



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

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14th September, 2014

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*Trudie and Andrew have Saturdays off. Please avoid contacting them at this time if possible.*

## **SERVICES - 14th September**

### **St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler

*Sunday Club— (Jo Kirkland & Niki Thompson)*

### **St. Tim's**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
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### **Eldene**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Andrew Wigley
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Colin Parson is at Ramsbury this morning.  
Trudie Wigley is at Bristol Cathedral

### **Lectionary Readings**

**14th Sept.** Gen. 50: 15-21 Psalm 103: 8-13 Rom. 14: 1-12 Matt. 18: 21-35

**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.**

<b>SERVICES</b> — Sept. 21st		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Trudie Wigley
<i>Welcome: Pam &amp; Marie, Sunday Club: Activity Packs</i>		
4.00pm	Tea and Worship	T. & A. Wigley
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Stuart Fisher
<b>Eldene</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler

<b>THIS WEEK</b> — (Please see group leaders for details of Cell Groups)		
Monday 15th Sept.	2-4pm pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Methodist District Policy Committee Circuit Meeting in Lyneham
Tuesday 16th Sept.	10.00pm	Holy Communion at St Timothy's (AW)
Wednesday 17th Sept.	9.30pm 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots restarts at St Paul's Tiny Tots restarts at St. Tim's ECC at St Timothy's
Thursday 18th Sept.	3.30pm	Communion at Edgehill (TW&AW)
Saturday 20th Sept.	6.00pm	Diocesan Synod (TW) Methodist Synod (AW) X:site at St Paul's

### **For your prayers -**

- For those who attended the various outreach event with Archbishop Justin, that they will be prompted to explore more of the good news of Jesus
- For the Scottish Referendum this week.
- For wisdom in the outworking of the decisions made at the NATO summit earlier this month
- For ourselves as we prayerfully consider changes to our worship pattern and look to release energy to mission and outreach
- For next Saturday: Methodist synod which Andrew is attending as Acting Secretary and Bristol Diocesan synod which Trudie is attending as Deanery clergy representative .

### **Worship Survey:**

The ministry team, church wardens, centre reps and the Worship committee have been praying and looking through the responses to the 120 questionnaires over the last 2 weeks. This will be further discussed at ECC Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and we will then have some proposals to consider for a new pattern of worship services that will enable us to take forward the mission of the church whilst adjusting to recent changes in our Ministry team. These proposals will be available for you to take away on 21<sup>st</sup> September to give time for your thought and prayer as we discern a way forward.

**On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be hosting an open consultation meeting** when we will have a Dorcan United Service led by Revd Chris Dobson at the earlier time of 10am, followed by our open consultation meeting at 11:15 and then a bring-and-share lunch at 1pm. For those who will be away on that Sunday, there is an earlier opportunity to be involved and to make your comment on the proposals on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm at St Tim's.

We thank your for your prayerful support in this vital, yet challenging task

St. Tim's are holding their annual  
**McMillan Coffee Morning**  
at St. Tim's on Saturday 27th September  
from 10 am until noon.

We should be very grateful for donations  
of cakes, preserves, produce, plants, etc.  
Please support us on that day



**‘Walk with Jesus’.** **Final date**—The tour operator has given us a  
final date for any bookings and deposits to be with me by Monday  
29<sup>th</sup> September.

Any booking after this date may not be successful in securing a place  
for the tour in February 2015. Many thanks. *Paul*



**WANTED** - Cups and Saucers to make  
into Bird Feeders for the Christmas Fayre.  
*Margaret H. (532849)*

## **FOR YOUR DIARIES . . . .**

### ***Wed 24<sup>th</sup> September:***

Worship & mission questionnaire consultation for those unable to make Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Facilitated by The Revd Chris Dobson

### ***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September***

MacMillan Coffee Morning at St Tims 10am - 12 noon

### ***Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September:***

United service at 10am, followed by whole church consultation on worship & mission questionnaire and shared lunch. Facilitated by The Revd Chris Dobson.

<b>10:00 am</b>	United Service led by Rev Chris Dobson
11:15 am	Open Consultation for everyone led by Rev Christ Dobso
13:00 am	Bring and Share lunch

### ***Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:***

“Be the Link”. Bristol diocese’s free interactive day of workshops and advice for anyone interested in exploring how churches can serve their local schools. At Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon

### ***Sun 5<sup>th</sup> October:***

Dorcan’s Harvest celebrations

### ***Sat 11<sup>th</sup> October:***

“One Step Beyond”. Bristol and Bath & Wells diocese hosting a youth and children’s conference.

### ***Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October:***

Visiting guest preacher at 10:30 St Pauls. The Revd Chris Priddy, director of Swindon Youth for Christ.

***Sat 18<sup>th</sup> October:*** Parish Officer Training: making the most of all God’s gifts  
A day to equip us all: churchwardens, treasurers, PCC secretaries, administrators and others. At Sheldon School, Chippenham SN14 6HJ. See Diocesan website.

***31st December:*** advanced warning !

New Year’s Eve Party—more details to follow later. (Margaret H.)

***Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July:*** very advanced warning!

Dorcan church is hosting the deanery ecumenical confirmation at St Paul’s.

**Thank you from +Lee:**

**JOGLE Cycle Ride** Bishop Lee would like to thank everyone who sponsored him on his cycle ride from John O'Groats to Land's End.

At the time of writing the total amount raised [before Gift Aid is added] is a fantastic £9,768! So he is now very close to his target of raising £10,000 to support the development of church leaders within our link Dioceses in Uganda.

If you had hoped to sponsor Bishop Lee and haven't yet been able to do so, it is still not too late. You can donate online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LeeRayfield> or donations can be sent directly to the Bishop at Mark House, Field Rise, Swindon, Wilts SN1 4HP. Please make cheques payable to Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance and write on the back 'Le Tour de Lee'. If a donation can be Gift Aided please include your name and address, including postcode. Many thanks

**Can you spare some time on a Friday afternoon?**

**Foodbank** are looking for volunteers to join the Friday team at the distribution centre at St. Aldhems.

For more details please phone Eric Wheatley 335943

**St. Paul's Church Centre.**

The role of caretaker has become vacant and we are looking for someone for approx. 4.50 hours per week, who can ensure the property is maintained and secure, and let in occasional users.

Do you know anyone this would suit?

Please contact Tania for further details. (07939939893)

## **Nathalie Marshall has signed up to run 5 Miles!!**

I am going to be running the multi terrain run that runs along side the Swindon Half Marathon in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

If you know me, you will know that this is a REALLY BIG DEAL for me. I hate running. In fact, I hate exercise.

However, I have a great deal to thank the BHF for. The number of children who survive being born with a heart defect has turned around - in 1961 only 20 per cent lived to their first birthday. The number of children dying has fallen by more than 80 per cent in the last three decades. If it wasn't for the BHF and similar research, we wouldn't have Isla. Simple. So I'm doing it to say thank you for my daughter, and so many other children like her.

Ideally, I'd love you to sponsor me online at [www.justgiving.com/calisenenath](http://www.justgiving.com/calisenenath)

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate – saving time and cutting costs for the charity

For those of you less happy online, there will be a paper sponsor sheet at St Paul's. Many many thanks. *Nathalie*



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## **PACK A SHOE BOX AND BLESS A CHILD OVERSEAS**

We need to start thinking of filling shoe boxes for operation Christmas Child, Samaritan Purse again. **Collecting date service** could well be the **first weekend of November** this year.

Last year the checking office were very busy in the middle of the month BUT the earlier part of the month there was a shortage of boxes and many children in some countries further away missed out getting a box. There is still no news of where Swindon will send the boxes to be distributed as the warehouse in Melksham is closed due to it not being effectively used during the year.

### **The usual things are required**

New toys, hats, scarves and gloves are very good as most boxes go to countries where it is cold, soap and flannels, toothbrushes and pastes, writing paper, pens, pencils and things they can use at school for education;

games, cars, cuddly toys and sweets, hair things. etc..

**SHOE BOXES CAN BE BOUGHT FROM THEIR WEBB PAGE, AND YOU CAN BUY A SELECTION OF THE THINGS AND PAY ON LINE IF YOU WANT TO.** Or if you would like to donate a few items please bring them on the collecting day and Christine will take them and make up a few boxes, or donated money will be used to buy items required or for travel. Please put in envelope and mark 'Shoe boxes' and it will be passed to me.

Samaritan have been offering the children a training into the Christian faith and many of them have taken this up and enjoyed learning more about the Christian faith.

To find out more go onto there Webb site:- Operation Christmas Child

Thanks, *Christine P.*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

**Anna Newman by Thursday 18th September**

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)