



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



“The parable of the rented vineyard”

Matthew 21:33-46

Services Sunday 14th May, 2017

St. Paul's

8.45am Morning Worship Barbara Wilcox

10.30am All Age Worship Neil Marshall

1.00pm Baptism of Caleb Francis Harvey Rev'd Trudie Wigley

We welcome the friends and family of Caleb as he is baptised today.

4.00pm Tea and Praise Rev'd Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

This morning Andrew Wigley is at Studley supporting the wider Methodist circuit. Tonight, Paul Taylor will be at St Margarets supporting the Anglican deanery.

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.**

What's on this week -		
Monday 15th May	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 16th May	11.00am	Internment of ashes, Vera O'Dowd
Wednesday 17th May	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am 7.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Archdeacon's visitation, Christ Church
Thursday 18th May	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
Friday 19th May	2-4pm	The Friday Club at St. Paul's See separate notice on back sheet !
Saturday 20th May	6-8pm	X:site, Swindon Academy, SN2 1JR

Last Sunday's Lunch for Christian Aid.

Many thanks to everyone who cooked, set up, cleared away and donated - especially to our youngsters Callum, Isla, Alasdair and Grace. £237.00 was raised for Christian Aid. Deb.

SERVICES Sunday 21st May 2017		
St. Paul's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Martin/Simone</i> , Teas: <i>Rosemary/Amy</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Mary/Helen</i>		
1.00pm	Baptism	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Prayers for this week -

- The discipleship series “giving in grace” - for open hearts and minds as continue to explore financial giving
- For Diane Killick and Viv Craig, as they are formally admitted to the office of Church Warden at the Archdeacon’s visitation this week
- For good debate and discussion in the weeks to the General election
- For those in our church family preparing for marriage in the coming months, and those celebrating special anniversaries
- Those who are unwell, and those recently bereaved



Creating Connections – Conference and Diocesan newsletter:

Last week Andrew, Stuart and Trudie attended the diocesan-wide conference looking at Creating Connections: with God, with each other, with our communities. There were a number of thought-provoking and challenging talks and these are on the Diocesan YouTube channel which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/DioceseofBristol> - particularly recommended are the talks by Revd Dr Sam Wells and Bishop Mike, and **not to be missed is our own film from Dorcan on Easter Cracked Open!** Big thanks to the team who overcame their camera-shyness and speak so encouragingly and passionately about this work with our Children and Young people.

Also, the latest copy of the Diocesan newsheet was made available and there are copies in both centres - do take a look at the exciting things happening. It may spark some new ideas for us as part of Building God’s house as we look to continue painting our picture of a church which makes Jesus known, connects with the community, cares for all and are disciples learning to follow Jesus.



For the next 4 weeks, we are starting a discipleship series on Sunday morning called “*Giving with Grace*”. It is some time since we explored and reviewed what it might look like for us to financially give in grace to God and this series provides us with some ideas and approaches.

In response to feedback from Sunday school for all to explore some parables, we will be approaching this theme through 4 familiar parables from Matthew’s gospel.

Later this month some written material will be available to further help us explore ahead of Pentecost at the beginning of June. On June 18th there will be a service of thanksgiving to offer our responses.

Talking about money can be tricky and raise all sorts of emotions and reactions, yet in preparation please do commit this to prayer, particularly that we may have an open mind and generous heart to hear what God may say to us.

Your prayers would also be appreciated for all those involved in the preparation for this discipleship series. We look forward to learning and exploring together as God’s church.

Pastoral letters from The Archbishop’s regarding the upcoming election:

Following the sharing of this letter last Sunday, copies are available in both centres, on the website, on our Facebook page and also from this link:

https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3977056/electionletter_text.pdf



THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom come is a global wave of prayer, focused particularly from Ascension Day to Pentecost (25th May-4th June). Churches are encouraged to get involved and here at Dorcan we are engaging with it through the Messy Church theme this month, as well as the Sunday School for All we recently held on prayer.

In addition, other churches across Swindon are holding events to which we are invited and two are highlighted below.

We are also encouraged to “*pledge to pray*” personally and one can sign up on the website www.thykingdomcome.global. The website has loads more information and resources to help us, so let’s get praying!

Lydiard Park Walled garden: 28th May 2-6pm

Come and explore our interactive Prayer Stations from 2-5pm.

Bring along a picnic and share in our Celebration at 4pm.

Join our open air act of Worship at 5pm led by Revd Keith Osborn.

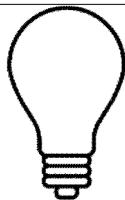
St. Mary’s Church, Rodbourne Cheney : 7pm 26th - 7pm 27th May
24 hours of Worship and Prayer, led by a number of Swindon churches

Preparation for Communion for children and young people:

Some of our church family youngsters have expressed an interest in sharing in communion for the first time which is super. As a church family we welcome and rejoice in including our young people after preparation and exploration. With this in mind we will be organising three sessions, with the last session inviting all children who already receive communion to attend so we can revisit our understanding of what it is we do as a church family when we come to the communion table.

We are currently tentatively looking at Sunday 25th June as the Sunday for first communion, with the last session with all children earlier in that service. The other 2 sessions will be earlier in June, likely during the week-time.

If your child has expressed an interest in receiving communion, or your child already receives communion and has not yet been on a Preparation session, please speak to Trudie.



Loads of training opportunities!!

We have just received the May-December 2017 training course schedule offered by Bristol Diocese and there are loads of courses offered, including how to be a welcoming church, engaging better with youngsters, understanding disabilities, understanding culture and generational issues, leading assemblies etc., as well as the ones you'd expect like safeguarding, finances and legal stuff.

There really is a huge amount of opportunity so please do look at the brochure on the noticeboard in the two centres and if you'd like to book on any then please let Jackie our administrator know
(01793 435987 dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)

Welcome basket for The Smith family

- Rob, Kath, Holly and Eliana:

Rob and the family are moving into Sedgebrook on 31st May and we would like to offer them a welcome basket of goodies.

If you would like to contribute, then a box/bag will be available from next Sunday at both centres and if you are thinking of gifting anything fresh (like cakes or a meal etc.) please could you liaise with Diane Killick regarding timing.

Also, if you are thinking of including something for their children, Holly is coming up 3 and Eliana is 8 months old. With thanks.

THE FRIDAY CLUB

At our next meeting on the 19th May, we have Dave Smith coming to talk to us about "Steam" where he is a regular volunteer. All welcome.

As you will know, Maureen and I (together with help from Paul) have been involved with the Friday Club from its beginnings, and for the last year or so Jean Smith has been organising a list of speakers for us.

There now needs to be a change in organisation. I have another commitment on Friday afternoons which must take preference, and Maureen, Paul and Jean often have other priorities on that day.

Maureen and Paul and Jean are willing to continue until the summer break, but to take the group forward from September we do need someone to take over the organising of the club. We have speakers booked for most of the rest of the year.

Please think about whether you can lead the group, be a treasurer, or help getting chairs and tables out, organising refreshments etc., getting there early to open up and meet a speaker, perhaps on a rota basis?

Unless several people offer to help, the group cannot continue in September ! Please speak to Jean at the next meeting if **you** can help.

Thanks, Anna

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 18th May 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