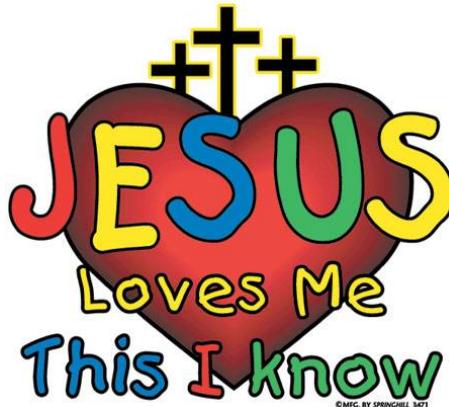




St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

21st August, 2016

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



Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
Before you were born, I set you apart.
Jeremiah 1: v 4.

Services Sunday 21st August 2016

St. Paul's

10.00am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Colin Parsons

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.

To those who helped Tuesday morning a **HUGE THANK YOU**,
you were Brilliant . Ta. *Diane*

WANTED!

Shoe boxes for the 50th Anniversary Sunday Celebration!
Intrigued? Stuart is collecting them, If you have any to spare, please
let Stuart know. Thanks.

Calling all musicians and singers !!



Thanks to everyone who responded to my plea for singers and musicians
over the last couple of weeks. It's now time to start looking at the music
and having a play.

With that in mind, I've arranged for everyone to meet in the Church at
St Paul's on a Wednesday night from 7:30pm. Please do come if you are
able for what I hope will be a series of fun evenings. Don't worry if you
can't make every week!

And please feel free to come along and join in on a Wednesday if you
haven't spoken to me and volunteered yet - it would be great to see you!

Dave Jones

Saturday 17th September Community Day 2pm - 6pm

We are looking for volunteers to help man games, assist with
refreshments, donate raffle prizes, and prepare for the event
please see either Debbie or Diane

As part of our **50th anniversary fun day** we will be
providing cream teas and cake.
If you are able to make a cake(s)
could you please sign the list on the table in the Church
or contact Debbie (535939 - leave a message)
e-mail debmulcock@gmail.com

**Dorcan Church 50th Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th September**

This note is to help keep you informed about what is being planned for our special anniversary weekend, so that you can also tell friends and neighbours about it. **More help is still required, so please contact Diane Killick** with any further offers and suggestions. Let's make this a great success, for church and communi-

Saturday 17th September, 2 – 6pm

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Fairground Games, Tug-o-war Competition

Bouncy Castle / Slide, Quiz

Messy Church and Tiny Tots activities

Swindon YFC BIOS Bus

Tea, Coffee and refreshments

Including Cream Teas and Ice Creams

Hot Dogs and Chips (from 4pm)

Sunday 18th September, 10am

**UNITED SERVICE of THANKSGIVING
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**led by Revd Dr Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon
and Revd Dr Jonathan Pye, Chair of Bristol District,
with invited guests of former ministers and local civic officers.**

**There will be celebratory cake and drinks for everyone
after the service, with lunch provided for our guests
by our children and young people at 1pm**

NB Services at St Paul's on 4th, 11th & 18th September will start at 10am.

Focus on Prayer

The existing pattern of praying for others ie; the Prayer Chain and Lectern List have worked extremely well over the years, thanks to the enduring efforts of Pam and Margaret. However, we met to see if there was a more 'joined up' and effective way that we, as a congregation could be praying for the needs of others. As a result of this, several things have happened.

Prayer Chain

Margaret has now amalgamated the two existing prayer chains, and she is still the person to contact initially. Your confidentiality will be respected by the Pray-ers, who can now be notified by email, text or phone call. If you are considering becoming a Pray-er yourself, please speak to Margaret. (You don't need a theology degree)

Lectern List

This list has now been superseded by a lovely new Prayer Board made by our Administrator Jackie. For the time being, it is hanging on the left hand wall. You'll notice that there is also a space for prayers answered.

If you have a prayer concern for either yourself or someone else

- Write that concern on the appropriate card, with the name of the person to be prayed for, the name of the person posting the prayer, and the date.
- The card will remain on the board for 2 weeks only, but if you wish, you may renew it yourself after 2 weeks.
- Also, if you wish it, the name of the person can be included in the notices for 2 weeks, as a reminder for people to pray at home. Pam is the person to contact initially, but Margaret if Pam's away.

Prayer Basket

There will now be a basket placed on the table next to the entrance. This will be for any of the congregation to put in a particular request for prayer for the following week. Each congregation member will be encouraged on leaving the service, to take a prayer request and pray for that person during the coming week.

I hope this all makes sense to you. If you have any concerns at all, please speak to;

Pam W. 343155 - Margaret H. 532849 –

Trudie W. 326128 or Barbara W. 538695

Happy praying - *Barbara*

September - November Rota

My apologies for asking you to think about the autumn, but would be very grateful to know any dates you would not be available.

Many thanks for all that you do, it is greatly appreciated.

Diane

Ride and Stride for Churches: Saturday, 10th September 2016.

Even Bear Grylls is going to be participating in this national event!
Could you raise some much needed money for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust (WHCT) by doing sponsored visits to local churches?

You can walk, cycle, ride a horse or use a mobility scooter – anything! – and you don't have to be as adventurous as Bear Grylls! Half the money you raise will come back to The Dorcan church, and the other half is used for grants for other church building.

We were the recipients of a £4k grant towards our heating from WHCT and this annual event funds this kind of valuable help and support.

More details will be available next week, but in the meantime put the date in your diary and join Bear and others across the country!

We have now received a list of the Churches that will be open on the day plus some further details and sponsor forms, which is now on the notice board in the Church.

Am I called to be a Licensed Lay Minister? The Ministry Team would love to hear from you if you sense God may be prompting you to explore this particular vocation. The diocesan are also hosting an evening together to explore this ministry, so do go along and find out more!

Tuesday 15th November,
7.00-9.15pm.
Hillside House, BRISTOL

For further information, please feel free to contact Rev Helen Collins, advisor for Licensed Ministry on 0117 906 0100

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 25th August
Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail.