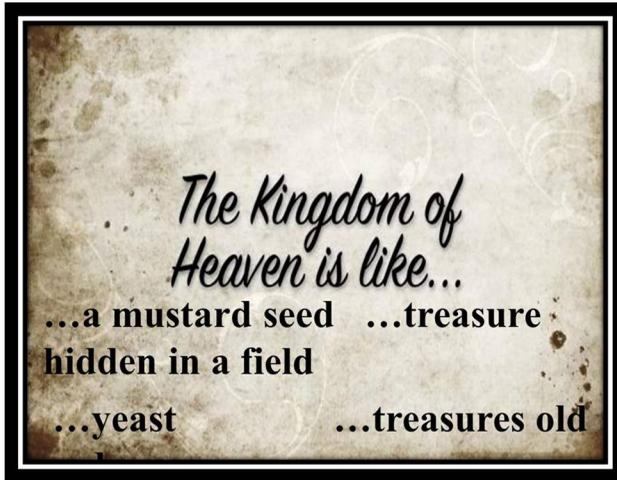




**St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**Services Sunday 30th July, 2017
Trinity 7**

St. Paul's

10.00am Morning Worship

Alex Scott

Please note the earlier time of 10am

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion

Revd Trudie Wigley

Today Andrew Wigley is at Central, Chippenham, 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.**

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.

Missional Giving

Ignite have been tasked with looking at our Missional giving in respect of where the money should be sent for this year. We are looking at 2 National/International charities and 1 local one.

If there is a charity which you feel that the Church should consider could you please let me know. Our young people will then re-search some of them to present to the congregation at our Harvest Celebration. You will then have an opportunity to vote.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.
Debbie

Message from Josh & Amber

As many of you know we are getting married at St Paul's on Saturday 9th September at 2:30pm. Although we could not invite everyone to the reception, we would be pleased to see anyone who would like to come to the ceremony, with some tea and cake after.

Methodist Conference - 22-29th June: Methodist conference was held in Birmingham earlier this summer. A "Business Digest" is now available either by downloading from www.methodist.org.uk/conference or a few copies are available in both centres.

Hello parents of crèche age children

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

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



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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 a 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

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

Future dates for the diary as at August 2017

12th September 2017

Joint lay and clergy chapter

Tuesday 19th September

Responding to Domestic Abuse Training

10am-1pm, St Paul's

Thursday 5th October 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30 at Toothill

Saturday 14th October 2017

Parish Officer Training Morning

Sheldon School, Chippenham SN14 6HJ

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Aldhelm's Hall

(Adjacent to the Rainbow Bookshop, Swindon centre)

Sunday 29th April 2018

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 13th May 2018

Archdeacon's visitation to Swindon

at St Paul's Church

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*

Christine & Kathy

St Paul's Floor and Partition Screen – Update

The new partition has been installed at St Paul's, and the new floor in the hall is due to be completed by the time you read this. We have received many positive comments about the floor and partition, and in order to look forward to many years of service in the life of the church, ask you please to observe the following new commandments we give unto you (you already know the first two: 1. Love the Lord your God ... 2. Love your neighbor ...):

3. DO NOT DRAG chairs and tables etc. across the new floor
4. DO NOT STICK anything to the new partition

The new partition incorporates a locking mechanism that helps provide sturdiness and improved sound insulation. It also provides flexibility as to how we use the church and hall, either separately or together. If you or your group would like to have the partition set in a different way to the normal (closed) position, please do let one of the stewards or our Centre Administrator, Tania, know in advance so that this can be arranged, or instruction given.

Finally, we are of course aware that the work is not yet complete. The organ is due to be re-installed in mid-August, followed by the re-installation of the radiators. We have still to decorate the frame surrounding the partition, and tidy up loose ends etc. There are also more general decoration and maintenance items which it has not been possible to do within the tight timescales we have been working to, but hope that with offers of help we will be able to address these going forward. Finally our thanks to everyone who has helped in any way, but particularly to Tony and Diane.

Andrew Wigley



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*