



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



Jesus said: "Come to me...and I will give you rest"
(Matthew 11:28)

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT FIVE WEEKS

	6th Aug	13th Aug	20th Aug	27th Aug	Sept. 3rd
St. Paul's	10.00 Communion with children's group Revd's Rob Smith & Trudie Wigley	10.00 All age Neil Marshall	10.00 Communion with children's group Revd Stuart Fisher	10.00 Morning Worship Revd Trudie Wigley	8:45 Communion Revd Stuart Fisher 4pm Tea & Praise with com- muion Revd Andrew Wigley
St. Tim's		10:30 Communion Revd Stuart Fisher /Paul Tayler	10:30 Morning Worship Colin Parsons	10:30 Communion Revd Andrew Wigley	

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 for the next few weeks -				
Week Commencing	7th Aug	14th Aug	21st Aug	28th Aug
Monday				Bank Holiday
Thursday	9.30am St. Tim's Morning Worship	9.30am St. Paul's Communion	9.30am St. Tim's Morning Worship	No Mid-week Service
Saturday		9.30am St. Paul's Prayer for the Nation	Amy Wale & Michael Wedding	

One Newsheet for August: Our normal weekly newsheet service will be resumed from Sunday 3rd September (although remember that day our usual pattern is amending to 8:45 and 4pm at St Pauls due to the Marathon!) We wish you all a good and safe summer and may God bless you.

Prayers for a lovely challenge: Our church family is growing and we now have over 35 children, young people and babies who attend creche, Sunday club and Ignite – over double from 18 months ago. This presents us with a wonderful challenge as to how we nurture and care for our young ones in age appropriate groups. Please pray for Deb Mulcock and the team as they think creatively about this and possible resources over the summer. And we praise God for the people of all ages He is bringing together to be his church in this community.

Prayer board and basket: Following our building work we are now all organized again so don't forget to add your prayers, and prayers answered, to the board. Also, the prayer basket is by the door for you to write a prayer and for any of us to pick it up and commit to pray for over the next week. Happy praying!

Trudie is going to launch this years Link to Hope Shoebox appeal, on Sunday.

Leaflets are in the church at St. Paul's and Viv Craig will have some for St. Tim's. The leaflets are set out better this year - easier to follow.

The boxes will be dedicated on Sunday 5th November at the United Service at 10.30am.

Any queries, please contact Christine Parsons or Paul Tayler

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land."

Ezekiel 22:30

Are you able to spare one hour to pray for our country, and our government?

On Saturday August 19th at 9.30, some of us will be meeting in the chapel at St. Paul's for just that purpose, to 'stand in the gap' and to intercede for our country. We would be thrilled if some of you could join us. Should you need more information please contact either:

Dianne on 639863, dianne7@virginmedia.com or
Barbara on 538695 b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com

Message from Josh & Amber

As many of you know we are getting married at St Paul's on Saturday 9th September at 2:30pm. Although we could not invite everyone to the reception, we would be pleased to see anyone who would like to come to the ceremony, with some tea and cake after.

**Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust
annual Ride & Stride 2017.**

This event takes place on September 9th, I will again be cycling on behalf of the Trust, and the Dorcan Church. If you would like to support me by sponsorship. there will be a sponsor form in both centres, later in August, or you may donate by text using code EWCR 62 (amount) £5 to 70070, or online @ [justgiving.com/fundraising/john-davidson9](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-davidson9).

If you feel you would also like to participate, in the Ride & Stride see me for details or visit www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk to download info.

Last year I managed to visit 31 Churches in the Swindon area, I am hoping to improve on that.

We did receive a grant from them recently (for the new heating at St Paul's)

many thanks *John Davidson*

Missional Giving

Ignite have been tasked with looking at our Missional giving in respect of where the money should be sent for this year. We are looking at 2 National/International charities and 1 local one.

If there is a charity which you feel that the Church should consider could you please let me know. Our young people will then research some of them to present to the congregation at our Harvest Celebration. You will then have an opportunity to vote.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Debbie

Swindon Half Marathon – 3rd September! Advance information

Sunday 3rd September is the date for the Swindon half Marathon and this year sees a new route which includes the whole of Dorcan Way. This will mean the road will be closed in a northerly direction between around 10-1pm, although there will be crossing points. Given that this will make travel to and from both centres a little more challenging, we will be changing our usual monthly united service and instead at St Paul's will be holding a 8:45 shorter service of communion and then in the afternoon a 4pm "tea and praise" worship service, again with communion.

We are also excited to share that we have been asked as a church to be a part of marathon – but not in a running capacity! We have been approached to man an "aid" station with water and support along Dorcan way. This is a great opportunity for us to be a witness in the community and more information is below from Nathalie Marshall.

Trudie

Many of you will know that the new route of the Swindon Half Marathon now goes straight down Dorcan Way, almost past St Paul's front door. As such, Church Council have taken the decision to offer to man an "Aid Station" on Dorcan Way, near to St Paul's. This commits us to having 10 to 15 people there at any one time from 10am until 1pm, to open the lids of water bottles and hand them out to runners. We will have a banner identifying us as being from the Church, and we are really excited about this opportunity to engage with the wider community.

Please could you let NATHALIE (nathalie@calisnenath.org.uk) know ASAP if you are able to help for any of this time. We are also considering keeping the Church open for spectators to use the toilets - volunteers to man this also welcome. The services on this day will be changed to reflect this activity, and there will NOT be a 10/10:30 service (there will be 2 communion services, one at 8:45 and an informal one at 4pm).

RELATED ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

Dorcan Way will only be closed to traffic in a northbound direction (i.e. Coate Water to Greenbridge), and there will be managed crossings from the other side of the road to St. Paul's. Realistically, the road will close around 10am, and then be reopened for around 1pm

Nathalie

The next Bishop of Bristol

Getting involved in the process of appointing the next bishop

You will be aware that +Mike is retiring at the end of September and we thank him for his ministry and pray for him and Anthea as he steps down. We are all invited to become involved in the process of appointing the next bishop and below is how we might take part. If you would like to discuss anything with a member of the vacancy committee, please contact Oliver Home (oliver.home@bristoldiocese.org) who will be able to put you in touch with the relevant person. The diocese wants this consultation to be had as widely as possible so please do get involved.

Pray:

- ◆ Give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Mike;
- ◆ Pray for Bishop Lee and the diocesan team during the period of vacancy
- ◆ Ask for wisdom and discernment for all those involved in the process
- ◆ Pray for the person who is chosen to take on the role.

Attend an open meeting: come and share your views in a meeting across the deaneries in September and October. Our nearest one is in Swindon on 5th October 7:30 at Toothill Church, West Swindon. Also there will be an open meeting with the Prime Minister's and Archbishops' Secretaries for Appointments on Thursday 19 October, where you will be able to share your views directly with them. Venue TBA.

Submit your views online: This form will be available from the beginning of September, and can be completed by individuals and groups. It will focus on two areas for comment:

What difference do you want the next Bishop of Bristol to make?

What qualities would you like to see in the next Bishop of Bristol?

On Saturday the 30th September 2017 at 10.30am at St Paul's Church

Members of the Eldene Monday Fellowship will be holding

A BIG BAKE EVENT In support of Tear Fund.

They are fundraising for people living in poverty in Malawi who are struggling to grow a harvest due to poor rains?

So come and join us and find out more about TEAR FUND

Cake Stall, a Nearly New Stall, second hand stall, Books etc.

We will be pleased to receive any cakes and donation and help

Look Forward to seeing you there. *Christine & Kathy*

St Paul's Floor and Partition Screen – Update: The new partition has been installed at St Paul's, and the new floor in the hall is now completed. Doesn't it look super?! We have received many positive comments and in order to look forward to many years of service in the life of the church, please can we ask that we all observe the following commandments (some are new!)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Love your neighbour as yourself

Do not drag chairs and tables etc. across the new floor (please!)

Do not stick anything to the new partition (please!)

Thank you!

The new partition incorporates a locking mechanism that helps provide sturdiness and improved sound insulation. It also provides flexibility as to how we use the church and hall, either separately or together. If you or your group would like to have the partition set in a different way to the normal (closed) position, please do let one of the stewards or our Centre Administrator, Tania, know in advance so that this can be arranged, or instruction given.

Finally, we are of course aware that the work is not yet fully complete. The organ is due to be re-installed in mid-August, followed by the re-installation of the radiators. We have still to decorate the frame surrounding the partition, and tidy up loose ends etc. There are also more general decoration and maintenance items which it has not been possible to do within the tight timescales to ensure we still received our £5k grant. However with offers of help we will be able to address these going forward. Finally our thanks to everyone who has helped in any way, but particularly to Tony and Diane.

Andrew

We have a much loved and used **PIANO & stool** that needs a new home where it will be appreciated & PLAYED. If you would like it no payment is required but recipient would be expected to arrange removal & transport

Contact Elizabeth H. tel: 497910

The Methodist Insurance Church Community Award

Would you like to win up to £5000 for the Dorcan Church?

All you need to do is to write a short article (less than 1000 words) to explain how the Church has helped and supported our local community. This could be a one off event or an ongoing project and any supporting materials such as photos or posters should be included. If you feel this is something you would like to do then please speak to the Church Wardens, Diane Killick or Viv Craig.

As well as the chance to win £5000 there are five runners up prizes of £1000!

Further details from www.methodistinsurance.co.uk/churcaward

The closing date is 31 August 2017.

Ecclesiastical insurance - Great Mural Competition - £10,000 prize

Churches are asked to create a visual representation of their role in the community, A3 scale and submit it to freepost Ecclesiastical by 21st August 2017. Style and materials are up to each church. The company will use the entries to create one of the UK's largest pieces of community art. There are also four runner up prizes of £2500.

Further information: ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 31st August Tel 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

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