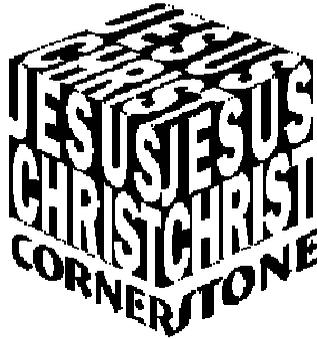




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*Transforming lives and communities  
 Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



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 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

This morning Alex Scott is at Central 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 -**

Tuesday 30th July	9.00am 10 - 12.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul’s Holiday Club at St. Paul’s
Wednesday 31st July	10-12.30pm	Holiday Club at St. Paul’s
Thursday 1st August	9.30am 10-12.30pm 8.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Tim’s Holiday Club at St. Paul’s Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messenger.
Friday 2nd August	10-12.30pm	Holiday Club at St. Paul’s

**Services 4th August, 2019 - 7th Sunday after Trinity**

**St. Paul’s**

**10.00am**            United Holy Communion            Revd Judy Ashby

**Please note earlier time**

Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Cathy’s Group*,  
Sunday Club: *tbc*, Creche: *Nicki & Niki*

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

As from today – 28<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> August led by the Methodist superintendent Mark Barrett.

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

**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

**A number of “Thank yous” to share!**

**Our young people** have made and signed a beautiful card thanking us all for our support for their recent Spree trip. I’m sure we will all agree that it was a pleasure to support our awesome young people, and we thank them too for a great All-Age service they led sharing about all they did and learned on their weekend away.

**Covingham Park School have made two lovely cards.**

The first is to thank us for our financial support which enabled them to go to Malmesbury Abbey to experience Lifepath. They had a fantastic time and this opportunity to learn about a monk’s life and the Christian faith could not have happened without our practical financial support so thank you!

They also sent us a card thanking us for the assemblies we have done this year. It was funny that in addressing Rob they called him Saint Paul – that made us laugh!!

(Rob - don’t expect us to start calling you saint Rob!)

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 All Churches Trust Limited 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)*

## **Revd Trudie Wigley – project leave**

This year I have been invited to participate in a number of learning and development opportunities which have been insightful and helpful, as well as challenging! It has been a privilege to have had these opportunities and following discussion with a mentor, I have been given the opportunity to take a period of project leave. This is to assimilate this learning and explore further, with a focus on church growth, particularly in contexts similar to our own area in East Swindon

I will therefore be taking 5 weeks project leave which, with holiday and already booked training and Diocesan conferences, will mean I will not be at Dorcan Church for most of September and October - from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Although I will still be living at home for much of this time, I will not be available for church matters. However, I will come and worship when I am not visiting other churches as part of my studies.

I am grateful to Rev Rob Smith who will be acting CofE Incumbent whilst I am away, and this is a great opportunity for him as part of his ongoing Incumbency training. This will of course include day-to-day running responsibilities and communication, preparing for and chairing ECC and ministry team gatherings, dealing with pastoral and other church matters, for example.

I would also like to express my thanks to Rev Stuart Fisher for providing additional support on the Anglican side, and to Revd Andrew Wigley who continues as our Methodist partner as usual.

I really appreciate this opportunity to study and research the enablers and obstacles to church growth, and then to explore ways that this might further develop the life and mission of the Dorcan Church.

I thank you for your support.

*Trudie*

**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.

We will also be using a number of the verses for our monthly Bible verse.

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

### **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. *Diane K*

### **August 11<sup>th</sup>**

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 .

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 31st July** Tel 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email**