



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

I believe...

...in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
(the Creeds)

Services Sunday 16th October 2016

St. Paul's

9.30am Breakfast and fellowship—just
turn up!

10.30am Sunday School for all (see notice below)
“ I believe.....”
Rev T Wigley,
Rev A Wigley, the Ministry
team, Ignite & Vybe

4pm Messy Church
“The man who wanted bigger
barns” Bring packets of toilet
rolls as our Harvest Offering!
The Team

St Timothy's

10.30am Holy Communion
Rev Sandy Railton

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 - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 17th October	7.30pm	Ministry team meeting at Merlin Way
Tuesday 18th October	AM	Quinquennial inspection at St Tim's
Wednesday 19th October	9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Swindon Churches together at the Willows All Welcome
Thursday 20th October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's (TBC)
Friday 21st October	9.30am	Covingham School Harvest Service at St Paul's

SERVICES 23rd October

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev Stuart Fisher

10.30am Morning Worship Neil Marshall

Welcome: *Maureen/Anna/Brian*, Teas: *Jean/Joan* : Sunday Club: *tba*

St Timothy's

10.30am Morning Worship Paul Tayler

For your prayers:

For world economics, and those who work in and regulate our financial institutions

For talks between Russia and UN regarding Syria

For local businesses and all those who work in this parish

Ourselves, that we may enter a deeper understanding of our faith

All those who are in need of God's healing and peace

All those recently bereaved following the loss of a loved one

Introducing the Safeguarding team! During the united service last week we introduced the safeguarding team and prayed for them and all that they do. The processes and procedures that we are now required to follow can sometimes seem onerous, yet with a team to share and support each other we have a sustainable way forward. The lovely team are:

Recruitment Officer:	Jenny Poole
DBS Officer:	Sue Morgans
Training Officer:	Dianne Lane
Concerns officers (referrals)	Jo Kirkland (particular focus on children ,young people) Dianne Lane (particular focus on vulnerable adults)
Administrator	Jackie Hancock

As a team we have been continuing the great work of Sandra and since the beginning of the year have been looking at our policies and procedures and have updated them in line with recent revised Diocesan and national guidelines. Our paperwork is now of a standard that it is being used as an example to other churches across the diocese, so this is very encouraging for the team. One of the new guidelines is a Code of Conduct and Statement by us as a church. Copies of this were given to everyone last week, but if you missed yours please do grab one and prayerfully read it – it is also displayed in the two church centres. It is helpful in outlining our commitment and gives consideration to how we

A new colleague to join the Dorcan team: Last Sunday we announced the exciting news that a new colleague will be joining us at Dorcan as a training curate. We are delighted to share that Rob Smith will be joining us for 3-4 years after his ordination as Deacon on 1st July 2017. Rob is 33 and married to Kath, and they have a 3 year old daughter Holly, and also a newborn baby who is two weeks old called Eliana Grace.

Rob is currently studying at Trinity College, Bristol, and previous to that was a children and youth worker. Kath works at SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) and will be returning to work post maternity leave. They are a warm and friendly family and as part of the process of “matching” and discerning, they visited Dorcan in August, attending an all age service, seeing the parish and two church centres, and meeting with some of the ministry team. They felt very much at home with us and were encouraged by all that we are doing at Dorcan, and sensed that this was the right place for them for the time of Rob’s training. This is very encouraging news for us all and I’m sure that Rob and the family will be a great blessing to us as he progresses his curate training. Please pray for them as he continues his studies and they prepare to move to



Messy Church training
Saturday 26th November 2016 10-4pm
St Christopher's Church, Brislington, BS4
3HN

Bristol Diocese has teamed up with Messy Church to provide training specifically for Messy Church teams of all sizes and ages to help them become better leaders. Through team-building exercises, leadership theory and reflective practice, the hands-on, fun, fast-moving and action-packed training day gives those aged 9-109 opportunities to understand more of the practicalities of leading a Messy Church, develop teamwork and reflect on their inner relationship with God and those around them. There are also specific workshops for young leaders of ages 9 upwards, so this is a true all age gathering! If you would like

to

The catering team

A big thank you to everyone who has offered to help with the catering at Messy Church. We are delighted to share that we now have an enlarged team with a number of new members so we are hopeful that we will be able to continue with offering a tea, but more volunteers are still very much needed and welcomed to share the roles. Viv Craig is co-ordinating today's Messy (thank you Viv and team) and Clare Smith has offered to co-ordinate the team going forward. So that we can get the team together and talk though how it all may work and how to best co-ordinate it, we suggest a get together at **7:30pm on Thursday 4th November** in the Chapel at St Paul's. We hope as many as possible are able to come, and it will be good to spend some time together as a new team. Thank you to you all for your

Service to pray and commission all those working with Children and young people - Sunday 27 November 3pm St John's Haydon Wick: Bishop Lee is leading this service to pray for all those who work with children and young people across the Swindon Deanery. We are all invited and it would be good if a team of us to go, so please do come. If you would like a lift then contact Trudie (326128).

The Turning Point Trust, Koncert for Kiberia 19 November 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Devizes. Tickets £7 each in aid of Chemi Chemi Ya Tu-

New Years Eve Church Party.

Family fun ,bring and share food
and whatever drink you want to drink.

St Pauls Hall 8pm till 12.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL: TODAY AT ST PAUL'S AT 10:30
Preceded by optional Breakfast at 9:30am**

Sunday School for ALL is an exciting new offering in which we will be offering teaching rather than preaching, along with the opportunity to enter into discussion or to reflect quietly if that is your preference. The first 20 minutes or so will be a period of worship, followed by 40 minutes of teaching and discussion. The children will go to their own Sunday morning activities as usual, so all of us will be in Sunday School! For those who would like to come and share fellowship in breakfast beforehand, there will be bacon and egg rolls, crumpets, toast, fruit etc. served from 9:30am. The reasoning behind this new offering comes from a number of areas: from your responses to the Worship Survey we held in 2014, in which you identified that teaching was the most important aspect of worship that was not being met well; as part of the Discipleship strand of Building God's House; and in response to a growing number of light-hearted comments that we could all benefit from going back to Sunday school! Our plan is to hold this event about once per quarter, starting today. For this first Sunday School for ALL, we will be led through the Creeds, exploring what it means when we say "I believe . . ." It promises to be a stimulating and, we

Rob Parsons – the “Wisdom House”: Rob is chief executive of Care for the Family and a best-selling author. He is coming to Swindon on Tuesday 8th November as part of his “Wisdom House” tour – an evening where he unpacks some lessons of life with stories

Parish officer Training morning Saturday 26th November 9:30-1pm:

This is an excellent Diocese-run morning of talks, seminars and workshops for Churchwardens, ECC Treasurers and Secretaries, ECC members, parish administrators and all church members looking to expand their skills and knowledge. Tony Prichard, our Churchwardens and others have attended in the past and found it informative and a fun morning.

The seminars cover a wide range of topics that will both equip those who attend and also empower the local church. It is held at Sheldon School Chippenham and more information and signing up details can be found at

The Friday Club will be meeting again on the
21st October, from 2-4 at St. Paul's
for a social afternoon.

LINK TO HOPE www.linktohope.co.uk **Collection date 6th Nov**

This year we hope you are planning to fill a shoe box for a family or an elderly person, our boxes are going to one of the following countries; Ukraine, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania. Please pick up a leaflet and read it including the attached notice, Tick what's included in the box on page 2 of leaflet and sellotape it to the box along the red colour. Folded with your £2 transport donation on the leaflet on top. Please put unwrapped sweets into a plastic bag, and any liquid bottles or sachets in another bag to protect other items in boxes. Please bring your boxes to the morning services on the 6th Nov. where we will bless them at St Tim's and St Paul's before being despatched. There are a few boxes and knitted children's hats at St Pauls. Knitters please note home made little soft stuffed toys can be given separately to be used as packing between boxes. If anyone wants to contribute small items and not a filled box

Many thanks for all the Harvest donations which were distributed to Big Breakfast, Foodbank & the Women's Refuge, they were gratefully received. If you are someone who regularly donates to Foodbank, would you please change to toiletries for the immediate future as the stocks of toilet rolls, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shower gel are low. Diane K

Brighter Futures Appeal

We have received a letter of thanks from Brighter Futures, GWH, thanking us for the donation of £500, and saying they have virtually raised half the amount required, and stressing the gratefulness of

Vacancy at St Paul's— we are looking for a reliable and flexible person to clean 9 hours a week term time, and 6 hours a week during school holidays . Please contact Tania for further details on 07939 939893. This vacancy has arisen as sadly Nora will be leaving us at the end of October.

Christmas Fayre 19 November 11am –1.30pm

Yes we are having one! Including: raffle, tombola, bric a brac, toys, cakes, mince pies, games. **Festive fun for all the family!**
Your donations will be very welcome. Diane Killick

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 20th October
Tel: 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail