



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

[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
21st September, 2014

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God’s will for you in Jesus” 1 Thess 5:16

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## **SERVICES - 21st September**

### **St. Paul's**

8.45am	Morning Worship	Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Holy Communion	Trudie Wigley
<i>Sunday Club— (Activity Packs)</i>		
4.00pm	Tea and Worship	T. & A. Wigley

### **St. Tim's**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
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### **Eldene**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Taylor
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Andrew Wigley is at Queens Drive this morning

### **Lectionary Readings**

**Holy Cross Day.** Numbers 21:4-9, Philippians 2:6-11, John 3:13-17

**21st Sept.** Jonah 3: 10-4,11, Psalm 145: 1-8, Phil. 1: 21-30, Matt. 20: 1-16

## **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.**

**SERVICES—** Sept. 28th**St. Paul's**

8.45am	No Service	
<b>10.00am</b>	United Service	Rev Chris Dobson and Revd Trudie Wigley
<b>11.15am</b>	Worship consultation led by Rev Chris Dobson	
<b>1.00pm</b>	Bring and Share lunch (see notice entry)	
<i>Welcome: Rosemary &amp; Amy, Sunday Club: Nathalie &amp; Helen</i>		

**St. Tim's & Eldene**

At St. Paul's

**THIS WEEK—** (Please see group leaders for details of Cell Groups)

Monday 22nd Sept.	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
Tuesday 23rd Sept.	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group at Hatherley Road. Alan is giving a tour of Coventry Cathedral !
Wednesday 24th Sept.	9.30pm 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Worship and mission consultation at St Tim's
Thursday 25th Sept.	9.30pm	Holy Communion at St Pauls (TW)
Saturday 27th Sept.	10 - 12 noon	MacMillan Coffee Morning at St Tims

**Archbishop Justin's visit last weekend:** The Archbishop's visit to the diocese last weekend was a very special time, and he inspired many. In his own words, he was deeply encouraged to be in a diocese with a clear vision and "really motoring". What a wonderful encouragement to us all as we seek confidence in telling God's story, and our story with those in our community. Across all three centres this morning the archbishop will be preaching! We will be sharing his words and thoughts from the cathedral last Sunday on the festival of Holy Cross. He spoke passionately and movingly and I pray that you will be inspired and that God will speak to you through ++Justin's words

## **Worship Consultation -**

**please come along on Sunday 28th Sept, 10am at St Pauls**

At the end of this Sunday's morning services, you will receive a leaflet describing options for a new pattern of worship which will be discussed at the **open consultation next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September after the united service which begins at the earlier time of 10am.**

Do please make every effort to come along, to let your voice be heard, and to hear others' voices. It is vital that your views are expressed so that ECC on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October can make a well-informed decision about a new pattern of worship across all three centres, which is essential for the health and growth of God's church.

Our consultation meetings will be facilitated by Rev Chris Dobson, Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese, and Chris will also be preaching at the United Service. After the consultation meeting on Sunday, there will be a **bring-and-share lunch at 1pm**, so please bring along something to offer, as we continue in fellowship together. There are no particular instructions as to what food to bring (savoury or sweet) – the most important thing is to be there! If you can't make the Sunday consultation, there is another opportunity on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm at St Tim's so that your views can still be expressed.

Over the next few weeks, please do consider the options for worship prayerfully. At the current time, there does not seem to be a simple or easy way forward, and some options may work better for the church as a whole than perhaps for you as an individual. Our prayer for God's church in Dorcan is that we can discern and step forward in faith with God, seeking our common life as part of Christ's body. So please, do come along as we look to the future and give God the glory.

## **For your prayers -**

- For the outworking following the result of the Scottish referendum
- For our three young people who attended the initial information evening on the SYFC Growing Young Leaders course
- For ourselves as we prayerfully and gracefully discern changes to our worship pattern
- For our young adults and their tutors as university terms start over the next couple of weeks
- For those who attended the various outreach event with ++ Justin last weekend, that they will be prompted to explore more of the good news of Jesus
- For the preparation in the deanery for our visitors from Uganda, and particularly Laetitia who will be visiting the cluster.

St. Tim's are holding their annual  
**McMillan Coffee Morning**  
at St. Tim's on Saturday 27th September  
from 10 am until noon.

We should be very grateful for donations  
of cakes, preserves, produce, plants, etc.  
Please support us on that day.



**'Walk with Jesus'. Final date**—The tour operator has given us a  
final date for any bookings and deposits to be with me by Monday  
29<sup>th</sup> September.

Any booking after this date may not be successful in securing a place  
for the tour in February 2015. Many thanks. *Paul*

Church Council has approved our **Harvest donations** to be given to  
Women's Refuge (all fresh items)

Breakfast Club & Foodbank will share all tinned items.

Foodbank have just started a new innovate called 'Cash on a Can' -  
if you would like to participate, just sellotape a coin to your can

Many thanks. *Diane K.*

As part of my fundraising for my internship with Scripture Union I will be  
holding a **cream tea/craft sale on Sunday 5th October** from 3.30pm to  
5.30pm. I do hope you will be able to support me in this venture. Can I  
also say a big thank you to those people who have given money  
anonymously as I am unable to thank you personally. *Hannah*



**WANTED** - Cups and Saucers to make  
into Bird Feeders for the Christmas Fayre.  
*Margaret Hylton (532849)*

## **FOR YOUR DIARIES . . . .**

### ***Wed 24<sup>th</sup> September:***

Worship & mission questionnaire consultation for those unable to make Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Facilitated by The Revd Chris Dobson

### ***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September***

MacMillan Coffee Morning at St Tims 10am - 12 noon

### ***Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September:***

United service at 10am, followed by whole church consultation on worship & mission questionnaire and shared lunch. Facilitated by The Revd Chris Dobson.

<b>10:00 am</b>	United Service led by Rev Chris Dobson
11:15 am	Open Consultation for everyone led by Rev Christ Dobso
13:00 am	Bring and Share lunch

### ***Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:***

“Be the Link”. Bristol diocese’s free interactive day of workshops and advice for anyone interested in exploring how churches can serve their local schools. At Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon

### ***Sun 5<sup>th</sup> October:***

Dorcan’s Harvest celebrations

### ***Sat 11<sup>th</sup> October:***

“One Step Beyond”. Bristol and Bath & Wells diocese hosting a youth and children’s conference.

### ***Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October:***

Visiting guest preacher at 10:30 St Pauls. The Revd Chris Priddy, director of Swindon Youth for Christ.

***Sat 18<sup>th</sup> October:*** Parish Officer Training: making the most of all God’s gifts  
A day to equip us all: churchwardens, treasurers, PCC secretaries, administrators and others. At Sheldon School, Chippenham SN14 6HJ. See Diocesan website.

***31st December:*** advanced warning !

New Year’s Eve Party—more details to follow later. (*Margaret Hylton*)

***Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July:*** very advanced warning!

Dorcan church is hosting the deanery ecumenical confirmation at St Paul’s.

Dear Friends,

Many of you may if heard of my planned trip to Peru to climb the Inca trail and visit Machu Pichu. With less than a week to my departure it is becoming all too real of my excitement when I booked the trip – a long held dream and a present to myself for my sixtieth birthday.

Firstly I would ask for your prayers, especially as I complete the Inca trail 1-4 October. The walk is a high altitude walk covering three peaks the maximum height is 4,200M or it sounds scarier at over 14,000 feet! Please pray for me as I find the courage to complete this challenge.

Secondly I have decided to dedicate the walk to rising a little bit of money for charity and the chosen charity is 'Target Ovarian Cancer UK'. Ovarian cancer is known as a silent cancer – as it is often not picked up in the early stages of the disease process. I have known this effect four friends, all of who had good lifestyle factors; did not smoke a good healthy diet and diagnosed in their 50's. I know how urgently we need to seek a test for early diagnosis.

At the end of the joint service on the 28th September I have asked if I can leave my collection box for donations. Any small donations will be gratefully received and forwarded on my return. I have also a 'JustGiving' page set up - under my name Brenda Robinson and listed as 'Classic Inca Trail'.

Please—many thanks to all who donate to this cause.

*Brenda R. 07870774098*

***The Dorcan Church accounts for 2013 have been completed, examined and approved by the E.C.C. A small number of copies are available in church. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting Tony Prichard. Tel: 520734***

It's back.....no not Strictly or Downton  
**QUIZ NIGHT** ST Pauls Saturday 1st November  
doors open 7p.m for prompt start 7.30  
£5.00 per person teams of 4  
Tea/coffee available

### **Visitors from Uganda**

Much has happened since Janet and I met with Bishop Evans and his team back in early 2010 when the idea of bringing some people here was first discussed. Our visitors will arrive in the Deanery on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. October, staying until the 21<sup>st</sup>. October.

Laetitia Kyingi will be staying with us but her visit is being coordinated by our friends in Parks and Walcot. Laetitia is the wife of Elijah who some of you will remember from his visit to Dorcan some years ago. He sends his warm regards to us.

Everyone concerned is grateful for the support and generous donations which have made this visit possible. Tony Prichard

### **Nathalie Marshall has signed up to run 5 Miles!!**

I am going to be running the multi terrain run that runs along side the Swindon Half Marathon in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

If you know me, you will know that this is a REALLY BIG DEAL for me. I hate running. In fact, I hate exercise.

However, I have a great deal to thank the BHF for. The number of children who survive being born with a heart defect has turned around - in 1961 only 20 per cent lived to their first birthday.

The number of children dying has fallen by more than 80 per cent in the last three decades. If it wasn't for the BHF and similar research, we wouldn't have Isla. Simple. So I'm doing it to say thank you for my daughter, and so many other children like her.

Ideally, I'd love you to sponsor me online at [www.justgiving.com/calisenath](http://www.justgiving.com/calisenath)

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate – saving time and cutting costs for the charity

For those of you less happy online, there will be a paper sponsor sheet at St Paul's. Many many thanks. *Nathalie*





### **PACK A SHOE BOX AND BLESS A CHILD OVERSEAS**

We need to start thinking of filling shoe boxes for operation Christmas Child, Samaritan Purse again. **Collecting date service** could well be the **first weekend of November** this year.

Last year the checking office were very busy in the middle of the month BUT the earlier part of the month there was a shortage of boxes and many children in some countries further away missed out getting a box. There is still no news of where Swindon will send the boxes to be distributed as the warehouse in Melksham is closed due to it not being effectively used during the year.

#### **The usual things are required**

New toys, hats, scarves and gloves are very good as most boxes go to countries where it is cold, soap and flannels, toothbrushes and pastes, writing paper, pens, pencils and things they can use at school for education;  
games, cars, cuddly toys and sweets, hair things. etc..

SHOE BOXES CAN BE BOUGHT FROM THEIR WEBB PAGE, AND YOU CAN BUY A SELECTION OF THE THINGS AND PAY ON LINE IF YOU WANT TO. Or if you would like to donate a few items please bring them on the collecting day and Christine will take them and make up a few boxes, or donated money will be used to buy items required or for travel. Please put in envelope and mark 'Shoe boxes' and it will be passed to me.

Samaritan have been offering the children a training into the Christian faith and many of them have taken this up and enjoyed learning more about the Christian faith.

To find out more go onto there Webb site:- Operation Christmas Child  
Thanks, *Christine P.*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
**Anna Newman by Thursday 25th September**  
Tel: 695698 or Email: [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk)  
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)