



St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
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28th August, 2016

*Transforming lives and communities  
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



## Services Sunday 28th August 2016

### St. Paul's

10.00am Morning Worship Alex Scott

### St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher  
And Paul Tayler

**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 your prayers:**

- Everyone in the Italian earthquake; those who mourn, those injured, lost homes, all the emergency services helping
- For the families and friends of those who lost their lives at our seaside resorts
- The decisions being made regarding our local services of Dial a Ride and libraries
- Students, pupils, and teachers preparing for the new term
- Preparations for 50th anniversary

**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.

Thursday 1st September	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
Friday 2nd September	7.30pm	Ministry team at 60 Fairlawn

**SERVICES 4th September****St. Paul's**

10.00am                      United Holy Communion                      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Joan & John*, Teas: *Janice & Jan*, Sunday Club/Ignite : tba

**Jim Collins**

As you may be aware, a member of our congregation, Jim Collins, passed away on 9th August at the Great Western Hospital. His funeral will be held at St. Tim's on Monday 5th September at 12.30pm. The service will be followed by committal at Kingsdown Crematorium at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend. The service will be followed by light refreshments at St. Tim's at approx 2.00pm.

**Joy Stephens** has now moved.

Her new address is in.  
Ermin Street,  
Stratton

Her telephone number remains the same.

## **Focus on Prayer**

The existing pattern of praying for others ie; the Prayer Chain and Lectern List have worked extremely well over the years, thanks to the enduring efforts of Pam and Margaret. However, we met to see if there was a more 'joined up' and effective way that we, as a congregation could be praying for the needs of others. As a result of this, several things have happened.

## **Prayer Chain**

Margaret has now amalgamated the two existing prayer chains, and she is still the person to contact initially. Your confidentiality will be respected by the Prayers, who can now be notified by email, text or phone call. If you are considering becoming a Pray-er yourself, please speak to Margaret. (You don't need a theology degree)

## **Lectern List**

This list has now been superseded by a lovely new Prayer Board made by our Administrator Jackie. For the time being, it is hanging on the left hand wall. You'll notice that there is also a space for prayers answered.

If you have a prayer concern for either yourself or someone else

- Write that concern on the appropriate card, with the name of the person to be prayed for, the name of the person posting the prayer, and the date.
- The card will remain on the board for 2 weeks only, but if you wish, you may renew it yourself after 2 weeks.
- Also, if you wish it, the name of the person can be included in the notices for 2 weeks, as a reminder for people to pray at home. Pam is the person to contact initially, but Margaret if Pam's away.

## **Prayer Basket**

There will now be a basket placed on the table next to the entrance. This will be for any of the congregation to put in a particular request for prayer for the following week. Each congregation member will be encouraged on leaving the service, to take a prayer request and pray for that person during the coming week.

### ***Ride and Stride for Churches: Saturday, 10th September 2016.***

Even Bear Grylls is going to be participating in this national event!

Could you raise some much needed money for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust (WHCT) by doing sponsored visits to local churches?

You can walk, cycle, ride a horse or use a mobility scooter – anything! – and you don't have to be as adventurous as Bear Grylls! Half the money you raise will come back to The Dorcan church, and the other half is used for grants for other church building.

We were the recipients of a £4k grant towards our heating from WHCT and this annual event funds this kind of valuable help and support.

More details will be available next week, but in the meantime put the date in your diary and join Bear and others across the country!

**We have now received a list of the Churches** that will be open on the day plus some further details and sponsor forms, which is now on the notice board in the Church.

### **Ride & Stride**

I shall be participating in this years Ride and Stride, sponsor forms will be available in both centres, proceeds to The Dorcan Church, and Wiltshire Historic Churches, if you are able please sponsor this worthwhile cause, which contributes to the upkeep of our churches.

Many thanks, *John Davidson*

**Am I called to be a Licensed Lay Minister?** The Ministry Team would love to hear from you if you sense God may be prompting you to explore this particular vocation. The diocesan are also hosting an evening together to explore this ministry, so do go along and find out more!

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November,  
7.00-9.15pm.

Hillside House, BRISTOL

For further information, please feel free to contact Rev Helen Collins, advisor for Licensed Ministry on 0117 906 0100

### **Saturday 17th September Community Day 2pm - 6pm**

We are looking for volunteers to help man games, assist with refreshments, **donate raffle prizes**, and prepare for the event please see either Debbie or Diane

**Dorcan Church 50th Anniversary Celebrations  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

This note is to help keep you informed about what is being planned for our special anniversary weekend, so that you can also tell friends and neighbours about it. **More help is still required, so please contact Diane Killick** with any further offers and suggestions. Let's make this a great success, for church and community.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2 – 6pm**

**COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

**Fairground Games, Tug-o-war Competition**

**Bouncy Castle / Slide, Quiz**

**Messy Church and Tiny Tots activities**

**Swindon YFC BIOS Bus**

**Tea, Coffee and refreshments**

**Including Cream Teas and Ice Creams**

**Hot Dogs and Chips (from 4pm)**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 10am**

**UNITED SERVICE of THANKSGIVING  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**led by Revd Dr Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon  
and Revd Dr Jonathan Pye, Chair of Bristol District,  
with invited guests of former ministers and local civic officers.**

**There will be celebratory cake and drinks for everyone  
after the service, with lunch provided for our guests  
by our children and young people at 1pm**

NB Services at St Paul's on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September will start at 10am.

## **“Let All Men Sing”**

Want to enjoy a new experience of singing in a top quality choir whilst making new friends and raising money for charity? Then join Swindon and District’s own

### **Swindon Male Voice Choir**

We are now looking for new members and we meet on Monday evenings in the New Century Club, Gorse Hill, Swindon SN2 8BU at 7.30pm and would love to welcome you at any rehearsal or, to our open rehearsal on 12 September 2016 also at 7.30pm. You don’t need to be able to read music but if you can that would be an advantage.

Full support is given to new members. For Further Information:

Visit the website: [swindonmalevoicechoir.co.uk](http://swindonmalevoicechoir.co.uk)

Email: [swindonmalevoicechoir@msn.com](mailto:swindonmalevoicechoir@msn.com)

Telephone (Recruitment Team); 01793 822495  
01793 486454

### **Swindon Male Voice Choir**

Are giving a concert at St. Paul’s on the 12th November.

More details at a later date.

#### **Time to find out more?**

If you feel ready to learn more about your faith, you might enjoy an “Exploring Christianity” course. This is the course which Sue Morgans shared with us about last Sunday. It is an evening course made up of six ten-week modules, and details of the next Exploring Christianity are as follows:

Starting Thursday 22nd September 2016,  
7.30 pm at Lydiard Millicent Primary School, SN5 3LR.

For more information and to register, contact Jayne Mathias at the Diocese ([jayne.mathias@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:jayne.mathias@bristoldiocese.org)) or ring the Ministry Development office on 0117 906 0100. And don’t forgot to also ask Sue about it!

## ***Future dates for the diary as at September 2016***

***Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016***

Parish Share seminar 7.30pm -9.30pm, Community Centre, Christ Church

***Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016***

Wiltshire Historic Churches trust Ride and Stride

***Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016***

Methodist Representative Synod

***Friday 16<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016***

***Dorcan church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend!***

Saturday 2-6pm Community Fun Day, St Paul's centre

Sunday 10am United Service of Thanksgiving, St Paul's Church led by  
Revd Dr Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon and Rev Dr Jonathan Pye,  
Chair of Bristol District

***Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016***

Bristol Diocesan Synod

***Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016***

Scripture Union training day (Re-Charge) 9.30am -4pm  
Ladyfield Evangelical Church, Hungerford

***Tuesday 22 November 2016***

Deanery Synod Meeting, St John's Parks & Walcot

***Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016***

**3Generate2016** fun, faith and friendship for children & young people (now full)

***Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016***

Messy Church Leaders Training Day in conjunction with CPAS,  
St Christopher's Church, Hampstead Rd, Bristol

***Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016***

Bristol Diocesan Synod

***Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017***

*Lay Ministers conference at Brunel Manor in Torquay*

***Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017***

The Very Rev Dr David Hoyle Dean of Bristol Cathedral - preaching at St Paul's

***Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017***

“Creating Connections” Diocesan conference

***13<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017***

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – further details from Paul Taylor

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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 e.mail.