add your name to the growing list and share your thoughts as we look to what God is wanting us to do as his church. Please do come. Please could you also add any final thoughts onto the posters and into the folders in the two centres as we make a final collation of all your ideas.

There are still some practical arrangements to be finalised and can you help with any of the following?

- **Tea, coffee and refreshments:** Mairie Wheatley has kindly offered to co-ordinate refreshments for our day. It would be good if she could have some support so is anyone else willing to help please? Please have a word with her.
- **Soup and bread:** Whilst we have suggested everyone brings a packed lunch, is there a little team who may be able to also offer soup and bread to fill us up? Is so, please see Trudie
- **Care of our younger church members:** Hannah Mulcock has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the care of our younger members so that parents can attend, and for the children to also have their input. Hannah cannot do this alone, so for this to happen, please would you consider helping? Maybe a small group of adults could take it in turn so that each does not miss too much of the day? Please see Hannah if you can help

The next X:Site Swindon event is on Saturday 19th September at St. Pauls

- For children in school years 3-6 (age 7-11)
- Games, prayer, bible studies, songs, drama and craft
- £2.50 6-8pm (registration 5.45pm)

Please, please share this event with friends, family and work colleagues who may have or know children who are interested. X:Site can be a huge link between children/families and our St. Paul's family so please tell as many people as possible! Tilly

Card Class- Reminder that the next Card Class led by Claire is 19th Sept. 9.30am-12.30pm In the youth room. Please give £9 to me by Sunday 13th Sept. Thanks, Sandra

Men's Fellowship Group will meet again on Tuesday 22nd September - 7.30pm at Mike's home - Wiseman Close, Covingham. New members welcome to come and plan our next 3 months meetings and our Christmas Dinner! Paul T.

Revd Chris Priddy is stepping down as Director of Swindon Youth for Christ at the end of August. As an ordained Baptist Youth Minister, Chris has worked as SYFC Director for the last 5 years and is moving to the Diocese of Bristol to work as the Head of Parish & External Relations. Chris has organised various youth events, worship events and opportunities for young people in Swindon. He has supported and worked with the Dorcan Church and has encouraged and prayed for us along our journey. It is with sadness we see him leave, but we know this is what God wants and has planned for Chris! We wish him all the best for his work as he continues to train, encourage others and help other young people and families come to know and follow Jesus.

Please support and pray for Swindon Youth for Christ as they look for a new Director to start in October. SYFC are looking for someone who has a passion to see young people discover and follow Jesus; someone who has leadership and management experience and is a good communicator and team leader. For further details or application pack, please visit www.syfc.org.uk or contact office@syfc.org.uk (01793 977676)

News of East Swindon Cluster: For the last four years, we have been part of a “cluster” of local parishes. Following a review by clergy, lay representatives and by the Diocese, we share that the formal grouping of the benefices of Dorcan, Stratton, Parks & Walcot, and ‘the villages’ (together the East Swindon Cluster) is to cease. The initial hopes for the cluster have not materialised for a number of reasons, and it was felt that the mission of God’s church in East Swindon is now best served in focussing energies and resources within the benefices, rather than a wider scale. The ending of the cluster will be marked in an appropriate way in due course and the friendships and fellowship that have been formed will of course still continue, although on a less formal basis. Our thanks go to those who have supported the cluster over recent years.

On Saturday 12th. September Janet and Tony Prichard took part in the **Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride event** on their tandem. This is the Trust who have made a grant towards our heating repairs. Unfortunately there wasn't time before we went on holiday to ask around for sponsors resulting in this appeal for retrospective sponsorship. Sponsorship forms are available in St. Pauls and St. Tim's.

Janet & Tony P.

I have 3 pairs of wellies which need rehousing.
Boys size 11 and 1. Girls size 13. Please let me know if you would like them.
Phone Swindon 530861 or speak tome. Thanks, *Joan McC.*

For your info: We have had a note from Swindon borough Council to say that they will be carrying out maintenance and resurfacing works to the footpaths at St Paul’s Drive starting 14 September for 2 weeks (Mon-Fri 8am -6pm) which may mean some disruption to access/egress and on street parking.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **17th September**
Tel: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)