



St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
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17th January 2016

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



*"I have come that they might have life  
and have it more abundantly"  
(John 10:10)*

## SERVICES - 17th January

### St. Paul's

10.30am                      Baptism                                      Rev'd Trudie Wigley

We welcome the family and friends of Indie Pearl Kingsley as she is baptised this morning. The family have provided a wonderful cake for us all to share after the service, so please do stay for refreshments as we continue to celebrate the baptism of one of our church family.

4.00pm                      Messy Church                                      The Team !

### St. Tim's

10.30am                      Holy Communion                                      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

This morning, Paul Tayler is at Coleview supporting the wider Anglican deanery.

Readings	Isaiah 63:1-5	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
17th January	Psalms 36; 5-10	John 2: 1-11

**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.**

**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 18th January	2-4pm	Monday Club - Scrabble and Dominoes
Tuesday 19th January	9.30pm - 11.00am 7.30pm	Consultation on closure of Swindon's children's centres, Parks and Walcot Children's centre ECC @ St Tim's
Wednesday 20th January	9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's Same-sex marriage Circuit consultation. Queens Drive Methodist
Thursday 21st January	9.30am	Morning Worship at St. Tim's
Friday 22nd January	9.00am	Visit to Eldene School

**SERVICES 24th January****St. Paul's**

8.45am                      Holy Communion                      Rev'd Andrew Wigley  
and Alex Scott

10.30am                      Café Service                      Neil Marshall

Welcome: *John & Joan McCann*, Teas: *Café*, Sunday Club: *Café Church*

**St. Tim's**

10.30am                      Morning Worship                      Barbara Wilcox

**Sunday 24th January - Starting at 9.45 am - Cafe Service - St Pauls Church**

Café Service is a bit different from our usual services. We meet from **9.45 am** to share breakfast together. Then at 10.15 am there will be a short act of worship designed for the whole church family. This may include singing, prayer, an activity or discussion and an activity for younger members. Cafe is designed to be informal, social and thought provoking.

## **For your prayers -**

- Ourselves, that we may know the abundance of God that turned water into wine
- Those areas affected by violence, thinking particularly of the IS attack in Jakarta
- Our town of Swindon, for the people who live, work and visit our home town
- For those bereaved, and those who are caring for them in their loss
- For ourselves in our walk with Jesus

**Lent Course – a course for everyone.** **You are all invited** to take part in a short, 5-week course over the Lent period. As part of Building God's House, the Ministry team have chosen a course "Life Calling" which is aimed at helping each one of us explore what God is calling us to do.

Whether you are already a member of a house group, or whether this will be a new experience for you, we are hoping that many of you will sign up over the coming weeks to take part – Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 10th February. As well as the usual midweek evening groups, we are planning to offer one or two daytime groups, as well as a special one-off on Saturday 5th March.

This is an important part if we are to grow and develop as Christians, as well as helping to Build God's House here in Dorcan. So please, prayerfully consider, maybe even give yourself a bit of a challenge that will be rewarding, and sign up on one of the sheets available in each of the centres. Let's join together as we explore God's call to each one of us.

**Petition against closure of Swindon's Children centres:** You will know that last year Eldene Children's Centre was closed along with a number of others across Swindon. The five remaining centres are now in a consultation period for their decommissioning and are in areas for whom this is a particularly important facility, namely Drove, Moredon, Gorse Hill, Pinehurst & Penhill and Parks & Walcot East.

A number of families in our parish will be affected as they use the Parks and Walcot facility. Please consider signing the petition that is at both St Pauls and St Tims this morning, and if we get enough across Swindon then a full debate can be triggered. There is also a consultation this coming Tuesday from 9:30-11am at Parks and Walcot East's children centres, (flyer next to petition) to which we are encouraged to voice our views. Thank you.

### **Children and Young people's Registration Forms:**

As part of good practice and our safeguarding policy, each year we ask parents of children and young people who attend our groups to complete a registration form. This contains important information and enables us to look after our children and young people well. These will begin to be given out today and over the next few weeks, so please could we ask that they are completed and returned as soon as possible. This would be a great help for all those involved in the nurture and care of our children and young people. Thank you. *Trudie Wigley*

### **Walk of witness: from the Dorcan Church Ministry Team.**

It has been proposed again this year that all members of the Dorcan Church are invited to participate in a 'Walk of Witness' for our faith. Two days have been put forward for consideration and these are 'Palm Sunday' (20th March) or 'Good Friday' (25th March).

In order that a convincing 'witness' be shown in our community it would be appropriate for a large number to participate, that is, at least 20 people. Are you willing and able to 'walk'? Everyone is welcome, adults, children and friends. There are a number of possibilities, including the Palm Sunday 'witness' possibly walking between St Tim's and St Paul's, with a short act of worship at the beginning and end. For Good Friday we may want to consider an act of worship (bible reading & prayers) at 'Morrisons' (with permission) with a walk to St Paul's and a final act of worship. These are all possibilities and to be considered in parallel with other services being planned.

Please let anyone in the ministry team know if you are willing to commit to this and which (if any) day you would prefer. It is not intended to do both. If we are to be effective witnesses for Jesus then we need to start planning. There is nothing wrong in saying 'I can't go' and no explanations are necessary; but we do need to plan, so please, one way or another, let your ministry team know if you can join in. God bless you as you think about this opportunity.

### **An early Spring Clean at St Paul's Saturday 23 January 10am - 12am**

Could you come along and help? lots of different 'jobs' need doing, and as the saying goes, many hands make light work.

You don't have to stay for the full 2 hours, all help will be greatly appreciated.

**ALSO The vacuum cleaner at St Paul's** has seen better days, and is no longer able to do what it should!! Does anyone have a 'spare' they would like to donate?  
*Diane 336420*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)