



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

Welcome to the Smith family! Rev'd Rob, Kath, Holly and Eliana



*° Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and
anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
(Matthew 10:40)*

Services Sunday 2nd July, 2017 Trinity 3

St. Paul's

10.30am United Holy Communion

Rev'ds Trudie
& Andrew Wigley

It is a pleasure to welcome The Smith family to The Dorcan church following Rob's ordination yesterday. It is great to have Rob, Kath, Holly and Eliana with us as part of the Dorcan family. Service followed by celebratory cake and welcome lunch.. (N.B. No crèche this week)

St. Albans Cathedral

11:15am Ordination of Rev'd Nathan Mulcock

**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.**

What's on this week -		
Monday 3rd July	2-4.00pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 4th July	1.00pm 3.00pm	It's your move, Covingham Finance Committee, Vestry
Wednesday 5th July	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 6th July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
Friday 7th July	1.30pm	Eldene School at St. Tim's

Services Sunday 9th July, 2017 - Trinity 4		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
Welcome: <i>Anna & Brian</i> , Teas: <i>Rosemary & Amy</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Mary & Nikki</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Rob Smith and Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Prayers for this week -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revd Rob, Kath, Holly and Eliana following Rob's ordination yesterday and as they settle into Swindon • Rev Nathan Mulcock and the church where he will serve following his ordination today • Our local schools – Covingham, Nythe, Eldene, Liden, Chalet, Nylands, Dorcan Academy • All those taking exams at this time • Our government, that they may lead wisely and for the common good • Those who are unwell, whether in body, mind or spirit • Those recently bereaved

Spree weekend not going ahead 7-9th July:

With disappointment, we have had to make the decision to cancel our weekend away to Spree. Following recent news of Pete's surgery for cancer, this means both he and Deb are unable to go, and we were unable to ensure we had enough leaders who have the necessary safeguarding training and recruitment and who were available at short notice. This decision was not taken lightly and we are disappointed, but it is the right decision in the circumstances.

We shared with the children last Sunday and they were amazing - rather than focusing on their disappointment they were far more concerned for Pete, Deb and the family and they prayed for them. Our youngsters are special young people and their reaction shows how important we all are as supportive church family – both young and old. We are very proud of them and who they are.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Spree - the proceeds from the cake sale will either be used for next year's Spree or a fun day out instead, and to those who made additional contributions thank you for allowing these to be used for next year. Spree have kindly agreed refunds of our entrance fee and parents will receive refunds in due course.

Please pray for our youngsters and also for Pete, Deb and the family. Thank you.

Trudie



MASSIVE THANK YOU! A fortnight ago we marked the close of our recent focus on the “*Giving with Grace*” discipleship series. Thank you for all your responses, and it is not too late to make yours if you haven’t already done so.

Each person will be personally thanked, and in due course, when our Treasurer has collated all our responses, we will share our collective response to encourage us all. Thank you for your commitment to this discipleship series - the parables have not always made for easy listening, but thank you for your thoughtfulness, prayer and response for which we give thanks for today.

For your information: a number of people have expressed interest in the **new direct debit scheme which is called the *Parish Giving Scheme***. There are packs in both centres for you to take if you are interested in looking at this and Tony can answer any questions you may have.

Prayer evening for East Swindon - Monday 17th July:

This is being arranged by “*Good News for Swindon*”, an alliance of evangelical churches, who are seeking to work together across Swindon. The evening is being hosted at Gateway Church East (Dorcan Academy) – time to be confirmed – and will have a focus on praying for East Swindon.

A group of us are going from Dorcan Church and we will be sharing all that God is doing. All are welcome to attend and if you’d like more information then please speak with Trudie 326128.

Saturday 15th July - Tea and Cake

You are invited to join me to celebrate my 80th birthday at St. Paul's Church Centre. Please drop in any time between 3.00 and 5.00 p.m. There is no charge but donations for Guide Dogs for the Blind are always welcome.

Joan McCann

St Paul's Floor and Partition Screen – Update

The new floor is now laid in the Chapel at St Paul's, and very fine it looks too! Installation of the new Partition Screen has been delayed—new date to follow, The floor in the hall will be installed from Monday 17th July for about two weeks .

In order to ensure that the new floor and partition serve us well for many years, PLEASE observe the following:

- Do not DRAG anything across the new floor
- Do not STICK anything to the new partition screen

Finally, the new Partition Screen will consist of 10 interlocking panels which will also be secured top and bottom by extensions which are operated by a winding mechanism, offering stability and improved sound insulation. The new partition should only be opened or closed under the supervision of those who are familiar with the locking and winding mechanism, i.e. one of Tony, Diane, John, Chris or Josh.

The partition will normally be kept in the closed position, so if you need the partition to be opened, or kept partly open, for a particular event, please do speak in advance to Diane or one of the stewards at St Paul's.

With our thanks to everyone involved, and particularly to Tony and Diane.

Andrew Wigley

Anglican-Methodist Covenant:

There was exciting news this week that, after 200 years of separation, the Anglican and Methodist churches are looking to move further together and to be in “full communion”, enabling formal recognition, acceptance and interchangeability of respective ministries, and also unlocking possibilities where present rules divide us.

Here at Dorcan church we have been living out our unity “on the ground” for over 50 years, yet this recent proposal is an encouraging step change in the thinking and processes for us to be formally and legally be reunited as one church. Praise God!

Library developments:

At ECC last week, it was shared that the newly created library trust would take over the service from 1st September, based on a similar level of service as today – that is 15 hours a week. ECC therefore agreed in principle to a new hire agreement with the trust. ECC also agreed to work with trust to look at extended opening hours via the future provision of self-service access during unstaffed hours which may, for example, require changes to the building.

We are very grateful to Chris Smith for his work on our behalf with the new library trust and please do pray for him and that, together with the community, we can keep our library open to all.

Future dates for the diary as at July 17

Saturday 1st July 2017

Ordination to Deacon of Rev. Rob Smith - Bristol Cathedral

Sunday 2nd July 2017

United Service of Communion with welcome to The Smith Family
Followed by welcome lunch in Church Centre

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Ordination to Deacon of Rev. Nathan Mulcock
Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Albans

8th July 2017

Safeguarding Leadership Training 10am - 1pm St. Paul's

12th September 2017

Joint lay and clergy chapter

Tuesday 19th September 2017

Responding to Domestic Abuse Training 10am-1pm St. Paul's

Saturday 14th October 2017

Parish Officer Training Morning, Sheldon School, Chippenham
SN14 6HJ

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St. Aldhelm
(Adjacent to Rainbow bookshop, Swindon Centre)

Sunday 13th May 2018

Archdeacon's visitation to Swindon at St. Paul's Church

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
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Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail