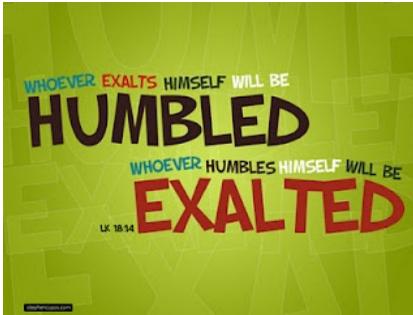




St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

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



Luke 18:14

Services Sunday 23rd October 2016

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

St Timothy's

10.30am	Morning worship	Paul Taylor
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This Sunday is 'Bible Sunday'. In past years we have had a collection for The Bible Society as an addition to our regular giving and this year is no exception. There will be an 'extra' collection basket this Sunday and next Sunday for any donations. The Bible Society always have fresh initiatives and promote the Good News (Gospel) all over the world, including the 'Open The Book' project running since 1999 in many schools across the UK.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Some people may have chosen the Bible Society as one of their favourite charities and already give through other ways. But, if you would like to donate this week or next week, please put any donations in the 'special' collection basket or in a separate envelope marked 'Bible Society Sunday' and put it in with the regular collection.

**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 24th October	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Wednesday 26th October		NO Tiny Tots at St. Paul's (half term) NO Tiny Tots at St. Tim's (half term)
Thursday 27th October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's

SERVICES 30th October

St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Trudie Wigley
 Welcome: *Dennis & Joy*, Teas: *Hazel & Alison* : Sunday Club: *Mary & Helen*

St Timothy's

10.30am Morning Worship Paul Tayler

For your prayers:

- For our schools, for rest and recharging as they break for the Autumn holiday
- For those in this town who are finding it hard to make ends meet
- For our world leaders, for integrity and love for others in their decision making
- All those who are in need of God's healing and peace
- All those recently bereaved following the loss of a loved one

“SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL” - last week:

Thank you to you all for your overwhelming positive feedback following our first “Sunday School for All” last week. The phone calls, emails and conversation of support were very much appreciated and we were delighted that so many came to try it out.

We have received ideas for topics for the future, and also feedback on how to make it even better, including more time for discussion and even thinking about lengthening the time together by including coffee time within the learning. Given the positive reception this had, we will be looking to run another one on **29th January 2017**, and roughly quarterly thereafter.

Thank you for your support and comments, and for your openness to try new things as we learn more about our faith and our awesome God.

Introducing the Safeguarding team! During the October united service we introduced the safeguarding team and prayed for them and all that they do. The processes and procedures that we are now required to follow can sometimes seem onerous, yet with a team to share and support each other we have a sustainable way forward. The lovely team are:

Recruitment Officer: Jenny Poole
DBS Officer: Sue Morgans
Training Officer: Dianne Lane
Concerns officers (referrals) Jo Kirkland (particular focus on children ,young people)
Dianne Lane (particular focus on vulnerable adults)
Administrator Jackie Hancock

As a team we have been continuing the great work of Sandra and since the beginning of the year have been looking at our policies and procedures and have updated them in line with recent revised Diocesan and national guidelines. Our paperwork is now of a standard that it is being used as an example to other churches across the diocese, so this is very encouraging for the team. One of the new guidelines is a Code of Conduct and Statement by us as a church. Copies of this were given to everyone last week, but if you missed yours please do grab one and prayerfully read it – it is also displayed in the two church centres. It is helpful in outlining our commitment and gives consideration to how we conduct ourselves to safeguard everyone. Thank you for your support in this important area and if you have any ques-

A new colleague to join the Dorcan team: In our October United service we announced the exciting news that a new colleague will be joining us at Dorcan as a training curate. We are delighted to share that Rob Smith will be joining us for 3-4 years after his ordination as Deacon on 1st July 2017. Rob is 33 and married to Kath, and they have a 3 year old daughter Holly, and also a new born baby who is two weeks old called Eliana Grace.

Rob is currently studying at Trinity College, Bristol, and previous to that was a children and youth worker. Kath works at SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) and will be returning to work post maternity leave. They are a warm and friendly family and as part of the process of “matching” and discerning, they visited Dorcan in August, attending an all age service, seeing the parish and two church centres, and meeting with some of the ministry team.

They felt very much at home with us and were encouraged by all that we are doing at Dorcan, and sensed that this was the right place for them for the time of Rob’s training. This is very encouraging news for us all and I’m sure that Rob and the family will be a great blessing to us as he progresses his curate training. Please pray for them as he continues his studies and they prepare to move to Swindon in May. *Trudie*



The catering team

A big thank you to everyone who has offered to help with the catering at Messy Church.



We are delighted to share that we now have an enlarged team with a number of new members so we are hopeful that we will be able to continue with offering a tea, but **more volunteers are still very much needed, especially shoppers!** A big thank you to the team who kept us going in October, and going forward Clare Smith is kindly co-ordinating the team going forward. So that we can get the team together and talk though how it all may work and how to best co-ordinate it, we suggest a get together at **8pm on Thursday 3rd November** in the Chapel at St Paul's. We hope as many as possible are able to come, and it will be good to spend some time together as a new team. Thank you to you all for your support and help

Messy Church training Saturday 26th November 2016 10-4pm St Christopher's Church, Brislington, BS4 3HN

Bristol Diocese has teamed up with Messy Church to provide training specifically for Messy Church teams of all sizes and ages to help them become better leaders. Through team-building exercises, leadership theory and reflective practice, the hands-on, fun, fast-moving and action-packed training day gives those aged 9-109 opportunities to understand more of the practicalities of leading a Messy Church, develop teamwork and reflect on their inner relationship with God and those around them. There are also specific workshops for young leaders of ages 9 upwards, so this is a true all age gathering! If you would like to go, then please let Trudie know (326128) so that we can book tickets and traveltravel down together. See you there?

News from X:Site:

After 9 years at St Pauls, X:Site is moving to The Academy School in Pinehurst. This is a great opportunity for the team to share the Christian message amongst a new community, and whilst we will miss this gathering being at St Paul's, it is super that it will be continuing elsewhere and that we can continue to join with them at their new home. In an email from Lianne Smith she shares the following: *"I just want to say thank you to the church community for supporting us on our 9 year journey. St Paul's has been so accommodating and welcoming and has been the perfect venue host. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to share the Good News of Jesus with children who have not yet heard."*

I'm sure you will join with me in praying for them and we look forward to their first event on 21st January 2017.

The Turning Point Trust, Koncert for Kiberia

19 November 7.30pm at

St Andrew's Church, Devizes. Tickets £7 each in aid of
Chemi Chemi Ya Tumaini School.

Please see Diane K or Judy Newman for further details.

Tea, Toast, Talk, TODAY!

is starting on Wednesday the 2nd November, at St. Tim's church between 8.45-10.30am. (Term time only). Everybody is welcome.

This is a new activity which was taken forward following conversations and ideas from some of the mums who go to Tiny Tots. It is a chance to meet with friends, and make new friends over a simple breakfast, as we connect with the local community.

It has the full support and authorisation by ECC and please do pray for the team and for all those who will come.

Helen, Hazel and Elizabeth

Rob Parsons – the “Wisdom House”: Rob is chief executive of Care for the Family and a best-selling author. He is coming to Swindon on Tuesday 8th November as part of his “Wisdom House” tour – an evening where he unpacks some lessons of life with stories that will touch your heart, times that will make you laugh and teaching that is inspiring and encouraging.

More details and how to book at www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive

Parish officer Training morning Saturday 26th November 9:30-1pm:

This is an excellent Diocese-run morning of talks, seminars and workshops for Churchwardens, ECC Treasurers and Secretaries, ECC members, parish administrators and all church members looking to expand their skills and knowledge. Tony Prichard, our Churchwardens and others have attended in the past and found it informative and a fun morning.

The seminars cover a wide range of topics that will both equip those who attend and also empower the local church. It is held at Sheldon School Chippenham and more information and signing up details can be found at <http://www.bristol.anglican.org/2016/parish-officer-training-morning/>

Service to pray and commission all those working with Children and young people - Sunday 27th November 3pm St John's Haydon Wick:

Bishop Lee will be leading this service to commission and pray for all those who work with children and young people across the Swindon deanery.

We are all invited and it would be great if a team of us could go. So many at Dorcan are involved in this ministry in many different ways, so please do come. If you'd like a lift then contact Trudie (326128)

LINK TO HOPE www.linktohope.co.uk Collection date 6th Nov

This year we hope you are planning to fill a shoe box for a family or an elderly person, our boxes are going to one of the following countries; Ukraine, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania. Please pick up a leaflet and read it including the attached notice, Tick what's included in the box on page 2 of leaflet and sellotape it to the box along the red colour. Folded with your £2 transport donation on the leaflet on top. Please put unwrapped sweets into a plastic bag, and any liquid bottles or sachets in another bag to protect other items in boxes. Please bring your boxes to the morning services on the 6th Nov. where we will bless them at St Tim's and St Paul's before being despatched. There are a few boxes and knitted children's hats at St Pauls. Knitters please note home made little soft stuffed toys can be given separately to be used as packing between boxes. If anyone wants to contribute small items and not a filled box **please give them to Christine Parsons, Paul Taylor, Clare Smith, Thank you**

The Training for this years Christmas Unwrapped [both Teams] is Nov.11th - 9.30am at St.Pauls .

Abi has offered to take it so it will be good to catch up with her. If anyone has not been involved before, but is interested in knowing what goes on, please contact me for information. Margaret 532849

If you can't make Training but want to be involved please see Jo Bush or myself.

Christmas Fayre 19 November 11am –1.30pm

Yes we are having one! Including: raffle, tombola, bric a brac, toys, cakes, mince pies, games.

Festive fun for all the family!

Your donations will be very welcome for all stalls.

Diane Killick

The Tuesday cell group would like toiletries for their tombola stall please-
Diane Lane

New Years Eve Church Party. - Family fun, bring and share food and whatever drink you want to drink. St Pauls Hall 8pm till 12.

Vacancy at St Paul's— we are looking for a reliable and flexible person to clean 9 hours a week term time, and 6 hours a week during school holidays . Please contact Tania for further details on 07939 939893. This vacancy has arisen as sadly Nora will be leaving us at the end of October.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 27th October
Tel: 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail