



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



**Services Sunday 23rd July, 2017
Trinity 6**

St. Paul's

10.00am Sunday School for all Rev'ds Trudie &
"Heaven (and that other place?)" Andrew Wigley

Please note the earlier time of 10am

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Revd Judy Ashby

Today Neil Marshall is at Pewsey and Colin Parsons is at Stratton, 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.**

Time has changed for summer services at St Paul's: As of this week (23rd July), we are moving to our summer pattern of joint services at St Paul's starting at 10am. We will resume again at 8:45 and 10:30 on 10th September.

What's on this week -

Monday 24th July	2-4.00pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 25th July	Time tbc	Men's Fellowship Group Summer Evening Meal
Thursday 27th July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's

Services Sunday 30th July, 2017 - Trinity 7

St. Paul's

10.00am Morning Worship Alex Scott
Please note the earlier time of 10am

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*, Teas: *Janice & Jan*, Sunday Club: *tbc*

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Prayers for this week -

- Those on summer holiday, for rest and recharge
- Those for whom the holidays are difficult
- Safety as the internal building work continues at St Paul's
- For areas of unrest across the world, and hearts stirred to stop violence
- Those who are unwell, whether in body, mind or spirit
- Those recently bereaved

Our gifts to Revd Rob Smith and Revd Nathan Mulcock:

Thank you for your generosity of gifts to both Rob and Nathan. With your offerings we were able to give them many of the Church of England's "Common Worship" service books that they will need in their ministries, now and in the years to come. These are key texts for clergy and cover all sorts of services such as weddings, funerals, communion, baptism, daily prayer etc. so will be regularly used.

Thank you for enabling us to give these gifts to Rob and Nathan.

Trudie

The late Karl Gase

Last year we mourned the loss of Karl, a faithful and regular member of our church family, and husband to Tracy. We were informed that he had left a legacy to the church in his will and this week we received a generous bequest towards the life and work of this church. We are grateful for Karl's generosity, his membership of this church, and for this offering to a church which he loved and which supported him.

In due course ECC will discuss how best to use this money. In the meantime, we hold Tracy in our prayers and give thanks for the life of Karl.

Sue Morgans – congratulations!

We rejoice with Sue who has been recommended to start training for Licensed Lay Ministry this coming September. Sue has been studying on the Exploring Christianity course and this is the next step in her discernment for possible licensed ministry. Our prayers are with Sue as she makes this next step.

Trudie

Link to Hope family shoe box appeal

The Dorcan church is again supporting the Link to Hope shoebox family appeal for Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria or Ukraine.

So please remember to buy things
for the family or for the Elderly
if you are planning to be involved.

As usual a box will be at the back for individual items
for you to contribute to if a box is too much for you to do.
We will be collecting these at the beginning of November.

The leaflets will be in the churches in due course.

For the Family shoe boxes

The usual things; plus plasters, sewing kits, screwdriver, tape measure,
new socks and tights, headscarves.

Other personal things scarves, gloves hats candles and holders,
sweets and chocolates, reading glasses

For the elderly shoe boxes

Shampoo/shower gel max 300ml, tissues, handkerchiefs, small mirror,
Bars of soap and flannel, nail scissors/clippers, brush and comb.

Fun things, small games, pens and paper,
wind-up torch/radio, craft, sewing kits.

Other personal things such as scarves, gloves, hats, candles and holders,
Sweets and chocolates, reading glasses, sensory items - lavender bags.

A donation for each box to be sent.

Please remember a family box can be created from their website
For information go to www.linktohope.co.uk



HELP NEEDED.

As many of you will know, John and I volunteer for **Big Breakfast +**, a charity that provides a free breakfast for Homeless and vulnerable people. We are currently struggling to find enough volunteers to cover week days from 7-9 am. due to sickness and holidays. If you feel you could help in any way please speak to me or John to find out more.

Thank-you, *Angela Davidson.*

Swindon Half Marathon – 3rd September! Advance information

Sunday 3rd September is the date for the Swindon half Marathon and this year sees a new route which includes the whole of Dorcan Way. This will mean the road will be closed in a northerly direction between around 10-1pm, although there will be crossing points. Given that this will make travel to and from both centres a little more challenging, we will be changing our usual monthly united service and instead at St Paul's will be holding an 8:45 shorter service of communion and then in the afternoon a 4pm "tea and praise" worship service, again with communion.

We are also excited to share that we have been asked as a church to be a part of marathon – but not in a running capacity! We have been approached to man an "aid" station with water and support along Dorcan way. This is a great opportunity for us to be a witness in the community and more information is below from Nathalie Marshall.

Trudie

SWINDON HALF MARATHON (Sept 3rd)

Many of you will know that the new route of the Swindon Half Marathon now goes straight down Dorcan Way, almost past St Paul's front door. As such, Church Council have taken the decision to offer to man an "Aid Station" on Dorcan Way, near to St Paul's. This commits us to having 10 to 15 people there at any one time from 10am until 1pm, to open the lids of water bottles and hand them out to runners. We will have a banner identifying us as being from the Church, and we are really excited about this opportunity to engage with the wider community.

Please could you let NATHALIE (nathalie@calisnenath.org.uk) know ASAP if you are able to help for any of this time. We are also considering keeping the Church open for spectators to use the toilets - volunteers to man this also welcome. The services on this day will be changed to reflect this activity, and there will NOT be a 10/10:30 service (there will be 2 communion services, one at 8:45 and an informal one at 4pm).

RELATED ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

Dorcan Way will only be closed to traffic in a northbound direction (i.e. Coate Water to Greenbridge), and there will be managed crossings from the other side of the road to St. Paul's. Realistically, the road will close around 10am, and then be reopened for around 1pm

Nathalie



AN ENCOURAGING UPDATE

Letters have now been sent to all those who responded to our recent Discipleship series on *Giving with Grace*. A big thank you to everyone for your engagement and commitment to this series. **We are pleased to share that pledges for planned giving have increased by £9,500 per year, an increase of nearly 20%.** This is a wonderful, wonderful response and a huge encouragement to us all. Thank you!

Our ongoing financial giving and this increase does much more than help balance our budget, it enables us to be more financially secure so we can grow both existing and new areas of ministry in God's church. Your giving, both financially, and in many other ways such as through your time, prayerful support, practical help, encouragement, amongst many other areas, makes a real difference to people's lives in this church and the community. A big thank you to you all.

This extended focus on financial stewardship through a programme like *Giving in grace* is something that we look to give time to every 3 years or so. However, every year we will be looking to repeat a gift day (like the one we did last November) to enable us to regularly review our pledge, and will likely be held each Spring. In the meantime, we thank you again for your response and if you would like to discuss any aspect of *Giving in Grace* or the mission and ministry of The Dorcan church then please do not hesitate to contact Tony Prichard, Treasurer, or a member of the ministry team.

Direct Debit – Parish Giving Scheme: A little reminder from our lovely Treasurer that if you have moved over to the Direct Debit stewardship giving scheme (called Parish Giving Scheme) then don't forget to cancel your standing orders!

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.

They are fundraising for people living in poverty in Malawi who are
struggling to grow a harvest due to poor rains?

So come and join us and find out more about who

TEAR FUND is supporting

We will be having a Cake Stall, a Nearly New Stall, second hand stall,
Books and other things to be decided.

We will be pleased to receive any cakes and donation and help

Look Forward to seeing you there.

Christine & Kathy

GREAT NEWS - Swindon Borough Council has recently agreed the Trust's bid to take over the running of Covingham Community Library. As a result the Friends will be organising more fundraising events to help meet the day to day running costs of the library. This will increase our workload and consequently we are looking for more people to help us.

We are small friendly group and would welcome anyone with an interest in keeping Covingham library open. If you have a little time to spare and would enjoy helping us by either volunteering at events or within the library, then we would love to hear from you.

The Friends committee meet roughly once a month to organise regular fundraising events, children's crafts and other promotional activities.

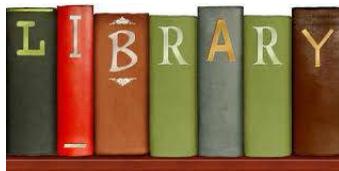
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Hello parents of crèche age children

Thank-you for bearing with us during the early days of creche provision at St Paul's

Crèche will be provided on 23.7.17. During the Summer holidays there will not be planned provision in the "Snug". However, we will endeavour to have an area with mat and toys in the church.

From September, with the current level of leaders and helpers, we anticipate providing crèche in the "snug" on the 1st and 4th Sundays.

Reminders and duty people will be included in the weekly This will be reviewed regularly and increased when more people are able to be involved.

Please feel free to talk to Sue, Nicki or Jan. Ideas always welcome !

Are you called?

We would like to increase the creche provision in the "Snug". To do this we need more leaders and helpers.

Please pray about this and if you feel this is something you would be involved in, please talk to Sue, Nicki or Jan.

We would love to hear from you!
Thankyou.



God Bless, Sue

Please note change of details below for next week

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Jackie Hancock by Thursday 27th July Tel 435987 or e.mail dorcan.church.office@gmail.com. Thank you.

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