



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



“Take your pay and go home.

I want to give this man who was hired last as much as I gave you”

Matthew 20:14

Services Sunday 7th May, 2017

St. Paul's

10.30am United Holy Communion Rev'ds Trudie Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am At St. Paul's

1.00pm Baptism Rev'd Trudie Wigley
 of Summer and Harley Wyatt

We welcome the friends and family of Summer and Harley as they are baptised today. They are regulars at Tiny Tots at St Tim's and at Messy Church and we celebrate with them today.

This morning Colin Parson is at Pewsey
and Andrew Wigley is at Wroughton supporting the wider Methodist circuit.

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 8th May	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 9th May	7.30pm 7.30pm	ECC at St. Tim's Men's Fellowship meet at 13 Bryanston Way
Wednesday 10th May	9.00am 9.00am 1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 11th May	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
Friday 12th May	9.30am	SYFC meeting
Saturday 13th May	10 - 12 10 - 1pm 7.30pm	Plant sale at St. Tim's Library launch and fun day, St. Paul's centre Koncert for Kibera, St. Paul's

SERVICES Sunday 14th May 2017		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
10.30am	All Age Worship	Neil Marshall
Welcome: <i>Vybe/Ignice/SC</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy & Friends</i> , Sunday Club: <i>All Age</i>		
1.00pm	Baptism	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
4.00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Prayers for this week -

- Ourselves as we reflect on prayer following Sunday school for all last week
- The discipleship series “giving in grace” - for open hearts and minds as we explore financial giving
- For ECC as they meet on Tuesday
- For those in leadership across the world, for wisdom and generosity to all
- All those soon to sit exams, from primary school to university and colleges
- Those who are unwell, and those recently bereaved



Creating Connections – Conference and Diocesan newsletter:

Last week Andrew, Stuart and Trudie attended the diocesan-wide conference looking at Creating Connections: with God, with each other, with our communities. There were a number of thought-provoking and challenging talks and these are on the Diocesan utube channel which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/DioceseofBristol> - particularly recommended are the talks by Revd Dr Sam Wells and Bishop Mike, and **not to be missed is our own film from Dorcan on Easter Cracked Open!** Big thanks to the team who overcame their camera-shyness and speak so encouragingly and passionately about this work with our Children and Young people.

Also, the latest copy of the Diocesan newsheet was made available and there are copies in both centres - do take a look at the exciting things happening. It may spark some new ideas for us as part of Building God's house as we look to continue painting our picture of a church which makes Jesus known, connects with the community, cares for all and are disciples learning to follow Jesus.



Sunday School for all last week: Thank you for your encouraging feedback on last week's Sunday school for all when we explored prayer. We covered some challenging stuff and thank you to everyone for your engagement and thoughts.

Your feedback is welcomed so please do let us know any more of your thoughts, and especially on themes and format for future ones – our next is 23rd July.

There are still some reading resources available that were left over so please do take them and enjoy exploring future.



Starting today and for the next 4 weeks, we are starting a discipleship series on Sunday morning called “*Giving with Grace*”. It is some time since we explored and reviewed what it might look like for us to financially give in grace to God and this series provides us with some ideas and approaches. In response to feedback from Sunday school for all to explore some parables, we will be approaching this theme through 4 familiar parables from Matthew’s gospel.

Later this month some written material will be available to further help us explore ahead of Pentecost at the beginning of June. On June 18th there will be a service of thanksgiving to offer our responses.

Talking about money can be tricky and raise all sorts of emotions and reactions, yet in preparation please do commit this to prayer, particularly that we may have an open mind and a generous heart to hear what God may say to us.

Your prayers would also be appreciated for all those involved in the preparation for this discipleship series. We look forward to learning and exploring together as God’s church.



St. Timothy’s Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th May
from 10am - 12 noon.

Cakes and Plants gratefully accepted
between 9 and 10am, or
during the sale.

Any queries,
please contact Sarah
on 694188



**Covingham Community Library Launch
& fun-day**

St Paul's Church centre, St Pauls Drive, Covingham
Saturday 13th May - 10am - 1pm

Official launch event with cake cutting ceremony

Prize draw Book,
craft and cake Sale
kids tattoos & Face painting

Gruffalo Tea Party & Gruffalo Story time - 2-4pm

(Register with the library - £1 per child)

Help support your new Covingham Library



Koncert for Kibera

Saturday May 13th 7.30pm St. Pauls

A brilliant evening of entertainment
raising funds for Turning Point,
Jon & Jo Parsons are hoping to join us

Tickets £7.00, tea & coffee available.
Offers of raffle prizes and help very welcome

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In School are inviting local Schools to go to Malmesbury Abbey again this year to do Lifepath. For those who don't know what it is, the Children walk around the Abbey dressed as Monks and learn how a Monk lived there many years ago. Its a real fun day. As volunteers you don't have to do anything you don't feel comfortable doing. Ray and I did it last year and shepherded a group of children around various Stations, where they learnt a part of the story. We learnt songs, how the Monks lived and worked: we also dressed up and wouldn't have felt part of it if we hadn't. You can volunteer to do as much or as little as you can manage.

Sunday July 2nd there's a training session, tea and Commissioning Service. The sessions are Mon. 3rd, Tues. 4th and Weds. 5th July running approx 9.30am -- 2.30pm, so you obviously need to arrive slightly earlier and take a packed lunch if needed. If you would like to know more please talk to us.

Covingham School Year 5 are booked to go again - those who did Easter Cracked Open will realise its the group we had for that.

Thanks *Margaret*

St Paul's Partition Screen and Floor – Update

Work has started on the task of replacing the partition screen at St Paul's. You may have noticed a new steel frame next to where the existing partition screen is. Early in June we plan to have the new 'operable wall' installed. This will

consist of 10 interlocking panels which can also be swivelled and stored to the side. This new system will also provide improved sound insulation as well as a much improved visual presentation. Work will also begin in June to replace the flooring in the church and hall. An outline of the current plan is as follows:

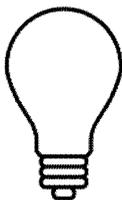
- First two weeks of June remove organ, radiators, dais, etc. from church into storage
- 19th June to end June replace church floor
- Early July re-install organ, radiators, dais etc
- 17th July to end July / early August replace hall floor

There will of course need to be some flexibility, and there will be some Sundays when we will need to worship in the hall, and there will be weeks when our community groups need to meet in the church.



Please do look in the notices for updates as work progresses, or contact Tony Prichard, Diane Killick or myself if you have particular queries. We are looking forward to the work being complete, and being able to enjoy the new facilities at last.

Andrew Wigley



Loads of training opportunities!!

We have just received the May-December 2017 training course schedule offered by Bristol Diocese and there are loads of courses offered, including how to be a welcoming church, engaging better with youngsters, understanding disabilities, understanding culture and generational issues, leading assemblies etc., as well as the ones you'd expect like safeguarding, finances and legal stuff.

There really is a huge amount of opportunity so please do look at the brochure on the noticeboard in the two centres and if you'd like to book on any then please let Jackie our administrator know
(01793 435987 dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 11th May Tel 695698
or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
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