



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church

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28th September, 2014

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Trudie and Andrew have Saturdays off. Please avoid contacting them at this time if possible.

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete but being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose" Philippians 2:1-2

SERVICES - 28th September

St. Paul's

8.45am No Service

10.00am

United Service

Rev. Chris Dobson
& Rev. Trudie Wigley

Sunday Club— Nathalie & Helen

11.15am

Worship consultation led by Rev Chris Dobson

1.00pm

Bring and Share Lunch

St. Tim's

10.00am

At St. Paul's

Eldene

10.00am

At St. Paul's

Andrew Wigley is at Queens Drive this morning

Today's Readings: Mark 8:31-end Philippians 2:1-11

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.

Worship Consultation today:

We welcome The Revd Chris Dobson today who will be preaching at our 10am service and then leading us in our consultation on our recent worship and mission questionnaire. Many of you will already know Chris, but for those who don't he is currently the Ecumenical and Global Partnership Officer for Bristol Diocese, and has previously worked in parishes in Rochester and Zimbabwe and a vicar in Kent. I am sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to him this morning.

Our 10am United Service will be followed by a brief break for refreshments, and we will then start our consultation led by Chris starting at 11:15 in the chapel. By 1pm we will then close our discussions for a shared lunch together.

This morning is an important time in the life of God's church in Dorcan as we look to the future – in worship and in outreach. Please do continue to pray throughout this morning that we will hear God in the voice of others and that we may listen, speak and respond with grace and love.

SERVICES— October 5th		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Harvest Festival & Holy Communion	Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Harvest Festival	Alex Scott
<i>Welcome: Sunday Club, Sunday Club: tbc</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Harvest Festival	Paul Tayler
Eldene		
10.30am	No Service	

THIS WEEK— (Please see group leaders for details of Cell Groups)

Monday 6th Oct	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
Tuesday 7th Oct.	9.30am 2.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Tim's (TW) Senior Citizens harvest Celebration St Pauls (TW) Local preachers/worship leaders meeting Lyneham (AW)
Wednesday 8th Oct.	9.30pm 1.30pm All day All day	Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Willow Creek conference Bracknell (TW) Estate outreach London (AW)

For your prayers -

- For ourselves today: that we may hear God speaking through each other as we look to a new pattern of worship and the releasing of energy in outreach.
- For Chris Dobson: in his words and preaching today, and as he guides us in our consultation
- For the many suffering under Islamic State and those standing up against evil
- For Brenda Robinson in her trip to Peru to climb the Inca trail and raise funds for Ovarian Cancer
- That actions announced by world leaders at the 2014 Climate Summit this week will be followed through effectively
- For the preparation in the deanery for our visitors from Uganda, and particularly Laetitia who will be visiting Dorcan and the cluster.

Visitors from Uganda update:

Our visitors will arrive in the Deanery in the late morning of Monday 6th. October, staying until 7.30 am on 21st. October.

Laetitia Kyingi will be staying with us and sharing her time across the East Swindon Cluster. The programme for her visit is still being finalised but we hope to introduce her to Tiny Tots at both St. Paul's and St. Timothy's. It is intended that she will attend some Sunday services with us and possibly a Sunday afternoon tea at St. Paul's before the informal service on Sunday 19th October giving as many people as possible the chance to meet her.

More details will appear in the weekly notices. Please pray for the success of the visit our visitors and those helping with all the arrangements

Harvest: Next week we will be celebrating Harvest so please bring along your offering to our services. The fresh Harvest donations will be passed to Women's refuge and tinned/dried to breakfast Club and Foodbank. Foodbank have just started a new innovate called cash on a can to help keep the Swindon Foodbank operational – if you would like to participate just cello tape a coin to your can or packet of goods .

Thank you. *Diane K*

As part of my fundraising for my internship with Scripture Union I will be holding a **cream tea/craft sale on Sunday 5th October** from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, at St.Paul's. I do hope you will be able to support me in this venture. Can I also say a big thank you to those people who have given money anonymously as I am unable to thank you personally. *Hannah*



WANTED - Cups and Saucers to make into Bird Feeders for the Christmas Fayre.
Margaret Hylton (532849)

‘Walk with Jesus’. **Final date**—The tour operator has given us a final date for any bookings and deposits to be with me by Monday 29th September.

Any booking after this date may not be successful in securing a place for the tour in February 2015. Many thanks. *Paul*

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 30th 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 5th October:

Dorcan’s Harvest celebrations

Cream Tea/Craft Sale at St. Paul’s. 3.30—5.30pm

Sat 11th October:

“One Step Beyond”. Bristol and Baths & Wells diocese hosting a youth and children’s conference.

Sunday 12th October:

Visiting guest preacher at 10:30 St Pauls.

The Revd Chris Priddy, director of Swindon Youth for Christ.

Sat 18th 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.

31st December: advanced warning !

New Year’s Eve Party—more details to follow later. (*Margaret Hylton*)

Mon 13th July: very advanced warning!

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

Dear Friends,

Many of you may have heard of my planned trip to Peru to climb the Inca trail and visit Machu Pichu. With less than a week to my departure it is becoming all too real of my excitement when I booked the trip – a long held dream and a present to myself for my sixtieth birthday.

Firstly I would ask for your prayers, especially as I complete the Inca trail 1-4 October. The walk is a high altitude walk covering three peaks the maximum height is 4,200M or it sounds scarier at over 14,000 feet! Please pray for me as I find the courage to complete this challenge.

Secondly I have decided to dedicate the walk to raising a little bit of money for charity and the chosen charity is 'Target Ovarian Cancer UK'. Ovarian cancer is known as a silent cancer – as it is often not picked up in the early stages of the disease process. I have known this effect four friends, all of who had good lifestyle factors; did not smoke a good healthy diet and diagnosed in their 50's. I know how urgently we need to seek a test for early diagnosis.

At the end of the joint service on the 28th September I have asked if I can leave my collection box for donations. Any small donations will be gratefully received and forwarded on my return. I have also a 'JustGiving' page set up - under my name Brenda Robinson and listed as 'Classic Inca Trail'.

Please—many thanks to all who donate to this cause.

Brenda Robinson 07870774098

It's back.....no not Strictly or Downton
QUIZ NIGHT St. Paul's **Saturday 1st November**
doors open 7p.m for prompt start 7.30
£5.00 per person teams of 4
Tea/coffee available

Do you have a laptop you no longer require?

Would you be willing to donate it to a Local Preacher within the Circuit? (New software will be purchased by the recipient)

If you can help out, please contact Allie Burchell in the Circuit Office (see below) who can make the necessary arrangements for collection.

Allie Burchell

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The Dorcan Church accounts for 2013 have been completed, examined and approved by the E.C.C. A small number of copies are available in church. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting Tony Prichard. Tel: 520734



PACK A SHOE BOX AND BLESS A CHILD OVERSEAS

Our boxes are going to Eastern Europe this year.

I will be getting the leaflets in due course. Charge for boxes to be transported is £3.00 each as last year.

People now have a choice either to have fun, carrying on collecting shoe boxes and wrapping them up your self

OR to purchase the already printed box from Samaritan purse which are now available. 50 for £15 + postage for 2.99 which is 18.00. which is 36p each, and have the Samaritan's Purse details already on them, so they will not need wrapping.

If you would like to buy a box or two (or more) at 36p each, please get in touch with - Anna Newman at St. Paul's,
Viv Craig at St. Tim's or
Christine Parsons at Eldene.

If we can get to 50 (minimum order) we will order them.

ALSO if you want to look on line at Christmas child you can select things and buy from their selection.

The Collecting checking room is open from the 1st November so you can drop them in to MY house (Ecklington, Eldene) any time from then on. The Church Services to bless them are on the 16th of November.

I only have a small number of children's hats this year.

Thanks, *Christine P.*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by 2nd November

Tel: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk

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