



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



*The Parable
of the Sower*

**Services Sunday 16th July, 2017
Trinity 5**

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	All Age Service	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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**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 17th July	2-4.00pm 7.30pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's Good News for Swindon - prayer evening, Dorcan Academy
Tuesday 18th July	7.30pm	ECC at St. Tim's
Wednesday 19th July	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's NO Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 20th July	9.30am	Morning prayer at St. Paul's
Friday 21st July	2-4pm	Friday Club at St. Paul's - Tea and Cake with Ukuleles !

Services Sunday 23rd July, 2017 - Trinity 6		
St. Paul's		
10.00am	Sunday School for All Please note the earlier time of 10am	Rev'd Trudie & Andrew Wigley
Welcome: <i>Mari/</i> , Teas: <i>Jean & Joan</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Cathy & Jo</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Judy Ashby

Prayers for this week -

- For areas of unrest across the world, and hearts stirred to stop violence
- For those businesses in the parish, thinking especially of those in Dorcan Industrial Estate
- For ECC this week as it meets
- For ourselves that we may be “good soil” as we respond to the seed of god’s love and good news
- Those who are unwell, whether in body, mind or spirit
- Those recently bereaved

“Heaven” - Sunday school for all:

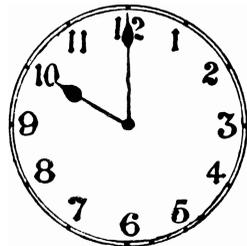
Next week we are holding our quarterly Sunday School for all.

The theme will be “*Where is heaven? (and what about that other place?)*” We will be exploring the Bible, looking at church history, thinking about what our hymns and worship songs say about heaven, and looking at some of the popular thinking in society about heaven.

Not an easy subject, but I’m sure we’ll come away with things to think about and more questions to follow up! Look forward to seeing you.

Time of summer services at St Paul’s:

As of next week (23rd July), we shall be moving to our summer pattern of joint services at St Paul’s starting at 10am.



Our gifts to Revd Rob Smith and Revd Nathan Mulcock:

Thank you for your generosity of gifts to both Rob and Nathan. With your offerings we were able to give them many of the Church of England's "Common Worship" service books that they will need in their ministries, now and in the years to come. These are key texts for clergy and cover all sorts of services such as weddings, funerals, communion, baptism, daily prayer etc. so will be regularly used.

Thank you for enabling us to give these gifts to Rob and Nathan.

Trudie

"Dear all,

Thank you so very much for everything leading up to my ordination. For all those that came to the cathedral, and for the gifts, the cards, and above all the prayers that people have offered. Thank you too for a lifetime of support that has led to this place.

I hope that as I settle into the job, many of the wonderful things that I've learned from St Paul's may be shared in Stevenage.

Thank you all again and with every prayer and blessing from Herts,

Revd (Still seems ridiculous!) Nathan Mulcock."

A big 'Thank You' for all your prayers, cards, gifts and support. They are a great encouragement and assure me that God is with me at this time. I am now home from hospital following my operation but need to take several weeks rest to allow my thigh to heal. I also await test results on tissue samples taken during the operation. These should be available this coming week.

Your continued prayers for Deb, myself and the family would be appreciated at this time. Thanks again.

Pete.

Prayer evening for East Swindon - TOMORROW :

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) – at 7.30pm – 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.

The late Karl Gase

Last year we mourned the loss of Karl, a faithful and regular member of our church family, and husband to Tracy. We were informed that he had left a legacy to the church in his will and this week we received a generous bequest towards the life and work of this church. We are grateful for Karl’s generosity, his membership of this church, and for this offering to a church which he loved and which supported him.

In due course ECC will discuss how best to use this money. In the meantime, we hold Tracy in our prayers and give thanks for the life of Karl.

Sue Morgans – congratulations!

We rejoice with Sue who has been recommended to start training for Licensed Lay Ministry this coming September. Sue has been studying on the Exploring Christianity course and this is the next step in her discernment for possible licensed ministry. Our prayers are with Sue as she makes this next step.

Trudie



AN ENCOURAGING UPDATE

Letters have now been sent to all those who responded to our recent Discipleship series on *Giving with Grace*. A big thank you to everyone for your engagement and commitment to this series. **We are pleased to share that pledges for planned giving have increased by £9,500 per year, an increase of nearly 20%.** This is a wonderful, wonderful response and a huge encouragement to us all. Thank you!

Our ongoing financial giving and this increase does much more than help balance our budget, it enables us to be more financially secure so we can grow both existing and new areas of ministry in God's church. Your giving, both financially, and in many other ways such as through your time, prayerful support, practical help, encouragement, amongst many other areas, makes a real difference to people's lives in this church and the community. A big thank you to you all.

This extended focus on financial stewardship through a programme like *Giving in grace* is something that we look to give time to every 3 years or so. However, every year we will be looking to repeat a gift day (like the one we did last November) to enable us to regularly review our pledge, and will likely be held each Spring. In the meantime, we thank you again for your response and if you would like to discuss any aspect of *Giving in Grace* or the mission and ministry of The Dorcan Church then please do not hesitate to contact Tony Prichard, Treasurer, or a member of the ministry team.

Direct Debit – Parish Giving Scheme:

A little reminder from our lovely Treasurer that if you have moved over to the Direct Debit stewardship giving scheme (called Parish Giving Scheme) then don't forget to cancel your standing orders!

FRIDAY CLUB - Friday 21st July, St. Paul's 2-4pm.

The Friday Club will be meeting at St. Paul's (probably in the Church) to enjoy Tea and Cake, U3Ukes serenades us. All Welcome.

This will be the last meeting before September.

On Saturday the 30th September 2017 at 10.30 St Pauls Church
Members of the Eldene Monday Fellowship will be holding

A BIG BAKE EVENT

In support of Tear Fund.

They are fundraising for people living in poverty in Malawi who are
struggling to grow a harvest due to poor rains?

So come and join us and find out more about who

TEAR FUND is supporting

We will be having a Cake Stall, a Nearly New Stall, second hand stall,
Books and other things to be decided.

We will be pleased to receive any cakes and donation and help

Look Forward to seeing you there.

Christine & Kathy

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.

Hello parents of creche age children

Thank-you for bearing with us during the early days of creche provision at St Pauls

Creche will be provided on 23.7.17. During the Summer holidays there will not be planned provision in the "Snug". However, we will endeavour to have an area with mat and toys in the church.

From September, with the current level of leaders and helpers, we anticipate providing creche in the "snug" on the 1st and 4th Sundays.

Reminders and duty people will be included in the weekly This will be reviewed regularly and increased when more people are able to be involved.

Please feel free to talk to Sue, Nicki or Jan. Ideas always welcome !

Are you called?

We would like to increase the creche provision in the "Snug". To do this we need more leaders and helpers.

Please pray about this and if you feel this is something you would be involved in, please talk to Sue, Nicki or Jan.

We would love to hear from you!
Thankyou.



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God Bless, Sue

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
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