

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 11th July	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Enquirer's group 11 Merlin Way
Tuesday 12th July	1.00pm 7.30pm	It's your move, Covingham School Ministry team 11 Merlin Way
Wednesday 13th July	9.00am 1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 14th July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
Friday 15th July	2.00 - 4.00pm	The Friday Club at St. Paul's with speaker from the Mechanics Institute. See separate notice.
Saturday 16th July	6.00 - 8.00pm	X:Site at St Paul's

SERVICES 17th July

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Pam & Friend*, Sunday Club: tba

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

For your prayers,

- For our young people and their leaders as they return from Spree; that they will be refreshed in their Christian journey
- All those confirmed last week, including Andi
- For Olerio as he shortly leaves for Peru, that it will be a fun and safe time away
- All those affected by the news of Library closures, and particularly for our communities in Covingham and Liden
- Schools in the parish, and particularly Dorcan and Headteacher Sherryl Bareham as they move forward following their recent inspection
- For our enquirer's group as we continue to discuss and learn together
- For our country and our leaders and MPs as a path is sought through events post the EU Referendum, and for integrity, generosity and wisdom

Cardboard lids/trays – please collect for Messy Church!

Each Messy church our families leave the church juggling various creations, with many crafts needing to dry after a busy afternoon of painting and gluing! Putting things in bags would be a disaster, so we would like to provide families with some kind of flat tray with a shallow lip to lay their creations on and transport home. We thought the tops of the cardboard boxes used for paper realms would be ideal, so if you could collect these, or have ideas for anything similar that would be super please. If you could bring them to church on 17th July 9 - next messy) that would be great. Thank you!

Replacement of Floor and Screen at St Paul's:

We have had further discussions with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), and have now proposed an improved solution for the floor, and which we expect to gain permission for without significant delay. ECC members have approved this new proposal for a light oak parquet floor that is specially treated, and will prove a better investment over the longer term. The next challenge is to find sufficient stock which is proving difficult, so we are unable at present to know whether the floor can be fitted this summer.

The replacement screen still requires to go through the faculty process so we should know more about timescales for that in a month's time.

Request for cakes

for next Sunday 17th for the local Schools. We have such a wonderful opportunity to show our Local Teachers how much their work is valued. Our links with them are really good and as the centre of the community the Church can show that we care.

Margaret

Decorating at St Tim's:

Many thanks to everyone who gave of their time and efforts recently to help re-decorate the hall at St. Tim's. The hall looks much lighter and 'cared for', and we appreciate this help. Our own volunteers were joined by a group from Nationwide, who also helped get rid of unsightly weeds around the perimeter of the building. Our thanks to all.

New Songbooks for St Paul's and St Tim's

We have recently purchased 150 copies of the newly-published Songs of Fellowship (Vol 1-6) combined words edition for use at St Paul's and St Tim's. These songbooks are about the size of our current hymnbook but contain over 3,000 hymns and songs, bringing us up-to-date with the latest worship material.

The purchase was agreed following discussion with Churchwardens, Ministry Team and ECC. This enables us to replace all of our various differing older songbooks, so that we will have just two books in use, Hymns & Psalms and Songs of Fellowship, providing a comprehensive selection of hymns and songs.

We are also planning for the use of worship presentation software, Zionworx, which makes use of a song database to ease the preparation of material to be projected onto the screen. We hope you will enjoy the new songbooks as we continue to develop our worship. The new books will be dedicated at services next Sunday, 17th July.

Deanery Uganda Link Visit February 2017 (Please note amended year!)

There are a couple of vacant places available on this trip. The cost is around £1,500 per person which includes flights, accommodation, home hospitality and game park visit.

Flights are expected to be booked in the next week so you need to be quick. More information available from Tony Prichard or sally Robertson (St.John's Haydon Wick)
e-mail: sally.robertson27@btinternet.com

Possible closure of Libraries at St Paul's and in Liden

You may be aware that the Council is cutting back on funding of libraries across Swindon, and it is proposed that funding for 11 libraries, including the one at St Paul's and the one in Liden centre, will cease within a year. The council may hope that volunteer groups or charities come forward to keep the libraries open, but these will still require funds to pay for rent, utilities and other costs.

The future is uncertain for our library, so please pray for those affected, and perhaps consider what options may be open to us as a church as we digest this disappointing news for the community.

The Friday Club -

At our next meeting of the Friday Club on 16th July we welcome Daniel Rose - a speaker from the Mechanics Insitute. His title is "Mechanics Institution - It's past, present and future" and he will be showing us pictures to illustrate his talk.

We meet from 2 - 4pm on Friday afternoons monthly - £2 includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

I hope it will be of interest to many of you and would welcome your support for our speaker. Anna (695698)

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Building God's House:

The latest update from the Ministry team is available to collect today. There is much to give thanks for, and there is more to do, but we do need your continuing help and support. Please do read through the update, and consider how you might get involved or matters that you might pray for. God has been good to us and we seek to honour Him as we continue to Build God's House.



X:Site is a children's event supported and run by local churches in partnership with Scripture Union. It's a great couple of hours on a Saturday night of fun, games, crafts, worship and small groups. It's for children in school years 3-6 to meet other children and learn about God and it is held here!

The next event is NEXT SATURDAY 16th July here **at St Paul's, Covingham, SN3 5BY**. If you have children in those school years, or know of friends and neighbours who do, why not pick up some of the leaflets and invite them along? For more information see Facebook page "X:Site Swindon" or phone 07904 363 337.

Look forward to seeing you!

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
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Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)