



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



### **Services Sunday 17th September 2017 - Trinity 14**

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

8.45am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !

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

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
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Today Andrew is at Marlborough and Neil is at Stratton supporting the wider Methodist circuit. Paul Tayler is at Stratton St Margaret where he has also been part of the Team Ministry for a number of years. Paul's time with them is now coming to an end and the parish will be giving thanks for his ministry in a service there this morning.

**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.**



**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!

For your prayers:

- For ethnic minorities in Myanmar who are being persecuted, thinking of the Rohingyas people at this time.
- For tensions across the world, particularly in the Far East and with Russia.
- Young people starting uni and higher education for the first time, or starting a new year.
- Ourselves, that we may forgive others in the same way we are forgiven
- Those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who have lost loved ones.

### **Sunday School for All – next week!**

Given it's the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, we will be looking at some of the history and theological debate surrounding the parting with Rome and the affect it has on our practice today.

We will also be looking at renewal in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the part that we can play.

Breakfast available beforehand from 9:45am so come and start the day in fellowship ahead of starting at 10:30am.

## **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](mailto:venuehire@stjosephsenterprises.net)

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](mailto:martyn@thecookhouse.org)

**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](mailto: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?

**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*

**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 be joining him on Tuesday afternoons to lead a new Christian Union.

### **Dorcan Church Website**

In preparation for updating the church website some maintenance work is being carried out. Please update any bookmark you have to our published web address: <http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/> Anything else may disappear over the next couple of weeks.

We are looking at how we might improve our website so if you have any ideas please e-mail them to [webmaster@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@dorcanchurch.org.uk).

*Tony Prichard*

## **TWO MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS**



1. On Wednesday **27th September** we are hosting a "Macmillan world's biggest coffee morning" event alongside our usual Tea and toast drop in group. All welcome to come and join us at St Tim's from 8.45-10.30am for coffee and cake with all proceeds going to Macmillan. Any donations of cake (homemade or bought) would be gratefully received.  
Thank you, *Helen, Hazel, Elizabeth and Mari*
2. We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday **6th of October** at St. Tims from 10am until midday. There will be a cake and produce stall and a stall for other, saleable small items.

Many thanks, *Sarah Paterson*

### **LINK TO HOPE [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://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 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 to either church or give them to Christine Parsons, Paul Tayler or Clare Smith.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by Thursday 21st September - Tel 695698  
or e.mail [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.

**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail**