



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

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21st June, 2015

“Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

Mark 4:40

SERVICES - 21st June

St. Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
4.00pm	“Messy Church”	The Team!

St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
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Lectionary	1 Sam 17: 32-49	2 Cor. 6: 1-13
Readings	Psalm 9: 9-20	Mark 4: 35-41
21st 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 22nd June	2-4pm pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Nythe School "It's your move" Fellowship Group— Thorne Rd. Eldene
Tuesday 23rd June	7.00pm 7.30pm Evening	Deanery-wide Messy church sharing of ideas Cell Group— Fitzmaurice Cl. Covingham Men's Fellowship Group - Out for a meal.
Wednesday 24th June	9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Confirmation preparation at St Tim's (note the later time)
Thursday 25th June	9.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Tim's Cell Group— White Edge Moor, Liden
Friday 26th June	7.00pm	Walking with Jesus: Reflections on the Holy Land Pilgrimage at St. Tim's

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
Sunday Club: <i>Mary & Helen</i> , Welcome: <i>Hazel & Janice</i> , Teas: <i>Joan & Jean</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

THANK YOU to all those who supported the coffee morning on Thursday for the Leprosy Mission. We raised £153.24. *Diane Phillips.*

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.

There will be a **Circuit Farewell Service for Wendy Tucker** on Sunday 28th June at 4pm, at Stratton Methodist Church followed by refreshments. Wendy will be beginning her Circuit Ministry as a Probationer in Calne, Seend and Bromham Churches in September.

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)

On behalf of Diane and Myself I want to thank everyone for what they did last Sat. at the Summer Fete. Some people gave goods, some money and some time and working together we achieved an amazing amount of money approx. £1100.

I'm sure its a lesson we can use as we go forward as a Church by all doing 'our part' whether its a little or a lot with a little supervision [Trudie] the Church is going to do amazing things in His plan. One local lady we visited with her prizes said what a lovely time she and her friend had had and everyone was so friendly. My G.daughter was impressed with how many people spoke to her so thank you very much.

Margaret

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE @ 7-00pm at St Tim's.

“Walk with Jesus” a Service of reflection, with photos Readings and hymns, on the 10 days pilgrimage in the Holy Land taken in February-March.

The evening will end with refreshments in the snug.

Everyone is invited to join us, and experience our time we had with Jesus.

Paul Tayler

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>

Don't forget to use **Easy Fundraising** (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

For your prayers

- Wisdom in our world financial centres, and particularly Europe at this time
- The recovery of the teenager attacked in Eldene last weekend
- The safety of the mums and children thought to have travelled to Syria
- For those who are unwell – for comfort, peace and healing
- Ourselves – that we may have faith and trust in our God

Messy Church

The next Messy Church is on 21st June with the theme the Prodigal Son. Please can team turn up at 3:15pm and please be advertising the service to friends and family!

Holiday Club

I am pleased to announce that Holiday Club will be happening this year from 27th -31st July! We will be exploring the book of Daniel through the week and I'm really looking forward to it! Thank you to all those who have volunteered to give up their time for this week and if you still want to get involved please let me know! Keep your eyes peeled for further information and news of a leaders meeting! *Hannah*

Baptism and Confirmation service – Monday 13th July: This year we are looking forward to hosting the Ecumenical service at 7:30pm on Monday 13th 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 8th 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 Pauls for a practice on Wednesday 8th 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 13th 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 (326128) who will be able to share more. Thank you!

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.

Thank you.

Reverend Andrew Wigley has applied for renewal of his appointment to North Wiltshire Circuit for a further 5 years from September 2016.

If you have any comments, observations, or relevant issues regarding this extension, please contact Viv Craig / Diane Killick personally or by email by Monday 20th July.

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

Anna Newman by 25th June

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