



St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
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4th September, 2016

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



## Discipleship

*Luke 14: 27*

*“And whoever does not carry their cross  
and follow me cannot be my disciple”*

### **Services Sunday 4th September 2016**

**St. Paul's**

10.00am      United Holy Communion      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Today Alex Scott is at Pewsey/Ramsbury 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.**

<b>What's on this week</b> - 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 5th September	12.30pm  7.30pm	Funeral of James Collins (Jimmy) at St Tim's, followed by committal at Kingsdown crematorium. All welcome. (See separate notice below) New parish pledge approach - presentation at Christ Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 6th September	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group meet for planning at Hatherley Road, Nythe
Wednesday 7th September	10.00am - 2.00pm	Liden library and parish boundary consultations at Liden Library & community centre NO Tiny Tots - Start on 14 <sup>th</sup> September
Thursday 8th September	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
Saturday 10th September	All day	"Ride + Stride" across Wiltshire churches. (Wiltshire Historic Church's Trust)

### 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. Please remember him and all his friends and family in your prayers.

### SERVICES 11th September

#### St. Paul's

8.45am                      Said Holy Communion                      Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.00am                      All Age Service                      Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: *Martin & Simone*, Teas: *Jean & Joan*, Sunday Club/Ignite : All Age service

4.00pm                      Tea and Praise                      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

#### St. Tim's

10.30am                      Morning Worship                      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

### **For your prayers:**

- Children starting at a new school
- For the families and friends of those who lost their lives at our seaside resorts
- The elderly and their families as they come to terms with limitations
- The friends & family of James Collins (Jimmy) and all those who have recently died.
- Those in need of God's healing and peace
- Preparations for 50th anniversary

### ***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.

On September 10th I shall be taking part in the annual **Ride & Stride**, by cycling to as many churches as I can manage, in the Swindon area. The Trust supports local Churches with grants for essential maintenance and repairs. The Dorcan Church was fortunate enough to be the recipient of a grant, which was very much needed and appreciated; this is my way of saying thank you, and lending my support to the trust. If you feel able to support me in this you may donate, through

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Davidson8>

Sponsor forms will also 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.

**Joy Stephens** has now moved. Her new address is  
Ermin Street,  
Stratton,  
Swindon,  
SN3 4RH

Her telephone number remains the same.

**The Monday Club at St. Tim's**  
will be re-starting on the 12th September.  
All welcome to come along  
and play scrabble and dominoes  
and enjoy refreshments.

Work Party  
Tuesday September 6th  
St Pauls back garden  
2pm - 4pm

Help required; Please, could you spare an hour or two  
to tidy the back garden, mucky work, please bring own  
gloves, shears, secateurs, saws, loppers, and any other  
equipment which would help,  
.....and don't wear your best clothes.

*Diane Killick*

**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.

### **Important notice re Christmas shoeboxes:**

After much thought, prayer and discussion, the Church Council and Ministry Team have agreed that this Christmas we would like to support "Link to Hope", a Christian organisation which delivers gift boxes to needy families and the elderly in Eastern Europe.

You will be aware that we have previously supported Samaritan's Purse, and our boxes last Christmas went to Eastern Europe. After much discussion in Ministry Team and in consultation with Christine Parsons our local organiser, Church Council has agreed this change. The background to this is in remarks made in the US by CEO Franklin Graham, head of Samaritan's Purse, regarding homosexuality, and which has received attention here in the UK. Whilst there is a wide spectrum of views on homosexuality amongst Christians, and some of us may support Mr Graham's position, it was the tone and the uncharitable and unloving nature of the remarks which caused concern, and which has been reported in the press and social media sites. We have also read the Statement of Faith of Samaritan's Purse and found it to be strongly conservative evangelical, and which we could not fully support given the spectrum of views amongst Christians.

Trudie and Andrew met with Simon Barrington, Executive Director of Samaritan's Purse UK, to express our concern. Mr Barrington explained further the nature of the work with Christmas boxes, and how there is a degree of separation with their evangelical Christian mission. However, whilst Ministry Team recognised the goodwill in distributing Christmas boxes, we were of common mind that we should seek another Christian organisation to distribute our gifts. We explored a number of new options and, together with ideas from Christine, chose "Link to Hope" which provides a similar service, whilst also offering to families and elderly. They are also supported by others in Swindon, e.g. through Restore, and have a local collection point. Church Council subsequently agreed to this recommendation.

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We recognise that we have been supporting Samaritan's Purse for many years, but hope you will understand why there is this change. We appreciate the support and dedication of Christine Parsons for the last 20 years with Samaritan's Purse and her willingness now, along with Paul Taylor, to act as coordinator for Link to Hope. Some individuals may however want to continue their support of Samaritan's Purse for their own personal reasons, but as a Church, we will only be collecting for Link to Hope.

**If you have any concerns or queries, then please do speak to a member of Ministry Team.** There is an opportunity to learn more about Link To Hope through their website <http://linktohope.co.uk> as well as their leaflet as you go out today – more have been ordered. In both our united services in August and September we will be showing a video of the work of Link to Hope and talking a bit more about their work, in preparation for "Shoebox Sunday" on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

***The Ministry Team and ECC***

**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 forget to also ask Sue about it!

## **“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.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by Thursday 8th 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 e.mail.