



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



"Breaking Bread"
July and August 2019

Bible verse for July
"...The solid foundation that God has laid cannot be shaken;
and on it are written these words:
"The Lord knows those who are his" "
2Timothy 2: 19a

as shared by one of our youngsters, Grace Wigley

Services 7th July 2019 - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul's *"Our youngsters will be starting in the service this morning
so please don't go to your groups yet!
This is a change from usual practice in a communion service"*

10.30am United Holy Communion The Ven. Christopher Bryan
and Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: Hazel & Janice, Teas: *Cathy's Group*, Sunday Club: *Deb & Helen*, Creche: *Jo & Niki*

1.00pm Baptism of Clara Thompson Rev'd Trudie Wigley

A special day today!

Today we welcome our new archdeacon Ven. Christopher Bryan and look forward to him being with us. It is also a special day as we will be celebrating and giving prayers of thanksgiving for our new banner and look forward to seeing it! And then at 1pm we will be baptising little Clara into the church family – Clara and her mum and dad, Grace and Dale, are members of our church family and we celebrate with them today. **What a day!**

**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.**

For July and August we are focusing on the Holy Habit of “*Breaking Bread*”. We don’t leave behind the other habits we have already explored – Eating Together, Worship, Prayer, Sharing Resource, Biblical teaching – and we continue to build on these.

Part of this building is our continuing commitment to learn a Bible verse each month and the new one for July is shown on the front cover
 - as shared by one of our youngsters, Grace Wigley:

What’s on next week -		
Monday 8th July	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	House Group (Colleen Wiseman), House Group (Alex Scott) Spiritual Gifts course at St Paul’s
Tuesday 9th July	9.00am 10.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul’s Morning Prayers at St. Tim’s Christian Union, Dorcan Academy St Timothy’s ECC House Group (Dianne Lane)
Wednesday 10th July	8.45am 9.00am 1.15pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Tea & Toast at St. Tim’s Tiny Tots at St. Paul’s Tiny Tots at St. Timothy’s Blaze at St Paul’s Beer festival de-brief, Messenger
Thursday 11th July	9.30am 8.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Tim’s Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messenger.
Friday 12th July	7.30 -9.30pm	Synergy at PlayFootball, Kembery Park Swindon, SN2 8HB

Services 14th July 2019 - 4th Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All Age Service	Spree Team !
Welcome: SC/Ignite/Vibe, Teas: <i>Ignite/Vibe</i> , Sunday Club/Creche: <i>All Age Service</i>		
1.00pm	Baptism	Rev'd Rob Smith
4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Rev'd Trudie Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning worship	Sue Morgans
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On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Stuart will be joining Eldene School for their "Sports and Picnic Week" helping with the children and reading stories with them.

Thank you so much for all your financial and prayerful support for our youngsters attending Spree.

We had a fantastic time !!

We would like to invite you to the All age Service on the 14th where we will be sharing what we did and what we learnt!

Deb.

Holy Habits - Puddings and Ponderings:

You will know from previous notices, that a group of us met the week before last and we had a fruitful (and pudding-filled) evening together, thinking ahead to our next two habits of "*Breaking Bread*" and "*Fellowship*".

A booklet will be available either today, or next week, sharing our thoughts and ideas. It was a super evening of eating together, thinking and praying and whilst we were small in number, we agree that it was a special time and we would do it again in four months.

We will therefore be meeting from **7-8:15pm latest on Tuesday 1st October at St Tim's**. Even if puddings aren't your thing, do come to the next one and enjoy the fellowship together and to a part of shaping our future mission and ministry at Dorcan.

Bible verses:

In both centres there are new boards with a title "Bible verses" on it. Please do use this to post up some of your favorite Bible verses to encourage us all to let the word of god dwell richly in us. Cards, pegs and pens are available.

This is a great way that we can "teach" one another.

Beer Festival: What a weekend! A massive thank you to Chris Smith and the amazing team who organised our 2nd beer festival the weekend before last. Saturday was a super day with lots of sunshine and smiles, and the afternoon in particular was buzzing, with great conversations as we made connections with those in our community. The team were amazing and thank you to everyone who worked so hard.

Sunday night was also a time of laughter with Rob's friend Rev John White entertaining us with some comedy and his testimony – all whilst we finished some leftovers! A great weekend and thank you also to church family who came and supported it – even if it wasn't their thing – as this was a great opportunity to get to know our community and reach out to them. Fantastic! *Trudie*

I just want to say **a big thank** you to all of those who helped and supported the beer festival, either by volunteering or by turning up to enjoy the event itself.

We have again raised about £2000 to be shared between the church and library whilst also providing an excellent and fun event for our community. Thanks again. *Chris Smith*

**The Deanery CofE Academy Prayer Day
- Saturday 20th July 9:15am-1:30pm:**

The new Church of England secondary school in Swindon is opening to pupils to September. This new exciting development will be "prayed-in" on Saturday 20th July and we are all invited.

Some of our own children at Dorcan Church will be attending the school so this is an opportunity to support both them and the new school as they open in September.

The event can be booked at the following link as number for lunch would be helpful:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-day-for-the-deanery-ce-academy-tickets-63427215509>

**Dorcan Church
Holiday Club
SIGN UP SIGN UP**

for this years Holiday Club Mega Makers
from Tuesday 30th July - Friday 2nd August.

If you have children in school years 1 - 6 then please pick up a letter, fill it out and sign them up! 10 - 12.30pm

ALSO MORE HELPERS NEEDED! -

I promise you it will be great fun! - more info see Rob



50 Years of The Bristol-Uganda Link

In 1969 two people, the Archbishop of Uganda, The Very Reverend Erica Sabiti, and the Bishop of Bristol, The Right Reverend Oliver Tomkins, began a friendship between the two dioceses that has stood the test of time. The link is not a fund raising organisation more of a friendship. Having said that some churches have identified specific needs and helped raise funds for school toilets etc.

As part of the celebrations The Uganda Fellowship Choir will be visiting Swindon on Saturday October 5th at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Highworth. Look out for more details nearer the day.

Some of you may remember them as the Uganda Youth Fellowship Choir who visited us in May 2012 and were promoted as Uganda Fire.

Last week Janet and I were invited by Bishop Viv to a garden party as part of the celebration of 50 years of the link. We were able to meet up with friends we had made on our trips to Uganda.

Over the years we have remained friends with Duncan Mugume and his family. He came to Swindon as part of an exchange visit and stayed with us. Subsequently our daughter, Sarah, made the return exchange visit. Followed by Janet and myself making several visits over the years. Mavis Mason-Williams has also been a frequent visitor to Uganda.

Duncan and family have expressed a wish to visit us over Christmas 2019. This presents a logistical challenge as there are now six of them and we can only accommodate two. We would be grateful if anyone could help with accommodation.

If you are interested in taking part in a future visit then please get in touch with me. It would be nice if we could make up a party from the Dorcan Church.

Details of our 2017 trip can be found on the Church Website here:

[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/docs/
The Adventures of the Magnificent Seven.pdf](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/files/docs/The_Adventures_of_the_Magnificent_Seven.pdf)

More details about the link can be found on the Diocesan Website
www.bristol.anglican.org/bristol-uganda/

Not too Late to Sponsor Chris

Our very own community centre manager Chris Smith has been embarking on his next mad challenge having recently completed a double marathon. This time he has been helping to raise money for a cause close to our hearts.

He has taken part in the Swindon Youth for Christ 24 hour football marathon - Saturday 6th July from 9.30am onwards at the new Deanery Academy in Wichelstowe. He will have finished this morning at 9.30am !

Youth for Christ are hoping to raise £5000 through this event. If you can support him and the others taking part by sponsoring him you can do this by visiting the Youth for Christ website on the following link - <https://swindon.yfc.co.uk/sponsor-the-team/> alternatively please pop into the office and sign his sponsor form.

If you want to get a bit more involved in the event they are also still looking for people to pay to play too and you can also sign up on the Swindon Youth for Christ website.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 10th July** Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

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