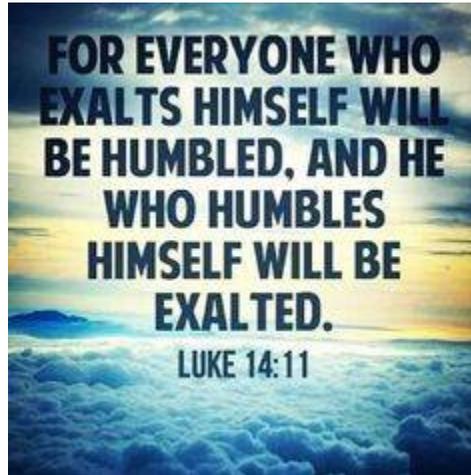




St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

28th August, 2016

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



Services Sunday 28th August 2016

St. Paul's

10.00am Morning Worship Alex Scott

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher
And 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.

For your prayers:

- Everyone in the Italian earthquake; those who mourn, those injured, lost homes, all the emergency services helping
- For the families and friends of those who lost their lives at our seaside resorts
- The decisions being made regarding our local services of Dial a Ride and libraries
- Students, pupils, and teachers preparing for the new term
- Preparations for 50th anniversary

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.

Thursday 1st September	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
Friday 2nd September	7.30pm	Ministry team at 60 Fairlawn

SERVICES 4th September**St. Paul's**

10.00am United Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Welcome: *Joan & John*, Teas: *Janice & Jan*, Sunday Club/Ignite : tba

Jim Collins

As you may be aware, a member of our congregation, Jim Collins, passed away on 9th August at the Great Western Hospital. His funeral will be held at St. Tim's on Monday 5th September at 12.30pm. The service will be followed by committal at Kingsdown Crematorium at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend. The service will be followed by light refreshments at St. Tim's at approx 2.00pm.

Joy Stephens has now moved.

Her new address is in.

Ermin Street,
Stratton

Her telephone number remains the same.

Focus on Prayer

The existing pattern of praying for others ie; the Prayer Chain and Lectern List have worked extremely well over the years, thanks to the enduring efforts of Pam and Margaret. However, we met to see if there was a more 'joined up' and effective way that we, as a congregation could be praying for the needs of others. As a result of this, several things have happened.

Prayer Chain

Margaret has now amalgamated the two existing prayer chains, and she is still the person to contact initially. Your confidentiality will be respected by the Prayers, who can now be notified by email, text or phone call. If you are considering becoming a Prayerer yourself, please speak to Margaret. (You don't need a theology degree)

Lectern List

This list has now been superseded by a lovely new Prayer Board made by our Administrator Jackie. For the time being, it is hanging on the left hand wall. You'll notice that there is also a space for prayers answered.

If you have a prayer concern for either yourself or someone else

- Write that concern on the appropriate card, with the name of the person to be prayed for, the name of the person posting the prayer, and the date.
- The card will remain on the board for 2 weeks only, but if you wish, you may renew it yourself after 2 weeks.
- Also, if you wish it, the name of the person can be included in the notices for 2 weeks, as a reminder for people to pray at home. Pam is the person to contact initially, but Margaret if Pam's away.

Prayer Basket

There will now be a basket placed on the table next to the entrance. This will be for any of the congregation to put in a particular request for prayer for the following week. Each congregation member will be encouraged on leaving the service, to take a prayer request and pray for that person during the coming week.

Ride and Stride for Churches: Saturday, 10th September 2016.

Even Bear Grylls is going to be participating in this national event!

Could you raise some much needed money for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust (WHCT) by doing sponsored visits to local churches?

You can walk, cycle, ride a horse or use a mobility scooter – anything! – and you don't have to be as adventurous as Bear Grylls! Half the money you raise will come back to The Dorcan church, and the other half is used for grants for other church building.

We were the recipients of a £4k grant towards our heating from WHCT and this annual event funds this kind of valuable help and support.

More details will be available next week, but in the meantime put the date in your diary and join Bear and others across the country!

We have now received a list of the Churches that will be open on the day plus some further details and sponsor forms, which is now on the notice board in the Church.

Ride & Stride

I shall be participating in this years Ride and Stride, sponsor forms will be available in both centres, proceeds to The Dorcan Church, and Wiltshire Historic Churches, if you are able please sponsor this worthwhile cause, which contributes to the upkeep of our churches.

Many thanks, *John Davidson*

Am I called to be a Licensed Lay Minister? The Ministry Team would love to hear from you if you sense God may be prompting you to explore this particular vocation. The diocesan are also hosting an evening together to explore this ministry, so do go along and find out more!

Tuesday 15th November,
7.00-9.15pm.

Hillside House, BRISTOL

For further information, please feel free to contact Rev Helen Collins, advisor for Licensed Ministry on 0117 906 0100

Saturday 17th September Community Day 2pm - 6pm

We are looking for volunteers to help man games, assist with refreshments, **donate raffle prizes**, and prepare for the event please see either Debbie or Diane

**Dorcan Church 50th Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th September**

This note is to help keep you informed about what is being planned for our special anniversary weekend, so that you can also tell friends and neighbours about it. **More help is still required, so please contact Diane Killick** with any further offers and suggestions. Let's make this a great success, for church and community.

Saturday 17th September, 2 – 6pm

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

**Fairground Games, Tug-o-war Competition
Bouncy Castle / Slide, Quiz
Messy Church and Tiny Tots activities
Swindon YFC BIOS Bus**

**Tea, Coffee and refreshments
Including Cream Teas and Ice Creams
Hot Dogs and Chips (from 4pm)**

Sunday 18th September, 10am

**UNITED SERVICE of THANKSGIVING
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**led by Revd Dr Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon
and Revd Dr Jonathan Pye, Chair of Bristol District,
with invited guests of former ministers and local civic officers.**

**There will be celebratory cake and drinks for everyone
after the service, with lunch provided for our guests
by our children and young people at 1pm**

NB Services at St Paul's on 4th, 11th & 18th September will start at 10am.

“Let All Men Sing”

Want to enjoy a new experience of singing in a top quality choir whilst making new friends and raising money for charity? Then join Swindon and District’s own

Swindon Male Voice Choir

We are now looking for new members and we meet on Monday evenings in the New Century Club, Gorse Hill, Swindon SN2 8BU at 7.30pm and would love to welcome you at any rehearsal or, to our open rehearsal on 12 September 2016 also at 7.30pm. You don’t need to be able to read music but if you can that would be an advantage.

Full support is given to new members. For Further Information:

Visit the website: swindonmalevoicechoir.co.uk

Email: swindonmalevoicechoir@msn.com

Telephone (Recruitment Team); 01793 822495

01793 486454

Swindon Male Voice Choir

Are giving a concert at St. Paul’s on the 12th November.

More details at a later date.

Time to find out more?

If you feel ready to learn more about your faith, you might enjoy an “Exploring Christianity” course. This is the course which Sue Morgans shared with us about last Sunday. It is an evening course made up of six ten-week modules, and details of the next Exploring Christianity are as follows:

Starting Thursday 22nd September 2016,

7.30 pm at Lydiard Millicent Primary School, SN5 3LR.

For more information and to register, contact Jayne Mathias at the Diocese (jayne.mathias@bristoldiocese.org) or ring the Ministry Development office on 0117 906 0100. And don’t forgot to also ask Sue about it!

Future dates for the diary as at September 2016

Monday 5th September 2016

Parish Share seminar 7.30pm -9.30pm, Community Centre, Christ Church

Saturday 10th September 2016

Wiltshire Historic Churches trust Ride and Stride

Saturday 10th September 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Friday 16th-Sunday 18th September 2016

Dorcan church 50th Anniversary weekend!

Saturday 2-6pm Community Fun Day, St Paul's centre

Sunday 10am United Service of Thanksgiving, St Paul's Church led by
Revd Dr Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon and Rev Dr Jonathan Pye,
Chair of Bristol District

Saturday 24th September 2016

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Saturday 1st October 2016

Scripture Union training day (Re-Charge) 9.30am -4pm
Ladyfield Evangelical Church, Hungerford

Tuesday 22 November 2016

Deanery Synod Meeting, St John's Parks & Walcot

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th November 2016

3Generate2016 fun, faith and friendship for children & young people (now full)

Saturday 26th November 2016

Messy Church Leaders Training Day in conjunction with CPAS,
St Christopher's Church, Hampstead Rd, Bristol

Saturday 3rd December 2016

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th January 2017

Lay Ministers conference at Brunel Manor in Torquay

Sunday 5th February 2017

The Very Rev Dr David Hoyle Dean of Bristol Cathedral - preaching at St Paul's

Wednesday 26th April 2017

“Creating Connections” Diocesan conference

13th-22nd June 2017

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – further details from Paul Tayler

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All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
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Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail.