



**St. Paul's, Covingham**  
**St. Timothy's, Liden**  
**Eldene Church**

[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
28th June, 2015

*"Do not be afraid; just believe*  
Mark 5:36

## **SERVICES - 28th June**

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

8.45am	Holy Communion	Neil Marshall and Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship With Baptism	Rev'd Trudie Wigley

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

10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
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This morning Paul Tayler is at Coleview and Andrew Wigley is at Queens Drive supporting the wider Swindon deanery and Methodist circuit respectively

Lectionary	2 Sam 1: 1, 17-27	2 Cor. 8: 7-15
Readings	Psalm 130	Mark 5: 21-43
28th June		

**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.**

**NEXT WEEK**

Monday 29th June	All day 2-4pm 7.30pm	Covingham and Nythe at Malmesbury Abbey, sponsored by Dorcan church Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship Group—Thorne Rd. Eldene
Tuesday 30th June	7.30pm 7.30pm	Finance committee at Merlin Way Cell Group— Fitzmaurice Cl. Covingham
Wednesday 1st July	9.00am 1.30pm 1.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Covingham Park School Year 6 "It's your move" Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Confirmation preparation at St Tim's Cell Group - Blakeney Avenue
Thursday 2nd July	9.30am All day 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at St Paul's Cluster review at Stratton Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Cell Group— White Edge Moor, Liden

**SERVICES—5th July****St. Paul's**

10.30am

United Service  
With Holy CommunionRev'd Trudie Wigley and  
Rev'd Andrew WigleySunday Club:*Jo and Niki*, Welcome: *Joan and John* , Teas: *Cathy's Group***Our youngsters will be holding a cake sale**

after the united service on July 5th

to raise money towards their weekend at Spree!

Please generously support!

Thanks *Deb and Hannah*.**Welcome to Jackie Hancock:**

We extend a warm welcome to Jackie who starts this week on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July as the church administrator. A number of you met Jackie and her husband Trevor at the summer fayre, and she looks forward to joining us.

Jackie will be with us for 12 hours Wednesday - Friday mornings, so please do pop in and say "hello" if you are passing or in the centre. Welcome Jackie!

**Diocesan Strategy 2016-2018:** This Spring, the Bristol Diocese shared an initial draft outline of a proposed strategy for 2016-2018. The strategy highlights the need to proclaim the gospel in this generation, recognising that many church congregations have an absence of people aged 10-40s and also do not reflect their community cross-section. The report highlights some of the challenges we face in both modern culture and church culture, and looks at the possibility of setting up large missional areas to focus on growth and poorer areas, as well as sharing resources and energy within these areas.

At this stage, whether a missional area is set up geographically or based on context is unclear. The strategy has been discussed at Diocesan Synod, Deanery Synod and with clergy and your ECC and ministry team will be sharing their thoughts over the next few months to feed back.

The strategy is still in the stage of adding detail and we are assured that this is a draft strategy and is evolving and will be shaped by our comments. A fuller paper will be released at the end of June which will set out the strategy in more detail, and provide some supporting papers. I will let you have the link when it is released.

This is an important time for setting the outlook for the next few years, and we can all have our say. Below are links to the diocesan website outlining the most pertinent papers which have been released, and please do take a look and consider your response. Diane Killick and Trudie Wigley are both on Diocesan synod and will be voting on this in September, and Trudie Wigley is also now on the Deanery leadership Team. We have a good opportunity to ensure our voice is heard and to shape the ongoing strategy, so please do share your insights and wisdom with any member of ECC, ministry team or the Churchwardens. Thank you.

***Draft outline strategy:***

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Draft-Outline-Strategy-2016-18.pdf>

***Progress report:***

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/2-Diocesan-Strategy-2016-18-progress-16.5.16.pdf>

***Initial Consultation Feedback:***

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/2-Strategy-Initial-Consultation-report-16.5.15.pdf>

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

St. Tim's are looking for a cleaner, - only 3 hours - once a fortnight.  
Times and further details to be arranged with applicants.

*Viv Craig (497821)*

Don't forget to use **Easy Fundraising** ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)) for your on-line purchases including click and collect.

£40 was raised from the first three months of this year which I have allocated to the chair fund.

*Tony Prichard*

Thank you to all those who generously sponsored me for 'Walk a Mile in My Shoes' around the town centre at the end of Carers Week. I raised £188 in sponsorship & I made it up to £200 with some money I had for my birthday.

If you are a 'voluntary' carer for anyone - family friend or neighbour - who has a long term, or life threatening illness the Swindon Carers Centre is there for us & can be

contacted on Swindon 531133 or speak to me

*Elizabeth H 497910*

### **Grant – good news!**

We are very grateful for the generosity of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust who have awarded us a grant of £4,000 towards the cost of replacing the heating system and the dividing screen at St Pauls. This is excellent news and an answer to prayers.

Thank you to Tony Prichard and the finance team for making the application. Please continue to pray for the remaining grant application which is currently being finalised and will be submitted shortly. We expect a decision early Autumn.

**Sad family news:** It is with sadness that we share that Bob Poole died on Thursday afternoon. He left this life peacefully and Jenny was with him.

I know that you will keep Jenny, Malcolm, Christina and the family in your prayers at this difficult time. May our brother Bob rest in peace and rise in glory.

Amen.

### **For your prayers**

- For those bereaved – thinking particularly of the family and friends of Bob Poole at this time
- For Hannah Mulcock as she travels to South Africa on a missional project with Scripture Union over the next couple of weeks
- For the preparations for Holiday Club
- For the baptism, confirmation and Re-affirmation of faith candidates in our Ecumenical service in July
- For economic wisdom, especially in Greece and Europe

**Baptism and Confirmation service – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** This year we are looking forward to hosting the Ecumenical service at 7:30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at St Pauls where candidates from a number of ecumenical partnerships across Swindon will be either baptised, confirmed or re-affirm their baptismal vows.

Please do pray for all the candidates, and for our friends from Dorcan – for Anne, Tilly, Ben and Tammy who will be confirmed (with Tammy and Ben also being baptised) and for Mo and Marc who will be re-affirming their baptism vows. We pray for all the candidates and ourselves as a church as we prepare for this special evening.

### **Confirmation practice – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – could you help provide a meal please?**

All the candidates who will be baptised, confirmed or renewing their vows in July, will be coming to St Paul's for a practice on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. After our run through of the service, we thought it would be a special time to have a meal together and a time of fellowship ahead of the actual confirmation evening on 13<sup>th</sup> July. We are likely to finish by 6pm and would anyone please be able to help provide a meal in support of the candidates? We are looking at around 16 people. If you are able to offer to help, please could you have a chat with Trudie Wigley

**All are invited to “Building God’s House” –  
Saturday 26th September.**

A day for the whole church to gather together to

- **Express** our hopes and dreams for the future of the Dorcan Church
- **Share** where we see God at work in his church and the community
- **Develop** plans together for the next phase of the building of the life of the church and its outreach to the community
- **Commit** ourselves afresh to being and sharing the Good News for all God’s People



Please put the date in your diary as we hope that many of you will want to take part in this.

Over the coming weeks and months, the Ministry Team will be inviting you to share your thoughts in preparation for this day through some displays that have been put up in the two centres. Do pick up a leaflet which explains what it is all about, and please start thinking about what you would like to write on the various coloured stickies and in the folder. **What is your picture of the house that God is calling us to build?** Your ministry team values your reflection and thoughts so please do let us know what you think because it will help us plan effectively for September.

**During our united service on 5<sup>th</sup> July we will be explaining more about the thinking and background behind the process we have adopted to help us discern God’s will for us as his church. This focuses first on imagining a picture of the kind of church God wants us to be, before working out how to get there. Your input to this is vital, which is why we are encouraging you to reflect and share in the meantime. Do take a look at what others have written or shared on the posters and in the folder at**

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

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)