



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



<b>Services Sunday 24th September 2017 - Trinity 15</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
10.30am	Sunday School for All <i>"The Reformation"</i>	Rev'ds Trudie & Andrew Wigley
Breakfast will be available from 9:45am		
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
<b>Welcome to the Dorcan Church.</b> <b>If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.</b> <b>Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.</b>		

What's on this week -		
Monday 25th Sept.	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 26th Sept.	1:30pm 2.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Christian Union at Dorcan Academy Senior Citizens Harvest Festival Men's Fellowship Group at 44 Ecklington, Eldene Ministry team meeting, Venue TBC
Wednesday 27th Sept.	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea & Toast, St Tim's - including. Macmillan Coffee Morning Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 28th Sept.	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
Saturday 30th Sept.	10.30am All day	Tear Fund Cake and coffee morning, St Pauls Methodist Local Preacher training day, Pewsey

### Services - Sunday 1st October 2017 - Trinity 16

#### St. Paul's

**10.30am** United Holy Communion                      Alex Scott  
And Rev'd Trudie Wigley

We will also be giving thanks for baby Nana during the service. Eric and Margaret are regulars at St Paul's and we look forward to celebrating the arriving of Nana with them.

*Welcome:* Anna & Brian, *Teas:* Cathy & Friends,

*Sunday Club:* tba, *Creche:* Sue and Nicki,

**Prayer board and basket at St Paul's:** Following our building work we are now all organized again so don't forget to add your prayers, and prayers answered, to the board. Also, the prayer basket is by the door for you to write a prayer and for any of us to pick it up and commit to pray for over the next week. Happy praying!

### **Harvest – 8<sup>th</sup> October:**

We will be giving thanks and celebrating Harvest across all our services on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

This year, due to practicalities of getting fresh produce to Women's Aid, ECC suggest food offerings of dry and long-life goods only, to be shared between Foodbank and Big Breakfast (as usual) with a financial offering instead for Women's Aid. This is only 2 weeks' away and we look forward to celebrating God's provision this Harvest-time.

For your prayers:

- For +Mike and Anthea on his retirement, and giving thanks for his ministry
- Those affected by the Earthquake in Mexico, and the hurricanes in Caribbean & Bahamas
- The business and all those who work on Dorcan Industrial Estate.
- Chaplaincies and Christian Unions in further education, thinking particularly of Swindon College, New College and Dorcan Academy
- Those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who have lost loved ones.

**Thankyou for your prayers** for my weekend away at the start of my LLM formation year. It was a really positive start and a good opportunity to bond together as a group.

Special thanks to those who have asked and expressed their support since too. I really appreciate you and feel blessed to be part of the family at Dorcan.

Thank you, *Sue*

**Stewardship tokens for offertory during services:** Firstly, thank you for your continuing financial stewardship for God's mission and ministry in this place and community. Your support enables us to continue, and grow, in all that we currently do, and to start new things. We all give in a variety of ways whether into the plate, by envelope or electronically each month, and we give thanks for our offerings at each service.

Following feedback, for those who give electronically, there is now an opportunity to place a token in the offertory plate each week as a symbol of your giving if you would like to. From next week, in both centres as you come into the service there will be a small basket with two different tokens in it – one for the *Parish Giving Scheme* (the new direct debit scheme) and one for existing *Standing Orders*. If you would like to, please take one of the tokens and then place it in the offertory plate as it comes near you. We trust that this is a helpful way to mark our electronic giving for those who would like to. Thank you again for your continuing support and your commitment to our recent *Giving in Grace* stewardship programme.

**Friday 13th October – an evening with Geraldine Latty and Paul Field:** these two well-known singer songwriters have penned and performed a number of well-known Christian songs and they are coming to Swindon in October. Tickets are £12 for an evening with them at St Joseph's College on Friday 13th October. Call 01793 714608 for tickets or email [venuehire@stjosephsenterprises.net](mailto:venuehire@stjosephsenterprises.net)

A steering group has been put together with the aim of setting up a chaplaincy to the Swindon Law courts. The details are below and if you feel this is something you could help with, then please contact Martyn:

**CHAPLAINCY TO THE SWINDON LAW COURTS**

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday Morning ? Would you like to help provide free, independent and confidential support and help to all court users and court staff in the Swindon Magistrates' Court and Swindon Combined Court ?

We are in the process of setting up a Court Chaplaincy service and are looking for Volunteers to join us. Full training will be given.

We are also hoping to re-open the café in the Magistrates' Court serving tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits, cake and pastries (not hot food)

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact: Martyn Cook

TEL : 01793 825535 / Email : [martyn@thecookhouse.org](mailto:martyn@thecookhouse.org)

**Legal notice  
relating to a “Pastoral Reorganisation” of Dorcan Parish:**

In both centres there is a notice on the boards entitled “*Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 – Draft pastoral Scheme*”. These are required public notices in relation to two items. Firstly, it is proposed that there is a transfer of land to and from our neighbouring parish of Stratton St Margaret. These are changes to boundaries of the two parishes and relate to small pockets of land (some with a few houses on) which are helpful to transfer in the light of the new Oakley Park estate and the course of the River Cole.

Secondly, the proposal is to “*terminate the team ministry in the benefice of Dorcan*”. This has nothing to do with how we work in practice (e.g. the ministry team of clergy and lay), but is a legal position that goes back to the days where there was one priest dedicated to one church. For example, in our benefice with originally 3 centres at Covingham, Liden and Eldene (and another one pondered over in Nythe), these 4 areas would originally have been envisaged to have had a full time priest in each area. Legally to enable this within one benefice (Dorcan is one benefice) a legal “team ministry” was set up allowing a priest incumbent in each of the 4 areas, with one of those incumbents overall holding the office of benefice incumbent. This person would be known as a Team Rector, and the other clergy as Team Vicars. With changes to resources a priest for each of these 4 areas is no longer viable, a position reflected across the Church of England, and therefore many team ministries in the legal sense are being “tidied up” legally by being disbanded. This makes no difference to the resourcing at Dorcan benefice or how we currently work in practice.

ECC have already considered and voted unanimously on these matters, however the notices are required so that anyone in the parish may view and comment on the proposals. If you have questions and would like to see the proposals then please ask either of our Churchwardens or myself. With thanks.

*Trudie*

## **The next Bishop of Bristol**

### **Getting involved in the process of appointing the next bishop**

You will be aware that +Mike is retiring at the end of September and we thank him for his ministry and pray for him and Anthea as he steps down. We are all invited to become involved in the process of appointing the next bishop and below is how we might take part. If you would like to discuss anything with a member of the vacancy committee, please contact Oliver Home (oliver.home@bristoldiocese.org) who will be able to put you in touch with the relevant person. The diocese wants this consultation to be had as widely as possible so please do get involved.

#### **Pray:**

- ◆ Give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Mike;
- ◆ Pray for Bishop Lee and the diocesan team during the period of vacancy
- ◆ Ask for wisdom and discernment for all those involved in the process
- ◆ Pray for the person who is chosen to take on the role.

**Attend an open meeting:** come and share your views in a meeting across the deaneries in September and October. Our nearest one is in Swindon on 5th October 7:30 at Toothill Church, West Swindon.

**Submit your views online:** This form will be available from the beginning of September, and can be completed by individuals and groups. It will focus on two areas for comment:

What difference do you want the next Bishop of Bristol to make?

What qualities would you like to see in the next Bishop of Bristol?

## **Dorcan Church Website**

In preparation for updating the church website some maintenance work is being carried out. Please update any book mark you have to our published web address: <http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/> Anything else may disappear over the next couple of weeks.

We are looking at how we might improve our website so if you have any ideas please e-mail them to [webmaster@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@dorcanchurch.org.uk).

*Tony Prichard*

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.

We are fundraising for people living in poverty in Malawi  
who are struggling to grow a harvest due to drought.

We would appreciate contributions of cakes,  
items for a nearly new stall, books, CDs etc.

We would also be grateful for any offers of help on the day.

Monetary donations also welcome

So come and join us and find out more about TEAR FUND.

Look Forward to seeing you there.

*Christine & Kathy*

**New Faith room at Dorcan Academy:** Working in partnership with Swindon Youth for Christ (SYFC), a new faith room is being launched at Dorcan Academy at the end of this month. Please do pray for Ben from SYFC who is getting it off the ground and Rob and Trudie who will joining him on Tuesday afternoons to lead a new Christian Union.

### **ADVENT CALENDARS**

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by award winning artist, Alida Massari. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas.

**Meaningful features** - Behind each of the 25 windows there is a line from the Christmas story with a high quality colour picture - Foiled for freshness - 25 Festive Fairtrade chocolates made from our improved Fairtrade blend-35% cocoa - Palm oil free - Charitable donation - Recyclable box and tray - Made, designed and produced in the UK.

I will be placing the combined order from the Church on Monday 30th October so I MUST have your order by Sunday 29th. I will arrange for sign up sheets in both St Pauls and St Tims. I would aim to distribute them at the Christmas Fayre. The Advent Calendars are £3.99 each. The same company are also selling Christmas Crackers (£9.99 a box or 6) and Angels for hanging on your Christmas tree (£3.99 per box but have to be ordered by case of 18 boxes) please see me if you are

interested in these as well. More details can be found at their website,

<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>

## **TWO MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS**



1. On Wednesday **27th September** we are hosting a "Macmillan world's biggest coffee morning" event alongside our usual Tea and toast drop in group. All welcome to come and join us at St Tim's from 8.45-10.30am for coffee and cake with all proceeds going to Macmillan. Any donations of cake (homemade or bought) would be gratefully received.  
Thank you, *Helen, Hazel, Elizabeth and Mari*
2. We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday **7th of October** at St. Tims from 10am until midday. There will be a cake and produce stall and a stall for other, saleable small items.

Many thanks, *Sarah Paterson*

## **LINK TO HOPE [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)**

Shoe boxes will be collected and blessed at both centres on November 5th after which they will be sorted in Worthing and will be going to Ukraine, Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania.

Please pick up a leaflet and read it and decide to send it to either an elderly person or a family. Tick what's included in the box on page 2 of leaflet and sellotape it to the box along the red colour, folded with your £2 transport donation on the leaflet on top.

Please put unwrapped sweets into a plastic bag, and any liquid bottles or sachets in another bag so it protects the other items in boxes.

There a few knitted children's hats at St Paul's church.

Knitters please note homemade knee blankets and or little soft stuffed toys can be given separately to be used as packing between boxes.

If anyone wants to contribute small items and not a filled box please bring them to either church or give them to Christine Parsons, Paul Tayler or Clare Smith.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by Thursday 28th September - Tel 695698  
or e.mail [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.

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