

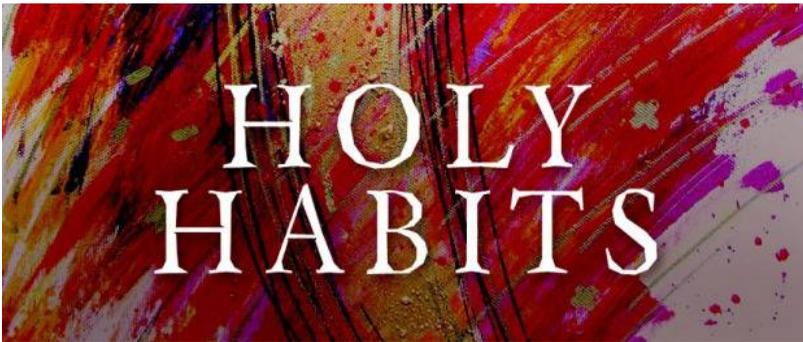


St. Paul's Covingham
 St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

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

"Eating Together"

...they broke bread at home and **ate their food** with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.
 Acts 2: 42-47



Services - 2nd September 2018

St. Paul's

10.00am

United Service
 With Communion and opportunity
 for prayer ministry after the service

Rev'd Trudie Wigley
 and Alex Scott

Followed by "eating together" over a shared lunch, kindly co-ordinated by Pauline Bates and Angela Davidson. Do stay and enjoy together!

Welcome: *Joy & Angie*, Teas: *Janice & Jan*, Sunday Club: *tbc*, Creche: *Sue & Anna*

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 next week -		
Monday 3rd Sept.	7.30pm	Ministry team, 11 Merlin Way
Tuesday 4th Sept.	8.00am 9.00am	Deanery Leadership Team, snug Morning Prayers - St. Paul's chapel
Wednesday 5th Sept.	9.00am 7.00pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Generous Giving seminar, Christ Church. All welcome.
Thursday 6th Sept.	9.30am 7.30pm 8-9.00pm	Holy Communion, St. Tim's Jack & Hannah Newton's welcome service as circuit youth and families' workers, Lyneham Methodist Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Saturday 8th Sept.	All Day All Day	All day Wiltshire "Ride & Stride", raising funds for Wiltshire Historical churches Trust and local churches. Go for it John Davidson! Methodist Synod, Kingswood School

Services - 9th September		
St. Paul's		
7.45am	Meet to walk to Dorcan way for Marathon	
4.00pm	United service with communion (tea & praise style) Welcome: <i>John & Joan</i>	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Services - 16th September		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith
Welcome: <i>Pam & Friend</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy's Group</i> , Sunday Club: <i>tbc</i> , Creche: <i>None</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler

For your prayers this week:

- Students, teachers and staff as they return to school, college & university
- Those returning from holiday and those going on holiday
- The runners as they prepare for the Swindon half Marathon next Sunday
- For wisdom and compassion for world leaders
- For our local businesses and services

Note from Jackie Hancock regarding a Change to the Church Office
Opening times

With effect from the week commencing 17th September the Church Office at St Paul's will be open for Parish Enquiries on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9am and 1pm. In addition to these times I will continue to work the rest of my hours on a flexible basis appropriate to workloads and meetings.

My contact details:

Telephone 01793 435987 or email dorcan.church.office@gmail.com.

Jackie Hancock, Church Administrator

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride & Stride 2018

This event takes place on September 8th, I will again be cycling on behalf of the Trust, and the Dorcan Church. If you would like to support me by sponsorship, there will be a sponsor form in both centres, later in August, or you may donate
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Davidson12>

Many thanks, *John*

Times of services St Paul's: From 16th September will be reverting to 8:45am every other week and 10:30am each week at St Paul's. Our morning services on 16th September will therefore be 8:45 Holy Communion with Rev Trudie Wigley and 10:30am Morning Worship with Revd Rob Smith. St Timothy's continues at 10:30am as usual, with morning worship with Paul Taylor.

HOLY HABITS

Today we launch "Holy Habits" the discipleship journey we will be taking over the next two years. Leaflets about Holy habits are still available in both centres so do take one to find out more!

Our first habit – Eating Together: Today we will start by looking at the first habit which is "Eating Together" and which we will continue to explore for September and October. House groups, children's groups, Tiny Tots, Messy Church, and many of our activities will be exploring Holy Habits in their own way so as a church we will be journeying together and look forward to what God may say to us. The idea is that we don't just leave one habit after two months and then move onto the next one, but to embed it within our ongoing church life and our discipleship. At a church-wide gathering in July, here are some of the ideas the group came up with to keep "Eating Together" part of our ongoing discipleship habits:

Food festival *Sunday lunch hospitality rota*
Possibilities around harvest *Passover meal*
Bring and share after each united
Inviting people over for afternoon tea and cake-
Lunch to celebrate Sue's licensing on 23/9
Safari supper (enjoyed in past!)

None of these will happen without all of us making it happen, so please do think about what you might be able to do to make some of these ideas a reality.

Going forward: When we met in July, we agreed to meet every 4 months to explore ideas for the next two holy habits. Therefore we will be meeting on 11th September at 7pm at St Paul's to look at worship and prayer. This will last for an hour to enable other groups to continue later in the evening.

Thank you for exploring holy habits together as God's church. We are invited on this journey and we are expectant as to where God may take us as we go forward. Thank you.



**24th November
11.30am - 1.30pm**

At this stage we need offers of help on the day and fresh ideas for stalls.

Donations nearer the time.

Thanks, Angela

The Wednesday home group need your unwanted **soft toys** for a tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre. This is always popular with the children and they win a prize every time. Please ask your family and friends and pass donations to Brenda or Stuart Fisher after a service or we can collect. Tel. 497169



Come and cheer on the Marathon runners! Whilst we have just been advised that there is not an aid station in the parish this year due to cost, we will still be shouting on the runners together with Gateway East church! We will be setting on the north bound side of Dorcan Road somewhere between

Morrisons and the traffic lights. so come and find us and join us for 8am or meet at the church at 7:45am and walk up together. We expect runners to come through from 8:10am to 9:45am with the north bound road to be opened from around 10:30am (the south bound will be opened throughout). Come and support the runners and this great event for Swindon!



Sue Morgans Licensing as a Lay Reader

We are delighted to share that, having completed her studies and training, ECC have joyfully recommended that Sue be licensed as a Lay Minister.

This is great news and we thank Sue for her ministry amongst us and we look forward to all that lies ahead!

Sue will be licensed on Saturday 22nd September at 10:30am at Bristol Cathedral. All are welcome and those who have booked to go on the coach have been contacted by Jackie will details of arrangements.

On **Sunday 23rd September 10:30am St Paul's**, we will be marking Sue licensing and she will be preaching. We will be following this with a celebratory lunch – more details to follow!

We would also like to present Sue with a gift:

In both centres there is an envelope if you would like to make an offering towards a present for Sue. We will do some enquiries into what Sue might like and share in due course what we give to her.

Volunteers needed - Swindon Night Shelter

The shelter provides a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable people in our town. If you could spare some time to work for this charity or would like to know more please contact using the web site.

<http://www.swindonnightshelter.uk/>

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 5th September**. Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email