



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

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 5th July, 2015

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
 according to his power that is at work within us,  
 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
 for ever and ever! Amen.”*  
 Ephesians 3:20-21

## SERVICES - 5th July

### St. Paul's

10.30am

United Holy Communion

Rev'd Trudie Wigley  
 Rev'd Andrew Wigley

**Our youngsters will be holding a cake sale** after the united service on July 5th to raise money towards their weekend at Spree!  
 Please generously support! Thanks *Deb and Hannah*.

**Spree weekend: 10-12<sup>th</sup> July:** Please do pray for our children, young people and leaders as they enjoy a weekend at Spree. Please pray for safe travels, that the weekend may be a special time with God, and for loads of fun and laughter!

### Lectionary Readings -

5th July

2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10  
 Psalm 48

2 Cor. 12: 2-10  
 Mark 6: 1-13

12th July

2 Sam. 6: 1-5, 12b - 19  
 Psalm 24

Eph. 1: 3-14  
 Mark 6: 14-29

19th July

2 Sam. 7: 1-14a  
 Psalm 89: 20-37

Eph. 2: 11-22  
 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

### 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.

**PLEASE NOTE**

that due to holidays the next notices will be published on the 26th July. Items for inclusion should be with me by the 23rd July please. *Anna*

**SERVICES FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS****12th July**

<b>St. Paul's</b>	8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
	4.00pm	Service of Praise	

<b>St. Tim's</b>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
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**19th July**

<b>St. Paul's</b>	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
	4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team!

<b>St. Tim's</b>	10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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**26th July**

<b>St. Paul's</b>	10.30am	Baptism	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
	6.00pm	Evening Service Prior to Holiday Club	Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Rev'd Andrew Wigley

<b>St. Tim's</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
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***The Revd Stuart Fisher******Licensing as Associate Local Minister (OLM)***

We are pleased to share that Stuart will be licensed as an Associate Local Minister on Thursday 23th July at the Diocesan Offices in Bristol. This is a special occasion as it marks the completion of his curacy which Stuart has committed to over the last years, alongside his full time employment. Stuart will be licensed to continue to serve locally to Dorcan, as well as in the wider deanery on an occasional basis.

The licensing will take place in a gathering with Brenda and a number of fellow colleagues, and as a church we too will be celebrating this good news. We thank Stuart for his continuing ministry amongst us, and we all pass on our congratulations and best wishes. *Trudie Wigley*

**What's on during the next three weeks -**

	<b>w/c 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Monday	2:30pm Thanksgiving for the life of Bob Poole 7:30pm Ministry team at Merlin Way
Tuesday	7pm in:School "thank you" meal St Pauls (Cancelled) 7pm Evening Prayer at St Pauls
Wednesday	5pm Confirmation practice at St Pauls
Thursday	9:30am Communion at St Tims
Friday	-
Saturday	1:30pm Wedding of Ricky & Kelly (St Margaret's) Children and young people at Spree
	<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Monday	7:30pm Ecumenical Confirmation at St Paul's
Tuesday	7pm Evening Prayer at St Tim's 7:30pm ECC at St Tim's 7.30pm Men's Fellowship Group - Hatherly Road, Nythe
Wednesday	10-12:30 Chapter at St Aldelm's 7:30pm Swindon Churches Together
Thursday	9:30 Communion at St Pauls All day East Cluster Diocesan review
Friday	2-4pm The Friday Club at St. Paul's - PCSO Sam Walsh will be talking about his job and how the police can help us.
Saturday	X:cite 6-8pm at St Pauls
	<b>w/c 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Monday	7:30pm Ministry team at Sutton Road
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayers at St Pauls 3pm in:School meeting at Merlin Way 7pm Evening Prayer at St Tim's
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Thursday	9:30am Communion at ST Tim's 7:30 Licensing of Revd Stuart Fisher at Diocesan offices.

**Diocesan Strategy 2016-2018:** This Spring, the Bristol Diocese shared an initial draft outline of a proposed strategy for 2016-2018. The strategy highlights the need to proclaim the gospel in this generation, recognising that many church congregations have an absence of people aged 10-40s and also do not reflect their community cross-section. The report highlights some of the challenges we face in both modern culture and church culture, and looks at the possibility of setting up large missional areas to focus on growth and poorer areas, as well as sharing resources and energy within these areas.

At this stage, whether a missional area is set up geographically or based on context is unclear. The strategy has been discussed at Diocesan Synod, Deanery Synod and with clergy and your ECC and ministry team will be sharing their thoughts over the next few months to feed back.

The strategy is still in the stage of adding detail and we are assured that this is a draft strategy and is evolving and will be shaped by our comments. A fuller paper will be released at the end of June which will set out the strategy in more detail, and provide some supporting papers. I will let you have the link when it is released.

This is an important time for setting the outlook for the next few years, and we can all have our say. Below are links to the diocesan website outlining the most pertinent papers which have been released, and please do take a look and consider your response. Diane Killick and Trudie Wigley are both on Diocesan synod and will be voting on this in September, and Trudie Wigley is also now on the Deanery leadership Team. We have a good opportunity to ensure our voice is heard and to shape the ongoing strategy, so please do share your insights and wisdom with any member of ECC, ministry team or the Churchwardens. Thank you.

***Draft outline strategy:***

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Draft-Outline-Strategy-2016-18.pdf>

***Progress report:***

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/2-Diocesan-Strategy-2016-18-progress-16.5.16.pdf>

***Initial Consultation Feedback:***

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/2-Strategy-Initial-Consultation-report-16.5.15.pdf>

**Welcome to Jackie Hancock:**

We extend a warm welcome to Jackie who starts this week on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July as the church administrator. A number of you met Jackie and her husband Trevor at the summer fayre, and she looks forward to joining us.

Jackie will be with us for 12 hours Wednesday - Friday mornings, so please do pop in and say "hello" if you are passing or in the centre. Welcome Jackie!

### **Dorcan Senior Citizens**

This group has met in St Paul's hall for a good many years, enjoyed entertainment, gone on holidays and day trips - but unless some one will take on the reigns, it will all finish when Ted Ballinger, who has done an incredible job, steps down in October.

Is this something you could help with, do you know someone who would like to assist?? Please think carefully, and pray.

Please contact either myself or Ted for further information.

*Diane 336420      Ted Ballinger 495097*

### **Baptism and Confirmation service – Monday 13th July:**

This year we are looking forward to hosting the Ecumenical service at 7:30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at St Pauls where candidates from a number of ecumenical partnerships across Swindon will be either baptised, confirmed or re-affirm their baptismal vows. Please do pray for all the candidates, and for our friends from Dorcan – for Anne, Tilly, Ben and Tammy who will be confirmed (with Tammy and Ben also being baptised) and for Mo and Marc who will be re-affirming their baptism vows. We pray for all the candidates and ourselves as a church as we prepare for this special evening.

### **Confirmation practice – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – could you help provide a meal please?**

All the candidates who will be baptised, confirmed or renewing their vows in July, will be coming to St Paul's for a practice on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. After our run through of the service, we thought it would be a special time to have a meal together and a time of fellowship ahead of the actual confirmation evening on 13<sup>th</sup> July. We are likely to finish by 6pm and would anyone please be able to help provide a meal in support of the candidates? We are looking at around 16 people. If you are able to offer to help, please could you have a chat with Trudie Wigley

**Thank you** to all those who generously sponsored me for 'Walk a Mile in My Shoes' around the town centre at the end of Carers Week. I raised £188 in sponsorship & I made it up to £200 with some money I had for my birthday.

If you are a 'voluntary' carer for anyone - family friend or neighbour - who has a long term, or life threatening illness the Swindon Carers Centre is there for us & can be contacted on Swindon 531133 or speak to me. Elizabeth Hogg 497910

**Reverend Andrew Wigley** has applied for renewal of his appointment to North Wiltshire Circuit for a further 5 years from September 2016.

If you have any comments, observations, or relevant issues regarding this extension, please contact Viv Craig / Diane Killick personally or by email by

## All are invited to “Building God’s House” – Saturday 26th September.

A day for the whole church to gather together to

- **Express** our hopes and dreams for the future of the Dorcan Church
- **Share** where we see God at work in his church and the community
- **Develop** plans together for the next phase of the building of the life of the church and its outreach to the community
- **Commit** ourselves afresh to being and sharing the Good News for all God’s People



Please put the date in your diary as we hope that many of you will want to take part in this.

Over the coming weeks and months, the Ministry Team will be inviting you to share your thoughts in preparation for this day through some displays that have been put up in the two centres. Do pick up a leaflet which explains what it is all about, and please start thinking about what you would like to write on the various coloured stickies and in the folder. **What is your picture of the house that God is calling us to build?** Your ministry team values your reflection and thoughts so please do let us know what you think because it will help us plan effectively for September.

### “Building God’s House” – prayerful preparation

Prayer is the foundation for building the picture of what God is calling us to do and be in Dorcan. For this month of July, our second prayer card has been produced so please do take a copy. You will see that there are a number of opportunities to pray to help us listen to God.

**Tuesday prayers:** Starting 7<sup>th</sup> July, on every Tuesday until our away-day, Evening prayer will be offered at St Tim’s led by a variety of people, including the ministry team and cell groups. We will also be holding Morning prayer at 9am at St Pauls, on occasions. The dates are displayed in the monthly prayer card and also on posters in the two centres. Please do join us.

**Thursdays at 9pm:** We are all invited to take a few minutes out from whatever we are doing, and wherever we are, to join in spirit together to pray for Dorcan. This is something we can all do, even when we may not be physically together. Please do join in this wave of prayer.

We do pray that as many of us as possible will join in prayerful preparation as to look forward and plan for our away-day.

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 email)