



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

25th September, 2016

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



*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God"*

Philippians 4:6

Services Sunday 25th September 2016

"National Prayer Weekend"

St. Paul's

8.45am Morning Worship Colin Parsons

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Trudie Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Revd Sandy Railton

**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 26th September	2-4pm	Scrabble and Dominoes at St. Tim's
Tuesday 27th September	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group (see separate notice)
Wednesday 28th September	9.00am 1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 29th September	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
Friday 30th September	PM	Assembly at Eldene



Sunday 2nd October

We will be celebrating **Harvest** next week.

At all of our services we will be giving thanks and also making our Harvest offerings. As in previous years, all dried foods will go to support breakfast Club and Foodbank, and perishable goods will go to Women's Aid.

Trudie

There will be a **soup and bread hunger lunch** after the Harvest Service on October 2nd in aid of Christian Aid.

Our young people from Ignite and Vybe will be leading the Service and providing the lunch. Could you please sign up if you are able to attend. Please come along and support our youngsters!

Deb and the team

SERVICES 2nd October - *Harvest Festival*

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am All Age Service Ignite & Vybe

St. Tim's

10.30am Parade Service Neil Marshall

For your prayers:

- For those who came to our 50th celebrations, that connections made continue
- The Middle East and a breakthrough for a ceasefire agreement
- Ourselves in our discipleship journey of prayer
- All those who are in need of God's healing and peace
- All those recently bereaved following the loss of a loved one

The next date for **Men's Fellowship** evening will be Tuesday 27th September. It will be at Mike's, Wiseman Close at 7-30pm when we will be planning a few more dates.

Thanks, *Paul Tayler*

Is there anyone able to fit a carpet in the small meeting room? The carpet will be provided and a reward of a batch of chocolate brownies!! If you are able to help please see Deb . Many thanks



We're hungry.....Can you help?

Since our last Messy Church in July our wonderful catering team has seen some changes and we are therefore looking to expand the team to enable us to continue to provide tea each month.

The fellowship and hospitality of having a meal together is a foundational value of the Messy Church movement and **at the current time will struggle to continue offering Sunday tea together.**

Going forward, it may be that we can think creatively of ways to do things differently to ease the preparation and serving, for example, "make your own sandwich", or offering easier foods such as hotdogs. To continue as we are, or in looking at other possibilities, we need a team, and the bigger team we have the easier it will be and to spread the various roles. Here are some ideas where you could be involved and **you don't necessarily need to be available every month, or even on the Messy Sunday to get involved!**

- Putting together a list of provisions needed each month
- Doing the food shopping ready for the preparers on the Sunday
- Co-ordinating the army of cake-bakers each month and ensuring delivery for the Sunday
- Preparing food on the day
- Laying the tables and stocking up on napkins etc.
- Washing up on the day
- Overseeing the catering team to connect all the activities

Please do prayerfully consider how you might be able to offer your skills and energy in any of these directions. **We have a particular urgency for our next Messy Church in three weeks on 16th October** and it may be that you can offer this as a one-off to help tide us over so we can plan further ahead. If you can help in any way then please get in contact with Trudie Wigley (326128) as soon as you can. Going forward it would be helpful to have a gathering of those interested so we can agree a sustainable way forward.

Messy Church is a priority in our outreach and through it we continue building the connections we make through other activities including our schools work, children and young people Sunday groups, Tiny Tots, baptisms etc.

Please do pray and continue how you might be able to contribute.
Thank you

Trudie

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**What a weekend!
Thank you to you all**



A MASSIVE thank you to everyone for making our anniversary celebrations last weekend such as success. Saturday was packed and buzzing with people from the community, and was indeed a “FunDay” with good conversations and new connections made. Sunday was an inspiring time of worship and thanksgiving, with commitment to the future as we continue to “Build God’s House”.

It could not have happened without the commitment and hard work of so many, in so many different ways, both over the weekend and in the months of preparation and planning.

Thank you for pulling together to make it an anniversary to remember in the life of this church.

To God be the glory!



Folder of good wishes for our anniversary:

Please do take a look at the folder of good wishes from various people for our 50th anniversary. It is on the top of the cupboard near the prayer board and as we receive letters and emails of thanks we will put them into the folder.

A huge thank you to the catering team on Saturday and to the youngsters and adults who helped with the lunch on Sunday.

You were all AMAZING!! -

RIDE+STRIDE

From John Davidson

.....despite a very wet start to the day, I did find the ride and stride, very enjoyable, and managed to visit 38 churches, in Swindon and surrounding area, (I haven't measured it, but probably did around 30 miles). My sincere thanks to all who sponsored me, either through just giving <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Davidson8>, or on the sponsor sheets in the 2 centres, if you missed it there is still time, if you wished to support the trust, and half the sum raised will go to the Dorcan Church, (around £300 total with gift aid at the moment).

Thank you John from us all for supporting this event, raising funds not only for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust who have been generous to us with our new heating, but also for the Doran Church.



Churches in Swindon are being urged to get behind a world record attempt by Younite Foundation. This is a charity centred on providing support and life changing opportunities for local children and young adults and they have selected three Swindon charities, to share the funds raised. One of these is **Swindon Youth for Christ** and the BIOS “*Setting for life*” mobile youth van which was at our Community Fun Day last week.

Younite Foundation are aiming to get 500 people involved in a Swiss Ball exercise class and smash the previous world record. Please do consider supporting this fun and worthy event and you can register at www.ballsbounceback.co.uk.

See you there! *Boing...boing...boing...*

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