



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

Bible verse for July
as shared by Grace Wigley

"...The solid foundation that God has laid
cannot be shaken;
and on it are written these words:
"The Lord knows those who are his" "
2Timothy 2: 19a

I am a
child of God

Services 14th July 2019 - 4th Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All Age Service	Spree Team
Welcome: SC/Ignite/Vibe, Teas: <i>Ignite/Vibe</i> , Sunday Club/Creche: <i>All Age Service</i>		
1.00pm	Baptism	Rev'd Rob Smith
4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Sue Morgans
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This morning Neil Marshall is at Aldbourne, Alex Scott is at St Andrew's Moredon and Andrew Wigley is at Stratton – all supporting the wider Methodist circuit.

We also welcome Clara into the church family at the All-Age this morning, following her baptism last week. We look forward to celebrating with her and her mum and dad – Dale and Grace.

**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.**

Holy Habits: We launched “Breaking Bread” our Holy Habit for July and August 2019 last week and we will be exploring this in various ways over the next couple of months.

What's on next week -		
Monday 15th July	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	House Group (Colleen Wiseman), House Group (Alex Scott) Ministry team meeting
Tuesday 16th July	9.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm	Stuart Fisher at Eldene School with Diane Killick - It's your move. Morning prayers at St. Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy House Group (Dianne Lane)
Wednesday 17th July	8.45am 9.00am 1.15pm 6.45pm	Tea & Toast at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Timothy's Youth Club at St Paul's
Thursday 18th July	9.30am 8.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messenger.
Saturday 20th July	9.15am - 1.30-pm	Deanery Church of England Academy prayer day

Services 21st July 2019 - 5th Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: *Joy & Pauline*, Teas: *Pam & Hazel*, Sunday Club: *Nathalie, Mary & Amber*,
Creche: *None*

4.00pm Messy Church - picnic & games The Team !
Come and Join us. All Welcome

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning worship Neil Marshall

The text 'Thank you' is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. The 'T' is particularly large and decorative, with a long tail that loops under the 'y'. The 'y' also has a long tail that loops under the 'u'. The overall style is classic and heartfelt.

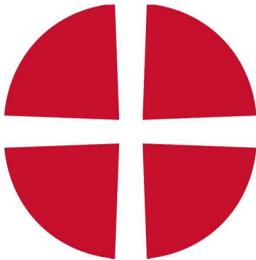
Spree week- end – thank you! A huge, huge thank you to the Dorcan team for taking 29 of our youngsters away a fortnight ago. They were buzzing when they arrived back (although v tired!) and all had a super time enjoying the new site, the sun, the activities and the teachings. We look forward to them leading the **All-Age worship today and** hearing all about it! Thank you team and our wonderful youngsters!

Update from the Methodist Conference, including Marriage and Relationships

Methodist Conference met recently in Birmingham, and you can catch up on all the business, read the reports, and watch the various debates at www.methodist.org.uk/conference2019/

Conference 2019

www.methodist.org.uk



This year, there were important provision-al proposals put forward regarding Marriage and Relationships, which are to be discussed in Districts and Circuits over the coming year, for a final decision to be made at Conference next year, starting 25 June 2020. If agreed, these would, for example, permit same sex marriages to take place in Methodist Churches if this were also permitted by decision of the local Church Council, and by a Methodist Minister. Please note that for the Dorcan Church, as an Ecumenical Partnership, this would not be possible unless, and until, the Church of England approves similar legislation.

There are also other statements about relationships, on cohabitation for example. Our Methodist circuit, North Wiltshire, will be hosting a discussion on these issues during the autumn, and further details will be made known once a date has been set. Please do speak to Andrew, our Methodist Minister, or Trudie, our Church of England Rector if you have any query regarding this.

Holy Habits - Puddings and Ponderings:

You will know from previous notices, that a group of us recently and we had a fruitful (and pudding-filled) evening together, thinking ahead to our next two habits of “*Breaking Bread*” and “*Fellowship*”.

A booklet will be available , sharing our thoughts and ideas. It was a super evening of eating together, thinking and praying and whilst we were small in number, we agree that it was a special time and we would do it again in four months.

We will therefore be meeting from **7-8:15pm latest on Tuesday 1st October at St Tim’s**. Even if puddings aren’t your thing, do come to the next one and enjoy the fellowship together and to a part of shaping our future mission and ministry at Dorcan.

Bible verses:

In both centres there are new boards with a title “Bible verses” on it. Please do use this to post up some of your favorite Bible verses to encourage us all to let the word of god dwell richly in us. Cards, pegs and pens are available.

This is a great way that we can “teach” one another.

**The Deanery CofE Academy Prayer Day
- Saturday 20th July 9:15am-1:30pm:**

The new Church of England secondary school in Swindon is opening to pupils to September. This new exciting development will be "prayed-in" on Saturday 20th July and we are all invited.

Some of our own children at Dorcan Church will be attending the school so this is an opportunity to support both them and the new school as they open in September.

The event can be booked at the following link as number for lunch would be helpful:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-day-for-the-deanery-ce-academy-tickets-63427215509>

**Dorcan Church
Holiday Club
SIGN UP SIGN UP**

for this years Holiday Club Mega Makers
from Tuesday 30th July - Friday 2nd August.

If you have children in school years 1 - 6 then please pick up a letter, fill it out and sign them up! 10 - 12.30pm

ALSO MORE HELPERS NEEDED! -

I promise you it will be great fun! - more info see Rob

Letter & Sign up form:

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/Holidayclub/Mega-Makers-Form.pdf



50 Years of The Bristol-Uganda Link

In 1969 two people, the Archbishop of Uganda, The Very Reverend Erica Sabiti, and the Bishop of Bristol, The Right Reverend Oliver Tomkins, began a friendship between the two dioceses that has stood the test of time. The link is not a fund raising organisation more of a friendship. Having said that some churches have identified specific needs and helped raise funds for school toilets etc.

As part of the celebrations The Uganda Fellowship Choir will be visiting Swindon on Saturday October 5th at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Highworth. Look out for more details nearer the day.

Some of you may remember them as the Uganda Youth Fellowship Choir who visited us in May 2012 and were promoted as Uganda Fire.

Last week Janet and I were invited by Bishop Viv to a garden party as part of the celebration of 50 years of the link. We were able to meet up with friends we had made on our trips to Uganda.

Over the years we have remained friends with Duncan Mugume and his family. He came to Swindon as part of an exchange visit and stayed with us. Subsequently our daughter, Sarah, made the return exchange visit. Followed by Janet and myself making several visits over the years. Mavis Mason-Williams has also been a frequent visitor to Uganda.

Duncan and family have expressed a wish to visit us over Christmas 2019. This presents a logistical challenge as there are now six of them and we can only accommodate two. We would be grateful if anyone could help with accommodation.

If you are interested in taking part in a future visit then please get in touch with me. It would be nice if we could make up a party from the Dorcan Church.

Details of our 2017 trip can be found on the Church Website here:

[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/docs/
The Adventures of the Magnificent Seven.pdf](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/docs/The_Adventures_of_the_Magnificent_Seven.pdf)

More details about the link can be found on the Diocesan Website
www.bristol.anglican.org/bristol-uganda/

Swindon Food Collective

Many thanks to all who donate on a regular basis. If you would like to make a one off money donation, blue envelopes are available from St Paul's; if you would like more information on regular giving, please see Diane K

A change to the 'rota' at St Pauls,

for a trial period starting September.

Rather than my asking the dates you are unavailable, I am asking for you to put down when you would like to serve and what. A chart will be in church very soon, one month at a time, with space for you to complete. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

August 11th

There is an 8.45 communion service this day, led by Rev Mark Barrett. The 10 a.m Service will be Bring and Share Worship.

Do please bring a reading, poem, favourite hymns and songs on C.D, prayers, meditation for us all to share .

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 17th July** Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email