



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



***⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same
God who activates all of them in everyone"***
1Corinthians 12:4

Services Sunday 4th June, 2017 - Pentecost

St. Paul's

10.30am United Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

This morning Alex Scott is at Stratton Methodist Church
supporting the wider Methodist circuit

**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.**

Don't forget - Ignite and Sunday Club are holding a cake sale after the United Service **TODAY (4th June)** to raise money towards their Spree Weekend. Please support our young people in this venture.

What's on this week -

Monday 5th June	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 6th June	7.30pm	Circuit LP/WL @ Lyneham
Wednesday 7th June	AM 9.00am 9.00am 1.30am	Clergy Chapter Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 8th June	9.30am	Election Day Holy Communion at St. Paul's (vestry)
Saturday 10th June	AM	Diocesan synod at Bradley Stoke

Next week bring your fidget spinners!

Please do bring along your fidget spinners to the all age service on 11th June at 10:30am. You may be surprised by my request, but you'll see why in the service!

However, PLEASE, leave them in your pocket or with the adult you come with until they are needed! Thank you!

SERVICES Sunday 11th June

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

10.30am All Age Service Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Dennis & Joy*, Teas: *Jean & Joan*, Sunday Club: *All Age Service*

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Paul Tayler

Please note that there will be **NO** informal service at 4pm on the 11th June

Prayers for this week -

- For the election this week, for all those standing and all those who serve as MPs
- For Rob, Kath, Hope and Eliana as they settle into their home in Swindon
- For ourselves, that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit in our discipleship
- Our response to the Giving in Grace discipleship series
- Those who are unwell, and those recently bereaved

Ordinations of soon-to-be Revd Nathan Mulcock and Revd Rob Smith!

On the weekend of 1st and 2nd July, Rob and Nathan will be ordained Deacon at Bristol Cathedral and St Albans respectively. We rejoice with them both as they begin a new chapter in their ministries. As well as any personal gifts individuals may wish to make, there is an opportunity to contribute towards a gift for each of them on behalf of the Dorcan Church which will be chosen after some subtle investigation as to what they might need!

There are two separate boxes for Nathan and Rob in each centre if you would like to be part of this wider gift. Thank you.

Rev'd Rob Smith

Ordination as Deacon 1st July at 3:30pm:

Rob is ordained Deacon on this day and I am asked how many might come to the Cathedral to support him.

If you are thinking of coming, please could you let me know by Wednesday 14th June so I can let the cathedral know as they request?
Thank you.



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We have now finished our preaching series on the parables in Matthew as part of our “*Giving with Grace*” discipleship series. It has been challenging as we have explored this topic and we have much to ponder and pray about.

Today, there are letters available to take home to help each one of us consider what our response might be to what we have heard and learned last month. Please do pick yours up as you leave today. Our lovely Treasurer has done his best to ensure that everyone is written to personally, but there are some whose details he does not know and therefore there may be omissions as well as overlaps!

Please accept apologies in advance and if there is not a letter addressed personally to you, please take one from the pile marked “Extra copies”.

On 18th June we will be marking the end of our *Giving in Grace* focus with a thanksgiving service so your response is requested by this day. In your envelopes, there are response forms and there is a box in each centre for us to make our response. This is in complete confidence and will only be opened by our Treasurer, or alternatively you may wish to pop it through his door – full details are available in the leaflet.

Thank you for engaging with this discipleship series and for your prayerful response. It is not easy to talk about money, yet I hope you have found our exploration and learning of help as you make your prayerful responses. With our thanks.

The Finance team.

Thank you to Ignite! A big thank you to ignite for sharing a couple of weeks ago what they have been doing on their Alpha Course and particularly your feedback to us as a church. You said that you would like to hear more about the Holy Spirit, and stories of healings and prayers answered. Thank you too for your encouragement to all of us to commit to gathering together regularly as a church family. We will get to work on your feedback and thank you for sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and for being a part of this church family.



In School are inviting local Schools to go to Malmesbury Abbey again this year to do Lifepath. For those who don't know what it is, the Children walk around the Abbey dressed as Monks and learn how a Monk lived there many years ago. Its a real fun day. As volunteers you don't have to do anything you don't feel comfortable doing. Ray and I did it last year and shepherded a group of children around various Stations, where they learnt a part of the story. We learnt songs, how the Monks lived and worked: we also dressed up and wouldn't have felt part of it if we hadn't. You can volunteer to do as much or as little as you can manage.

Sunday July 2nd there's a training session, tea and Commissioning Service. The sessions are Mon. 3rd, Tues. 4th and Weds. 5th July running approx 9.30am -- 2.30pm, so you obviously need to arrive slightly earlier and take a packed lunch if needed. If you would like to know more please talk to us.

Covingham School Year 5 are booked to go again - those who did Easter Cracked Open will realise its the group we had for that.

Thanks *Margaret*

Future dates for the diary as at June 2017

Tuesday 6th June 2017

Safer Recruitment Training 10am - 1pm St. Paul's

Thursday 15th June 2017

7pm Confirmation for Dorcan and West Swindon Ecumenical Partnerships at Toothill Church

Tuesday 20th June 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at Wanborough

Saturday 1st July 2017

Ordination to Deacon of Rev. Rob Smith - Bristol Cathedral

Sunday 2nd July 2017

United Service of Communion with welcome to The Smith Family
Followed by welcome lunch in Church Centre

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Ordination to Deacon of Rev. Nathan Mulcock
Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Albans

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th July 2017

Urban saints "Spree" camping weekend Devon
for our children and young people

8th July 2017

Safeguarding Leadership Training 10am - 1pm St. Paul's

12th September 2017

Joint lay and clergy chapter

Tuesday 19th September 2017

Responding to Domestic Abuse Training 10am-1pm St. Paul's

Saturday 14th October 2017

Parish Officer Training Morning, Sheldon School, Chippenham SN14 6HJ

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St. Aldhelm

Sunday 13th May 2018

Archdeacon's visitation to Swindon at St. Paul's Church

Walk all over Cancer challenge.

I have decided to sign up for the "Walk all over cancer" challenge to raise money for Cancer Research. This means that I have committed to take 10,000 steps a day for the whole of June, which equates to about 5 miles of walking every day.

I'm doing this in memory of my Mum, Janet Avery, who lost her battle with cancer 10 years ago, and, if anyone would like to sponsor me, I have a web page set up at -

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lizthomas>

Although I enjoy walking, I know finding the time to walk 5 miles every day will be quite a challenge, but I've decided to give it a go to try to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Many thanks for your support.

Liz Thomas

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 8th. June Tel 695698
or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail