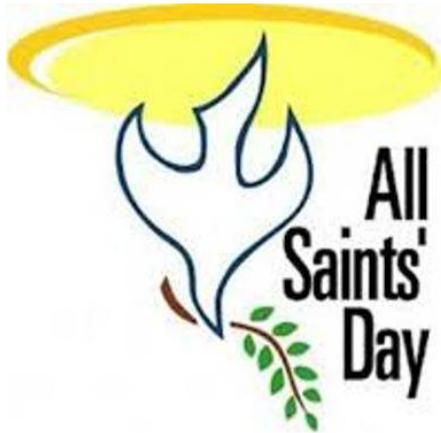




**St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)**

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



## **Services Sunday 30th October 2016**

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

10.30am Morning Worship

Rev'd Andrew Wigley

### **St Timothy's**

10.30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Trudie Wigley

**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 31st October	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 1st November	3.00pm 5.00pm	Dorcan in: School meeting in St Paul's vestry Baptism prep in St Paul's vestry
Wednesday 2nd November	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! At St Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 3rd November	9.30am 8.00pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Messy catering team meeting in chapel

**SERVICES 6th November**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am United service of Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher  
With prayers for our Christmas shoe  
boxes for Linked to hope

Welcome: *Martin & Simone*, Teas: *Rosemary & Amy*,  
Sunday Club: *Nathalie & Niki*

1.00pm Baptism of Matthew Richard Rolls Revd Andrew Wigley

4.00pm Tea and Praise Revd Andrew Wigley

**St. Tim's**

1.00pm Baptism of Teddy Scanlon Revd Trudie Wigley

**The Training for this years Christmas Unwrapped [ both Teams ]**

is Nov.11th - 9.30am at St. Paul's .

Abi has offered to take it so it will be good to catch up with her. If anyone has not been involved before, but is interested in knowing what goes on, please contact me for information. Margaret 532849

If you can't make Training but want to be involved please see Jo Bush or myself.

**For your prayers:**

- For Tea, Toast, Talk, Toast! Starting at St Tim's this week, for the leaders and those who will come to this breakfast fellowship
- All those who are in need of God's healing and peace
- All those recently bereaved following the loss of a loved one
- Pray for those known to us who are ill, especially friends and family.
- The migrants from Calais who are starting new lives in new places.
- Those suffering the effects of war in the Middle East.

**“SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL” – 2 weeks ago:**

Thank you to you all for your overwhelming positive feedback following our first “Sunday School for All”. The phone calls, emails and conversation of support were very much appreciated and we were delighted that so many came to try it out. We have received ideas for topics for the future, and also feedback on how to make it even better, including more time for discussion and even thinking about lengthening the time together by including coffee time within the learning.

Given the positive reception this had, we will be looking to run another one on **29<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, and roughly quarterly thereafter. Thank you for your support and comments, and for your openness to try new things as we learn more about our faith and our awesome God.

**Living with loss – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 4pm St Pauls:**

We will be holding our annual “Living with Loss” service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm at St Pauls. This service is to remember anyone whom we have loved and lost – whether recent or a number of years ago.

All are welcome, and *please do consider who you might personally invite who have been bereaved*. Invitations are available for you to take to give to others.

**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 Tumaini School.

**Please see Diane K or Judy Newman for further details.**

**A new colleague to join the Dorcan team:** In our October United service 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Swindon in May. *Trudie*

**Introducing the Safeguarding team!** During the October united service 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 conduct ourselves to safeguard everyone. Thank you for your support in this important area and if you have any questions please do contact any of the team.

***Future dates for the diary as at November 2016***

***Sunday 13th November 2016*** Living with Loss Service, 4pm at St. Paul's

***Saturday 19th November 2016*** Christmas Fayre 11am - 1.30pm at St. Paul's

***Tuesday 22nd November 2016*** Deanery Synod, 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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016*** *Parish Officer Training*

*Morning 9.30 - 1pm Sheldon School, Chippenham*

***Sunday 27th November 2016***

Service to pray and commission all those working with children & young people. 3pm St. John's, Haydon Wick. Led by Bishop Lee

***Saturday 3rd December 2016*** Bristol Diocese 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 will be preaching at St Paul's

***Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017***

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Peter's, Penhill

***18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March***

Flower Festival in celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Timothy's. 10:30am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March service led by Revd Hilary Cooke

***Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017***

United Service of Holy Communion followed by AGM

***Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017*** "Creating Connections" Diocesan conference

***Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017***

Diocesan Visitation 7.30pm at Christ Church

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

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - further details from Paul Tayler

## **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, especially shoppers!** A big thank you to the team who kept us going in October, and going forward Clare Smith is kindly co-ordinating 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 **8pm on Thursday 3rd 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 support and help



**Messy Church training**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 go, then please let Trudie know (326128) so that we can book tickets and travel down together. See you there?

### **Service to pray and commission all those working with Children and young people - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 3pm St John's Hayden Wick:**

Bishop Lee will be leading this service to commission and pray for all those who work with children and young people across the Swindon deanery.

We are all invited and it would be great if a team of us could go. So many at Dorcan are involved in this ministry in many different ways, so please do come. If you'd like a lift then contact Trudie (326128)

**Tea, Toast, Talk, TODAY!**

is starting on Wednesday the 2nd November,  
at St. Tim's church between 8.45-10.30am. (Term time only).

Everybody is welcome.

This is a new activity which was taken forward  
following conversations and

ideas from some of the mums who go to Tiny Tots.

It is a chance to meet with friends, and make new friends  
over a simple breakfast,

as we connect with the local community.

It has the full support and authorisation by ECC and please do pray for the  
team and for all those who will come.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> November as part of his “Wisdom House” tour – an evening where he unpacks some lessons of life with stories that will touch your heart, times that will make you laugh and teaching that is inspiring and encouraging.

More details and how to book at

[www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive)

**Parish officer Training morning Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 <http://www.bristol.anglican.org/2016/parish-officer-training-morning/>



# 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 for all stalls.

*Diane Killick*

The Tuesday cell group would like toiletries for their tombola stall please-

*Dianne Lane*

## **New Years Eve Church Party. -**

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

St Pauls Hall 8pm till 12.

## **Come and Sing Handel's Messiah,**

at Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Swindon, on

Saturday 12 November,

Singers register 1pm, practice 1.30-5.15pm

Performance 7pm. Local soloists.

£10 for singers and audience in aid of Brighter Futures.

Details and application form from Kath Danswan,

13 Croft Road SN14DG, email [kath.danswan@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kath.danswan@tiscali.co.uk)

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

Anna Newman by Thursday 3rd November

Tel: 695698 or e.mail [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk)

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail