



**St. Paul's Covingham**  
**St. Timothy's, Liden**  
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*Transforming lives and communities*  
*Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



*"So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's,  
and to God what is God's"*

*Matthew 22:21*

### **Services Sunday 28th May, 2017**

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

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

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

10.30am Morning Worship Paul Tayler

**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 -

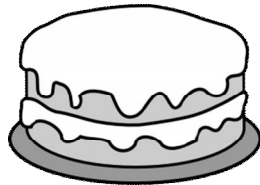
Monday 29th May		Bank Holiday !
Thursday 1st June	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's



**Ignite and Sunday Club are holding a cake sale** after the United Service next week to raise money towards their Spree Weekend.

Please support our young people in this venture.

Many thanks, The Team !



## SERVICES Sunday 4th June - Pentecost

### St. Paul's

10.30am      United Holy Communion      Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: *Rosemary/Amy*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*, Sunday Club: *Mary/Helen*

### St. Tim's

10.30am      At St. Paul's

Prayers for this week -

- The families and friends of those killed in the Manchester attack
- Those on half term break – pupils, teachers and support staff
- Our response to the Giving in Grace discipleship series
- Those who are unwell, and those recently bereaved

## **General Election 2-17 Hustings**

Swindon Churches Together and other church groups have arranged hustings for the upcoming elections as follows to which we are all warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend:

**South Swindon:** Organised by Swindon Churches Together.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm at Immanuel Church, Upham Road, Swindon, SN3 1DH. Doors open at 6.45pm and we invite you to write down your questions to the candidates by 7.15pm. All five candidates have confirmed that they will be at this event.

**North Swindon:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at Gorse Hill Baptist Church, SN2 1AA. More details to follow.

## **A Message from Youth Presidents Of the Methodist and URS churches, and the Church of Scotland**

The youth presidents of a number of denominations have produced a short video. Whilst aimed at the younger generations, encouraging younger people to vote, it is an encouragement to us all to get engaged and debate as we come towards the general election. Here's the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fP\\_njOY7PWs&feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fP_njOY7PWs&feature=share)

## **Archbishop's Pastoral Letter**

Following the recent sharing of this letter, copies are available in both centres, on the website, on our Facebook page and also from this link:

[https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3977056/electionletter\\_text.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3977056/electionletter_text.pdf)

## Giving in Grace



Today we end our preaching series on the parables in Matthew as part of our “*Giving with Grace*” discipleship series. It has been challenging as we have explored this topic and we have much to ponder and pray about.

Today, there are letters available to take home to help each one of us consider what our response might be to what we have heard and learned over the last month. Please do pick yours up as you leave today. Our lovely Treasurer has done his best to ensure that everyone is written to personally, but there are some whose details he does not know and therefore there may be omissions as well as overlaps! Please accept apologies in advance and if there is not a letter addressed personally to you, please take one from the pile marked “Extra copies”.

On 18<sup>th</sup> June we will be marking the end of our *Giving in Grace* focus with a thanksgiving service so your response is requested by this day. In your envelopes, there are response forms and there will be a box in each centre from next Sunday for us to make our response. This is in complete confidence and will only be opened by our Treasurer, or alternatively you may wish to pop it through his door – full details are available in the leaflet.

Thank you for engaging with this discipleship series and for your prayerful response. It is not easy to talk about money, yet I hope you have found our exploration and learning of help as you make your prayerful responses.

With our thanks. *The Finance team.*



## THY KINGDOM COME

25th May - 4th June

We are in the throws of the global wave of prayer – Thy Kingdom Come. It is not too late to join in and loads of information and ideas are on the website [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) .

### **Kingdom Come Prayer Kit!**

We explored what prayer is at Messy Church last week and each family was given a bag with 10 ideas of how to pray. If you would like to do this at home then do pick up a bag at the back of the church and get praying – there are some fun things to do and think about.

Also, TODAY, is an event at Lydiard Park to which we are all invited. Details as follows:

### **Lydiard Park Walled garden: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2-6pm**

Come and explore our interactive Prayer Stations from 2-5pm.

Bring along a picnic and share in our Celebration at 4pm.

Join our open air act of Worship at 5pm led by Revd Keith Osborn.

### **Bible Study Notes:**

We now have some more UCB (United Christian Broadcasters) Bible study notes. Please do grab one at the back at both centres.

## **Rev'd Rob Smith**

### **Ordination as Deacon**

**1<sup>st</sup> July at 3:30pm:**

Rob is ordained Deacon on this day and I am asked how many might come to the Cathedral to support him.

If you are thinking of coming, please could you let me know by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June so I can let the cathedral know as they request?

Thank you. Trudie 326128



### **Welcome basket for The Smith family - Rob, Kath, Holly and Eliana:**

Rob and the family are moving into Sedgebrook on 31<sup>st</sup> May and we would like to offer them a welcome basket of goodies.

If you would like to contribute, then a box/bag will be available **today** at both centres and if you are thinking of gifting anything fresh (like cakes or a meal etc.) please could you liaise with Diane Killick regarding timing.

Also, if you are thinking of including something for their children, Holly is coming up 3 and Eliana is 8 months old. With thanks.

### **Thank you to Ignite!**

A big thank you to ignite for sharing what they have been doing on their Alpha Course and particularly your feedback to us as a church. You said that you would like to hear more about the Holy Spirit, and stories of healings and prayers answered.

Thank you too for your encouragement to all of us to commit to gathering together regularly as a church family. We will get to work on your feedback and thank you for sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and for being a part of this church family.



**Spring Harvest 2018 –  
“Only the brave!”  
Do you want to come?**

Next year a group from Dorcan is going to Spring Harvest, and following discussions with our friends at St John’s, Hayden Wick, we are now arranging this as a joint group booking. Are you interested in coming?

The dates are 5 nights from 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April at Minehead and the theme is “Only the Brave” – sounds fun! Cost is £239 per adult and £219 per child (under 2s free) on a self-catering basis in many 4-berth accommodation, although half/full board is available at additional cost.

Our wonderful group organisers are the lovely John and Liz Pearce so if you are interested in going and/or have questions please make contact with them on [johnandlizpearce@gmail.com](mailto:johnandlizpearce@gmail.com).

Timing is tight and numbers and bookings need to be made by the end of this month, so **please contact John and Liz by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May** if you are thinking of coming and they can talk through options and possibilities with you.



## **A prayer for Manchester**

Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on the people of Manchester,  
Lord have mercy on all caught up in the bombing,  
Lord have mercy on all who are injured and traumatized,  
Lord have mercy on all who are bereaved and bereft,  
Lord have mercy on all who are providing care and solace,  
Lord have mercy on those who must investigate what has happened,  
Lord have mercy on us all as we struggle to understand why this can happen,  
Lord have mercy. Amen.

*Revd C. Boland*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by Thursday 1st June Tel 695698  
or e.mail [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail**