



**St. Paul's, Covingham**

**St. Timothy's, Liden**

**Eldene Church**

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26th July, 2015

*“Gather the pieces that are left over.*

*Let nothing be wasted”*

John 6:12

## **SERVICES - 26th July**

### **St. Paul's**

10.00am      Baptism      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

We warmly welcome the family and friends of Leo Staines to be baptised today.

6.00pm      Holiday Club      Rev'd Trudie Wigley &  
Commissioning Service      Rev'd Andrew Wigley

### **St. Tim's**

10.30am      Holy Communion      Rev'd Trudie Wigley

This morning Neil Marshall is at Stratton Methodist, Colin Parson at Queens Drive Methodist, and Revd Stuart Fisher at Shrivenham – supporting both the wider Church of England and Methodist circuit.

### **Lectionary Readings -**

26th July      2 Samuel 11: 1-15      Eph. 3: 14-21  
Psalm 14      John 6: 1-21

**“Building God's house” – NO morning prayer this week:** Our morning and evening prayer focused on Building God's house started at the beginning of the month and it has been good to pray together. We were due to meet for morning prayer this Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, but this will now not be happening as many will be supporting holiday club and it would be helpful to keep the vestry free. Evening prayer will take place as usual at 7pm at St Tim's and will be kindly led by one of the cell groups. Look out next week for the August prayer card with dates for the month.

**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 -		
Tuesday 28th	7.00pm	Evening Prayer at St Tim's: "Building God's house"
Wednesday 29th	7.00pm	Messy Church meeting St Paul's vestry
Thursday 30th	9:30am 9.00pm	Communion at St Paul's (vestry) Prayer wherever you are: "Building God's house"

## SERVICES 2nd August

### St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

10.00am All Age United Service Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Holiday Club*, Teas: *Holiday Club*

Hi Everyone!

**Holiday Club** is happening this week and we have over 80 children coming and many many more on the waiting list. I am extremely grateful for everyone who is part of the team and the week will be fab!

Just a few requests- would people please bring any cardboard boxes/plastic bottles/plastic boxes to the church during the week? We are junk modelling on Friday and want to make sure there is plenty of variety! Also, if you have a Holiday Club T-shirt please could you return it to me. Finally, please be keeping all the children and leaders in your prayers this week. We have such a great opportunity to share our faith with so many children and we want them to learn more about God and His love for them and we would appreciate prayer that God will use us all as volunteers to do whatever He wants us to do.

Thanks! *Hannah.*

### **SG1 training —St Tim's -Wednesday August 19th – 7.15pm-9.15am.**

This training is for all those who missed the last session and work with children/youth, are members of ECC, and pastoral leaders. This will not be run again in this parish: anyone unable to attend will need to train with another Parish.

Thank you for all your time with training. *Sandra /Dianne*

### **Nearly there!!**

If you have been thinking of buying a chair, perhaps in memory of a loved one, we only have 18 across both centres to pay for. This has been an amazing achievement, and grateful thanks are extended to all who have contributed.

So please.....don't miss the boat.....plaques will be placed in each church with the names received.

Contact Diane K / Viv Craig/Tony Prichard for any more information

### ***For your prayers***

- Teachers, support staff, pupils and students: As they begin their summer break, may this be a time of rest and recharging
- Holiday club this week: for the children who will come that they may learn more about Jesus. For Hannah and Nathan as they lead, and for the whole team
- For those families for whom the summer break will be difficult for many reasons
- Medical professionals: we thank them for their expertise and serving us, and pray for them in this time of change.

**Thank you! Baptism and Confirmation service:** Thank you to everyone who helped and worked together to make the baptism and confirmation service such a wonderful time of worship and fellowship. It could not have happened without all of you who worked so hard in many ways – and a special thanks to Tania and Joe for their work getting the baptism pool organised and watertight!

Our prayers continue for our candidates for whom the evening was a significant time in their faith journeys – Ben, Tammy, Anne, Tilly, Mo and Marc

**Mid-week worship in August:** We look forward to meeting for our mid-week services over the summer, and our thanks go to those who will be leading us in August, as follows:

August 6<sup>th</sup> St Timothy's Communion led by Ven. Caroline Baston  
August 13<sup>th</sup> St Paul's Morning worship led by Paul Tayler  
August 20<sup>th</sup> St Timothy's Communion led by Canon Revd Judy Ashby  
August 27<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICE

Weekly mid-week communion resumes on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Swindon Deanery visit to Uganda 2016:**

The deanery link is planning a trip to Uganda to meet our brothers and sisters in our 2 link dioceses – Kampala and Luweero. Dorcan's link with Uganda goes back a number of years, with reciprocal visits and we are delighted that Rev'd Duncan Mugume will be visiting the parish in October this year.

If you are interested in joining the trip in 2016 then please pick up a leaflet and also talk with Tony and Jan Prichard about our link and past visits to understand more about this fellowship with our friends in Uganda.

Additionally there is an information and discussion evening planned for 9<sup>th</sup> September - 7:30pm at St John's Haydon Wick to which all are warmly welcome.

Janette and Peter Causer  
Are holding a **coffee afternoon**  
At 65 Elmore, Eldene, Swindon, SN3 3TN  
On Wednesday 12th August  
From 3pm until 5pm.  
welcome.

Proceeds to go towards the chairs at St. Timothy's Church

**The Revd Stuart Fisher – Licensing as Associate Local Minister (OLM)**

Our congratulations to Stuart who was licensed as an Associate Local Minister on Thursday 23th July at the Diocesan Offices in Bristol. This special occasion marked the completion of his curacy which Stuart has committed to over the last years, alongside his full time employment. Stuart is licensed to continue to serve locally to Dorcan, as well as in the wider deanery on an occasional basis.

As a church we will be marking this good news in our united service on 6<sup>th</sup> September. We thank Stuart for his continuing ministry amongst us, and we all pass on our congratulations and best wishes. *Trudie Wigley*

**Diocesan Strategy 2016-2018:** We have shared in previous notices about the proposed Diocesan strategy for the next 3 years, and your ECC shared their thoughts in their recent meeting. In addition to those papers previously highlighted, an updated leaflet has been produced – there are copies to take away and it can also be found at:

[http://www.bristol.anglican.org/pdf\\_monthly/2015/draftstrategy2016.compressed.pdf](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/pdf_monthly/2015/draftstrategy2016.compressed.pdf) Please do look at this and consider your response to it. Your ECC and ministry team would welcome your insight and comments.

***Work is to start on relaying the floor in the meeting room and in front of the chair cupboard from Monday 3rd. August. The work is expected to last for several days as the underlying concrete has to be dried.***

*During this time there will be no access to the meeting room or the chair cupboard. The contents of the meeting room will be cleared over the weekend following Holiday Club. If you have any questions please ask.*

*Tony P. tel:520734 e-mail tony@dorcanchurch.org.uk*

To all those who come to the **FRIDAY CLUB** - Please note that the planned walk around old town with Andy Binks scheduled for the 7th August has had to be postponed. We hope to arrange another date and will let you know. Please inform anyone you know who may not read these notices. Thanks. *Anna*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

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