



**St. Paul's, Covingham**  
**St. Timothy's, Liden**  
**Eldene Church**  
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24th & 31st August, 2014

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## **SERVICES - 24th August**

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

**10.00am** Morning Worship Alex Scott

*Sunday Club— (Summer holidays)*

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

10.30am Holy Communion Trudie Wigley

### **Eldene**

10.30am At St. Tim's

Andrew will be at Queens Drive this morning

## **Lectionary Readings**

**24th August** Ex.1: 8- 2: 10 Psalm 124 Rom. 12: 1-8 Matt.16: 13-20

**31st August** Ex.3: 1-15 Psalm 105: 1-6 Rom. 12: 9-21 Matt. 16: 21-28

## **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— 31st August</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
<b>10.00am</b>	United All Age Holy Communion	Trudie Wigley
<i>Welcome: Anna &amp; Brian</i> <i>Sunday Club: (Summer Holidays)</i>		
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
<b>10.00am</b>	United at St. Paul's	
<b>Eldene</b>		
<b>10.00am</b>	United at St. Paul's	
Andrew is at Queens Drive this morning		

<b>SERVICES— Sept. 7th</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Baptism	Andrew Wigley
<i>Welcome: tba, Sunday Club: tba</i>		
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Trudie Wigley
<b>Eldene</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher

***Mid-week service in August:***

Please note there is no service the bank holiday week and we will resume with Holy Communion on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 10am at St Timothy's.

w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> August	No mid-week service
Tues 2 Sept	10:00 St Timothy's Communion    Revd Trudie Wigley

**For your prayers -**

- Those in Nigeria, Sierra Leone & Liberia, for the doctors and nurses who are treating the Ebola epidemic.
- Our service men & women serving in countries that are in the midst of conflict, for the many women and children injured or in the neighbouring countries, for the men lost in fighting in Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Palestine and Israel
- The final preparations for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to this diocese
- For all our young people preparing to leave home for the first time and start new chapters at university and college. For those whose exam results were challenging, and for all returning to school and the new term

**Worship Questionnaire—Please collect yours today !**

Thank you to all those who have returned their questionnaire. I am hoping for a further 20-40 questionnaires to be completed, so if you haven't yet done so, can I please encourage you to do so. Each voice counts and is important—these responses will help inform the shape of the proposals for our new pattern of worship, to be considered during the consultations on Wed. 24th & Sun 28th Sept.

So please make your views known now through the questionnaire. This includes the important voice of our children and young people.

Thank you for your support.     *Andrew*

***10,000 voices and Confidence in God's story:***

Over the summer and in the months to come, we are continuing to explore and think about sharing our stories about God in our lives. Many of you will have already taken a postcard to help you do this. Another batch have arrived so please do take one (or ten!) These have 2 additional boxes on the back to indicate how you might go about posting it on the 10k.org website if you would like to do so.

Do think and pray about writing your story down and to help encourage each other why don't you bring your completed postcards to our united service on 31<sup>st</sup> August? We can pray over them together, asking for opportunities to tell our story. If you feel you would like to, there will be an opportunity to join others by pinning it on one of three boards. These will then be taken back to our respective centres as an encouragement to us all to add to them and to remind ourselves that each one of our voices are seeds to be sown over the months ahead.

I pray that each one of us will use this opportunity to think about our unique story of God in our lives.

*Trudie*

**Archbishop preaching at Bristol Cathedral  
Sunday 14th September at 10.30am**

Each parish is being given 4 tickets for those who wish to attend the Eucharist celebration at Bristol Cathedral at which ++Justin Welby will be preaching.

If you would like to go to this, please let Trudie Wigley know by Monday 1st September, and they will be allocated by "names in a hat" - seems the fairest way to do it!

It is hoped that his sermon will be recorded, enabling it to be shared in churches across the diocese on Sunday 21st September, and we will aim to do this across all three centres in Dorcan on that day.

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

### ***Sun 31<sup>st</sup> August:***

Afternoon: Service to mark end of Swindon & Marlborough Circuit

### ***Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.***

Christmas Fayre Coffee morning at 10am at St Paul's to share ideas, discuss new ones etc.

### ***Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Sept :***

Afternoon: launch of new North Wiltshire Circuit and Welcome to Revd Debbie Hodgson

### ***Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.***

Friday Club at St. Paul's 2-4pm - All welcome

### ***Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept:***

Archbishop visiting Swindon. 9:30-10:30 at Lydiard House and St Marys church, opening the Heritage weekend and praying off the Ride+Striders. Open event and all welcome.

### ***Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September:***

All day: Bristol diocese synod & Bristol District Synod

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

Worship & mission questionnaire consultation for those unable to make Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

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

MacMillan Coffee Morning St Tims @ 10- 12

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

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

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

## **Final Circuit Service of the Swindon & Marlborough Circuit Sunday 31st August**

This will be a service 'round the circuit' and it is hoped you will come to the service nearer you and the more adventurous will travel to share in the services 'round the circuit'. As you can see, each service is half an hour and there is a space between to travel.

The itinerary is:

3.00-3.30—Christchurch, Marlborough.

4.00-4.30—Bath Road

4.30-5.30—Faith tea.

6.00-6.30—St. Andrews

7.00-7.30—Queens Drive

Please join us as and when and where you can to celebrate the past and journey to the future.

*Revd. Mark Barrett*

### ***Financial budgeting for 2015:***

We are currently looking at drawing up a financial budget plan for 2015.

This will be something that we will refine over time, but to start us off please would all church groups and committees consider what funding they would like to request for 2015 in light of their future plans so that we can start looking at the numbers?

It would also be helpful to have an idea of planned expenditure for the rest of 2014.

Please could you submit your thoughts and figures to Tony Prichard or Trudie Wigley.

Thank you for your help as we think about the stewardship of the financial resources that God has given us to serve this community.

**The Christmas Fayre** has been an excellent fund raiser, and a lovely way of meeting folk within the parish. This year it will be held on Saturday 29th November, and I shall be hosting a coffee morning on Saturday 6th September 10am at St Paul's to share ideas, discuss new ones etc.

Please, please come along, it is such a wonderful opportunity to serve the community, and have fun and really start the Advent season with a bang.

*Diane 336420*

### **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)

### **Women's World day of Prayer**

I am standing down as organizer of "Women's World Day Of Prayer" (always held on the first Friday in March each year).

Would someone please consider taking over from me. I can give you all the information needed. It means co-ordinating with all the churches in our immediate area and arranging the time and venue for the service and a speaker for that day

The service is always prepared and next year has been arranged by the women of the Bahamas

There is a small committee and they only meet usually around November and a few times in the new year to arrange the venue and service.

*Jean G.. Phone 525454*

**THE FRIDAY CLUB**—dates from September as follows:-

September 12th - ( please note this date has had to be changed)

October 17th

November 21st

December 19th

All are welcome to join us.

## **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.*

After 7th Sept. Notices will be published weekly.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
**Anna Newman by Thursday 4th September**

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