



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

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
27th September, 2015

'How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone preaching it to them?
And how can they preach unless they are sent?'

Romans 11:15

SERVICES - 27th September

St. Paul's

10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev'ds Trudie Wigley and Andrew Wigley
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Today Alex Scott is at Pewsey and Colin Parson is at Ramsbury, supporting the wider North Wiltshire Methodist circuit.

Readings 27th Sept.	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22 Psalm 124	James 5: 13- 20 Mark 9: 38-50
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We are delighted to announce that Rev'd Andrew Wigley has been granted an extension to his appointment for a further five years from September 2016. Thank you Andrew for all you have done and we look forward to our continuing time together. *Viv Craig and Diane Killick (Churchwardens)*

The Rev'd Edward Pilkington would like to thank all members of the Dorcan Church for their card and good wishes on the 50th Anniversary of my ordination, and also for the beautiful flowers you sent Tricia. It was all very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued fellowship in the gospel.

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 -

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 Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 28th Sept.	2-4pm	Scrabble and Dominoes at St. Tim's
Tuesday 29th Sept.	7.30pm	Diocese 2016 Finance consultation at Toothill
Wednesday 30th Sept.	9.00am 1.30am	Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 1st October	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Timothy's

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

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am Morning Worship Barbara Wilcox

Welcome: *Martin & Simone*, Teas: *Joan & John*, Sunday Club: *Mary/Niki*

St. Tim's

10.30am Parade Service Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Hannah Mulcock is leaving us:

Today is Hannah's last day with us before she leaves to move to take up her new job as a Children and Families worker at Leatherhead Methodist Church. We are all delighted for Hannah as she takes this next step in life, although we will of course miss her.

We will be saying goodbye to her today in the service and she goes with the love and prayers from us all. We wish you well Hannah and thank you for who you are and all that you have contributed to the life of this church. Every blessing from us all.

Harvest – next week! :

It is our harvest celebration across our services next Sunday. Please do bring your goods and produce to any service where we will give thanks and share them with others in need. As in previous years the goods will go to Womens' Aid (fresh goods) and dried/longlife goods will be shared between the Breakfast Club and Food Bank.

We thank God for his provision and the wonder of creation.

For your prayers:

- *Calais Refugees:* For those living in the camps, and for John Pearce and the team who will be helping to clear the rubbish this weekend which has become a health hazard
- *Away-day:* that we will think and pray on all that we discussed, and discern what our personal part may be in “Building God’s House”.
- *For Dorcan Academy:* We pray for our local secondary school: the teachers, support staff and students, and for Mrs Sherryl Bareham the new Headteacher this year .
- *Mecca tragedies:* For all those injured or lost loved ones in the recent Hajj and Grand mosque incidences .
- *Those who are unwell:* and for those who care for them

Building God’s House: A big thank you to everyone who came to the away day

yesterday, and to those who made it happen! This is being written before the away-day, so in our united service today we will be following on from some of our thoughts yesterday.

Those who came received a booklet that summarised where we got to in our thinking from your input into the displays and folders in the two centres. There are copies for everyone, so if you didn’t come yesterday please do grab a booklet and take a look at the picture that has started to emerge of the kind of church God is looking us to be and to do.

Plans are progressing for **Duncan Mugume’s and Elijah Kyingi’s visit** in October. They arrive on Wednesday 7th October and will stay until Wednesday 21st. This visit is a continuation of the Diocesan Link we have with the Church of Uganda.

Duncan will be staying with Tony and Janet Prichard and Elijah will be staying with Mavis Mason-Williams. Offers of evening meals or days out to places or events would be welcome.

We need to top up the funds for their travel and other expenses and if you can help, there are envelopes available. Alternatively you can put a cheque or cash in a plain envelope into the collection plate marked ‘Uganda Visitors Fund’.

Offers of help or information from Tony Prichard tel: 01793 520734 or e-mail: tony@dorcanchurch.org.uk

Heating and Flooring at St Paul's – Update: You will know of the problems we have had due to water damage to the flooring in the meeting room, main hall and church at St Paul's. This damage has recently been assessed and the indication is that it could take over a month to replace the flooring. ECC has agreed 1) to defer repairs to the flooring until next year, and 2) to progress at once with the installation of new radiators into the church, aiming for this to be done during the half-term break in October. This approach will firstly ensure that we have heating this autumn and winter after two winters of disruption, and secondly give us more time to plan and consult with the various users of our premises about how to minimise the level of disruption in replacing the floor. In the meantime, please take care where there are areas of flooring that have been patched temporarily.

It has been a tough challenge to keep the heating going over recent years as a result of a series of failures of the heating system, compounded by the recent problems with the flooring. I want to appreciate the hard work and dedication of Diane Killick, Tony Prichard and John Stott who have done a fantastic job in minimising the disruption, and we look forward to having heating restored to the church, and plans in place for the replacement of the flooring. *Andrew Wigley.*

Operation Christmas Child - It is time to think once again about filling a **shoe box for Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child** project. Leaflets will be in the church centres in due course; More information on www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Marie Wheatley has some boxes to be assembled which she has from Samaritan Purse, please ask her for them.

Shipping donation per shoe box is £3 - Collecting date will be advertised in due course.

Autumn Barn Dance, St.Paul's 7:30pm,Saturday 31st October

Advance notice of this event hosted by the Wednesday Small Group, tickets £5 including supper will be on sale from October.

Please contact Brenda F. 497169 or email brendaf111@btinternet.com

Has somebody "borrowed" 2 Tiny Tots mats? They are used for the babies to lay and play on. We have searched for them but they have disappeared so its really inconvenient. Thanks. *Margaret*

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

Anna Newman by Thursday 1st October

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