



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

He knows my
Name 

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

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 Picnic & Games The Team !
Come and join us! All Welcome

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Neil Marshall

This morning Andrew Wigley is at Wroughton 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.

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

What’s on next week -

Monday 22nd July	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	House Group (Colleen Wiseman), House Group (Alex Scott) St. Paul’s Spiritual Gifts Course
Tuesday 23rd July	9.00am 10.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul’s Morning prayers St. Tim’s Christian Union, Dorcan Academy House Group (Dianne Lane) Men’s Fellowship Summer meal
Wednesday 24th July	8.45am 9.00am 1.15pm 6.00pm	Tea & Toast at St. Tim’s Tiny Tots at St. Paul’s - Party Tiny Tots at St. Timothy’s Blaze at St Paul’s
Thursday 25th July	9.30am 8.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Paul’s Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messenger.

Services 28th July 2019 - 6th Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul’s

10.00am Morning Worship Rev’d Rob Smith

Please note earlier time

Welcome: *John & Joan*, Teas: *Janice/ ?*, Sunday Club: *tbc*, Creche: *Sue & Judy*.

St. Tim’s

10.30am Holy Communion Rev’d Andrew Wigley

**St Paul's service times move to 10am for the summer period
– next week!:**

As from next week – 28th July – we will be following our usual pattern of joint services at St Paul's moving to a time of 10am. There will however be an 8:45am service on 11th August led by the Methodist superintendent Mark Barrett.

On Sunday 1st September we will revert back to 10:30am for our united service.

The Men's Fellowship Group are going to The Horseshoe Inn at Mildenhall, Marlborough, next Tuesday 23rd July. Any gentlemen who wish to join us can contact me by phone (538842) or e.mail me on paultayler1@hotmail.co.uk

Paul

*Thank
you*

Thank you to the Spree youngsters and their leaders
for a great service last week!

We loved hearing about your weekend and what you learned
and the fun you had.

You put a lot of effort into the service
and thank you for sharing.

You are all absolutely amazing!

New banner – thank you!

Earlier this month we gave thanks and dedicated our new banner. It is beautiful and is a prayer that the Holy Spirit may come down upon us, this church and community, and our town of Swindon.

Our thanks to Sandra, Jean, Anna and Derek for all their hard work on making such a breath-taking banner, and for persevering when the next steps in the design were not clear, and for your trust in God to guide you.

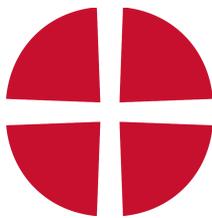
Thank you all and may God bless you, as you have blessed us.

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 provisional 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.

St. Paul’s Chapel Lighting

The fluorescent tubes in the chapel have reached the end of their useful life. Spares have become difficult to obtain and the cost of a contractor to replace failed tubes is expensive.

Recently St. Tim’s were upgraded to modern led units and the effect is amazing. The cost of upgrading St. Paul’s to similar units is around £4,800 and we have been awarded £750 from Allchurches Trust towards the cost. The work is scheduled for the 2019 October half term.

If you would like to contribute towards this work then you may make a bank transfer to The Dorcan Church Sort Code 08-92-99 Account 65312775 Reference ‘Lighting’

Alternatively a cheque made payable to ‘The Dorcan Church’ and endorsed on the back ‘Lighting’ or cash in an envelope similarly marked may be put in the weekly offering plate.

Tony Prichard (Treasurer)

**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>

Thank you for the welcome received at St Tim's last week.

Just want to say the scenario I shared was just that. There were no specific personalities in mind and the only "real" bit was I used to tell my auntie not to put her purse and phone at the top of her shopping trolley!

Thanks for the encouragement and feedback.

Sue Morgans

**Dorcan Church
Holiday Club**



Sunday 28th July @ 17:00 **Holiday club
set up!**

Please come along for tea, coffee and cake before we have a short time of prayer and praise for the Holiday club.

Please also come and help us set up for Holiday club - many hands make light work! for more info please see Rob

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.

Things happening in Liden for the month of August

Edgehill Summer Fete - Saturday 3rd August - 13.00-15.30pm

Come and enjoy lots of fun, games, stalls, BBQ

Cake sales, cold and hot drinks and much more!

Help us support the residents

Toy Story Summer fun at Odey's Cafe - Liden Library

Wednesday 7th August

10am to 12.30pm

£2.50 per child

Toy Story cake and drink

Games and competition prizes to be won

Save the date, 28th August,

as **another event is planned at Odey's cafe for children**

Posters should be on show soon

Year 6 students in Covingham, Nythe, Liden and Eldene primary schools have taken part in an **Its your Move** assembly, which looks at the transition from primary to secondary school. These have been led by Rev Rob, Rev Stuart, Sue Morgans and Diane Killick, and all were very well received.

Every child was given an Its Your Move book as a gift from the Dorcan church, and we distributed 180. A wonderful outreach

Diane K.

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 8.45am communion service this day, led by Rev Mark Barrett. The 10am 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 .

St. Paul's Tiny Tots Party

We are holding an end of term party on Wednesday, 24th July from 9-11am, with bouncy castle, soft play and picnic. Some of the children will be moving on so we will be presenting them with a Child's Bible to mark their time with us.

If you have been involved in Tiny Tots over the last few years please join us in celebrating this mile stone with the families, they would love to see you.

Thank you to everyone who supports this outreach to our community.

Brenda Fisher

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 24th July** Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email