



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

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
 8th Sept. 2013

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*Beth has Fridays off - Andrew has Tuesdays and Saturdays off.
 Please avoid contacting them at these times if possible.*

SERVICES - 8th September

St. Paul's

8.45am	Morning Worship	Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley

(Sunday Club—Activity Packs/Children's own Books)

St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
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Lectionary Readings 8th September

Jer. 18: 1-11
 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Phil. 1-21
 Luke 14: 25-33

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—15th September**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

*Welcome: Joan & John, Teas: Jean & Joan
(Sunday Club—Jo Kirkland, Lucy Curtis, Niki Thompson)*

St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
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Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
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NEXT WEEK - Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.

Mon. 9th Sept.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study at 7Thorne Road, Eldene.
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Tues. 10th Sept.	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Men's Fellowship Group at Ecklington, home of Colin Parsons. Topic—Rail Bridges, stone built. Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
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Weds. 11th Sept.	9.30am 10.45am 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group - Ravenscroft, Covingham Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe.
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Thurs 12th Sept.	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's. Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden Cell Group - Bryanston Way, Nythe Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Re-starts with a Social—all welcome.
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Reminder for those requiring document checks to apply for a DBS check, Helen will be at St Paul's between 1.00pm and 1.50pm on Friday 20th Sept.. Please come at your allocated time. Thanks Sandra

Children & Youth Committee:

We will meet on Tues 24th September, 7.45pm at Sutton Road.

A big congratulations to our young people on their recent exam results at both G.C.S.E. and A-level. Four of our youngsters are off to university this year - Alison Langston to study Archaeology at Cardiff, Tom Brown to study Engineering at Glamorgan, Roseanne Gillman to study Teaching at Plymouth and Josh Mulcock to study Computing at Portsmouth. Could you please remember them in your prayers. Could you also pray for Gillian Langston, Eleanor and Amy Wale, Adam Rose and Hannah Mulcock who are all returning to start their final year. Obviously they have a lot of life changing decisions to make along with sitting their finals next June.

We are very proud of all of our young people and they are a credit to us all at the Dorcan Church.

Debbie.

Please pray for Bishop Lee as he is treated for cancer.

Many of you will have now heard the news that Bishop Lee has recently been diagnosed with cancer, Hodgkin Lymphoma, and that his chemotherapy treatment started this week. The good news is that this has been caught at a relatively early stage. His treatment is likely to last until mid-November. Please remember Bishop Lee in your prayers, along with Liz and their family as we await news of his progress.

Further information can be found on the Diocesan website

(www.bristol.anglican.org)

Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes -

Collection day November 16th. Wrapped filled shoeboxes make a child feel very special, when they live in the third world and parents (if they have any) cannot afford to provide them with any thing. Samaritan Purse mission is always to give a shoebox based on need regardless of their background or religious belief, it is an unconditional gift of love. when the boxes are delivered a little booklet of Bible stories are offered. and also some are encouraged to join a discipleship course called 'the Greatest Journey', The items for the Box are as usual, toys, toiletries pencils and pads, etc. hat and Gloves, leaflets for more ideas will be in all three centres in due course. If you can not afford to fill a whole, Box why not join together with other people, or let me have some items.

Please note that transport costs have gone up to thee pound this year £3.

More details nearer the time but you can get info from www.smaritans-purse.ork.uk

Thursday Eldene Cell Group to Re-Launch

Following an extended break, we are restarting **this week**. We start with a social on Sept 12th and then following that will be looking at a course from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity called "Life on the Frontline". You may have heard their director Mark Greene on Radio 4's thought for the day. The course looks at living life as a Christian outside of church looking especially but not exclusively at the workplace, and promises to be very interesting. This would be a good opportunity for anyone to join us either just for this course, or even just come along to the social to find out what being in a cell group is all about. We meet at Sutton Road, Eldene, Neil and Nathalie's house, at 7:45pm on a Thursday.

Please contact Nathalie or Beth for more information.

DOFFSThanks to all those who came to our first meeting in August. Our September meeting will be on **Friday Sept. 20th** at St. Paul's from 2-4pm. and will include a quiz during the afternoon for those that want to take part. Board games and table tennis will be available, or just come and meet new friends or old and have a cup of tea. From the next meeting the cost will be £2 each including refreshments. (plus 50p to take a jigsaw home). We welcome adults of all ages who are free on a Friday afternoon to join us and have fun. After a LOT of discussion around the name of the group, perhaps you could let us have your suggestions at the next meeting. Anna (695698)

Harvest Barn Dance and Supper, 21 September 7:30-10:30 at St Paul's.

Nythe Wednesday small group are hosting this event to raise funds for the Dorcan Church. Please ask friends neighbours and family to come along for a fun social evening. Contact a Warden or Brenda Fisher for a ticket, they are £5 per person or £15 per family. Tel 497169, email brendaf111@btinternet.com

Card Class

Our next class will be October 5th at 9.30am. This will be our Christmas Class, cost £10. Names and payment to me by 28th Sept. Thanks. Sandra.

Vacancy Process – What happens next?

The Dorcan Vacancy has been re-advertised last week in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website (www.bristol.anglican.org), and the advert will be repeated this next week. Significant dates are:

Closing date: 25 September 2013

Short Listing date: 16 October 2013

Interview date: 29 October 2013

Please continue to pray for those who may feel called to apply, and for Bishop Mike and other members of the shortlisting/interview panel, including our own representatives, as they seek to discern God's will for our church.

The earliest a successful applicant is likely to be able to start is February 2014.

Additional contemporary worship – 3rd Sunday pm – Celebration Praise

A new, more informal time of worship will start taking place on the afternoon of the third Sunday in each month, **beginning on Sunday 15th September, 4:00pm at St Paul's**. It is hoped that this will be a time of fellowship, perhaps over a cup of tea or coffee and perhaps some other refreshment, along with a time of worship that is more contemporary in style (Spring Harvest comes to mind). This will include songs, time for reflection and sharing, time to be open to the Spirit's prompting. It is hoped that all will feel able to come and share, whether young or old, with family or not, from whichever part of the Dorcan Church. These initial gatherings will be led by Andrew, and can then develop as seems appropriate. If you have an interest in supporting this type of worship event, or suggestions for taking this forward, please do let Andrew know, either by phone (523810) or by email (rev.andrew@wigley.org.uk).

Back to Church Sunday, 29th September – something for you!

We are preparing for this year's Back to Church Sunday, for which we are all asked to invite a friend to come to church. We have a United Service at St Paul's at 10:30am that day and hope to welcome many new faces! Evidence has shown that a reasonable number of these newcomers will likely return again, some of whom will become members. Invitation cards will be available in all three centres. As one of the questions at our Everybody Welcome course in 2012 revealed that most of us don't find it very easy to invite someone to come to church, we have organised a **'preparation' meeting on Monday 16th September, 7:45pm at St Tim's** to help share ideas and encourage one another. All are invited to attend, and we hope this will help make Back to Church Sunday a great success at Dorcan Church!

Property 'Wishlist'

You may recall from earlier notices mention of a 'wishlist' of improvements that we might want to make to the Dorcan Church. Items could include replacement of chairs, new noticeboards, refurbishment of the Snug etc. We shall soon publish an initial draft wishlist, but want to let you know that following discussion at ECC we plan to hold a forum at which all members of the church can share in discussion about items on the wishlist (or adding new items if necessary), in the hope that this will help inform ECC on the preferred choice and priority of the various items. **The forum will be held on Sunday 13th October at 11:15am**, following the united service which will start at the earlier time of 10:00am. Please put this date in your diaries, and consider ways which might enhance the life of our church whilst also making efficient use of the precious resources we have.

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

Anna Newman by Thursday 12th September

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