



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

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7th September, 2014

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SERVICES - 7th September

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Baptism	Andrew Wigley

We welcome Hayley Baker and Allan Heads with their daughter Rosaline who has come to be baptised today. We also extend our welcome to their family and friends.

Sunday Club— (tbc)

St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Trudie Wigley
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Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
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Alex Scott is at Aldbourne this morning, Neil Marshall is at St Andrews, Moredon

Lectionary Readings

7th Sept. Psalm 119: 33-40 Romans 13: 8-14 Matt. 18: 15-20 Ezek.33: 7-11

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. 14th		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
<i>Welcome: Martin & Simone, Sunday Club: tba</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
Eldene		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Andrew Wigley

THIS WEEK — (Please see group leaders for details of Cell Groups)		
Monday 8th Sept.	12 noon	Funeral of Sally Bennett at Kingsdown (TW)
	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Ministry team/churchwarden/centre rep meeting at St Tim's
Tuesday 9th Sept.	7.30pm	Deanery Chapter & Licensed Lay Ministers meeting at Christ Church
	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group, Wiseman Cl.
Wednesday 10th Sept.	9.30pm	Tiny Tots restarts at St Paul's
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots restarts at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting with +Lee at Christ Church. ALL WELCOME
Thursday 11th Sept.	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Paul's (AW)
Friday 12th Sept.	2-4pm	The Friday Club at St. Paul's All welcome

The Men's Fellowship Group begins again at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th at Mike Strattan's, Wiseman close, Covingham.
(subject—News Stories from TV/ daily papers). All men welcome.

For your prayers -

- For a lasting cease-fire in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.
- For Syria and Iraq: those suffering under Islamic State and those standing up against evil.
- For our young people who are going onto college and university, particularly thinking of those in our own church family.
- For the start of a new terms at schools, colleges and universities and all teachers, support staff and pupils.
- For those who are have received difficult news, are unwell or bereaved.

Worship Survey:

We have received 120 completed questionnaires which is a fantastic achievement from everyone, so thank you. The process of analysing the responses is underway, and we hope that following ECC on Wednesday 17th September we will have some proposals to consider for a new pattern of worship services that will enable us to take forward the mission of the church whilst adjusting to recent changes in our Ministry team. These proposals will then be discussed at the open consultation meetings planned for later in September.

So please keep Sunday 28th September in your diaries, when we will have a Dorcan United Service led by Revd Chris Dobson at the earlier time of 10am, followed by our open consultation meeting and then a bring-and-share lunch. For those who will be away on that Sunday, there is an earlier opportunity to be involved and to make your comment on the proposals on Wednesday 24th September at 7:30 pm at St Tim's. We thank your for your prayerful support in this vital, yet challenging task.

10,000 voices and Confidence in God's story:

Over the summer and in the months to come, we are continuing to explore and think about sharing our stories about God in our lives. Many of you will have already taken a postcard to help you do this. Another batch have arrived so please do take one (or ten!) These have 2 additional boxes on the back to indicate how you might go about posting it on the 10k.org website if you would like to do so.

Do think and pray about writing your story down and to help encourage each other why don't you bring your completed postcards to our united service on 31st August? We can pray over them together, asking for opportunities to tell our story. If you feel you would like to, there will be an opportunity to join others by pinning it on one of three boards. These will then be taken back to our respective centres as an encouragement to us all to add to them and to remind ourselves that each one of our voices are seeds to be sown over the months ahead.

I pray that each one of us will use this opportunity to think about our unique story of God in our lives.

Trudie

The Archbishop's visit next weekend:

Please do continue to pray for this special event as Archbishop Justin visits the Bristol diocese, including Swindon. On Saturday 13th September all are welcome to come to Lydiard House as Archbishop Justin opens the Heritage Weekend at 9:40am and then prays for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Ride+Stride team at 10:00 from St Marys, Lydiard Tregoze.

The Archbishop's sermon from the Eucharist at the Cathedral on Sunday 14th September will be filmed and we will be taking the opportunity to listen to it in our services on Sunday 21st September. For more information on his visit, you can see his full itinerary at

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/2014/archbishop/>

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sun 7th Sept :

4pm St Andrew's Moredon - Launch of new North Wiltshire Circuit and Welcome to Revd Debbie Hodgson. Speaker Chair of District Ward Jones.

Fri. 12th Sept.

Friday Club at St. Paul's 2-4pm - All welcome

Sat. 13th Sept:

Archbishop visiting Swindon. 9:30-10:30 at Lydiard House and St Marys church, opening the Heritage weekend and praying off the Ride+Striders. Open event and all welcome.

Saturday 20th September:

All day: Bristol diocese synod & Bristol District Synod

Wed 24th September:

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

Saturday 27th September

MacMillan Coffee Morning St Tims @ 10- 12

Sunday 28th September:

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

Tues 30th 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 5th October:

Dorcan's Harvest celebrations

Sat 11th October:

"One Step Beyond". Bristol and Bath & Wells diocese hosting a youth and children's conference.

Sunday 12th October:

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

Sat 18th 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 13th July: very advanced warning!

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

New Wiltshire Circuit:

The Dorcan Church is now part of the new North Wiltshire Circuit in the Bristol District of the Methodist Church, as well as being part of the Swindon Deanery in the Diocese of Bristol of the Church of England. This follows the uniting of the former Swindon & Marlborough and Chippenham Circuits which took effect from 1st September.

There will be a special **Circuit Service at 4pm this Sunday, 4th September, at St Andrew's, Moredon** to formally launch the new united circuit, and also to welcome Revd Debbie Hodgson who takes over from Revd David Gray with care for Stratton, St Andrews, Moredon and Rodbourne Methodist Churches. The preacher will be our District Chair, Revd A Ward Jones. Do please come along to express your support as you are able.

'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 29th September.

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

Can you spare some time on a Friday afternoon?

Foodbank are looking for volunteers to join the Friday team at the distribution centre at St. Aldhems.

For more details please phone Eric Wheatley 335943

St. Paul's Church Centre.

The role of caretaker has become vacant and we are looking for someone for approx. 4.50 hours per week, who can ensure the property is maintained and secure, and let in occasional users.

Do you know anyone this would suit?

Please contact Tania for further details. (07939939893)

Congratulations to **Shanice Cox** who is off to Gloucester University. We are all very proud of you

Thank you from +Lee:

JOGLE Cycle Ride Bishop Lee would like to thank everyone who sponsored him on his cycle ride from John O’Groats to Land’s End.

At the time of writing the total amount raised [before Gift Aid is added] is a fantastic £9,768! So he is now very close to his target of raising £10,000 to support the development of church leaders within our link Dioceses in Uganda.

If you had hoped to sponsor Bishop Lee and haven’t yet been able to do so, it is still not too late. You can donate online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LeeRayfield> or donations can be sent directly to the Bishop at Mark House, Field Rise, Swindon, Wilts SN1 4HP. Please make cheques payable to Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance and write on the back ‘Le Tour de Lee’. If a donation can be Gift Aided please include your name and address, including postcode. Many thanks

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 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.*

THE FRIDAY CLUB—dates from September as follows:-

September **12th** - (please note this date has had to be changed)

October 17th

November 21st

December 19th

All are welcome to join us.

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

Anna Newman by Thursday 11th September

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)