



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



SERVICES			Sunday 8th September		
			15th Sunday after Trinity		
St Paul's					
	No Service				
St Tim's					
10.30am	United Morning Worship			Deacon Stephen Roe	

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.

SERVICES - Sunday 15th September 16th Sunday after Trinity		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	LLM Paul Tayler
St Tim's		
10.00am	Messy Baptism	Rev Moira Slack & Messy Team

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 15th September 2024. Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider Circuit

What's On This Week		
Tuesday 10th September	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Café Too
St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
St Tim's	2.00pm - 3.15pm	Prayer Group
St Tim's	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Cell Group
Wednesday 11th September	Time	Event
St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
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St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Men's Fellowship

What's On This Week (Continued)

Friday 13th September	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

CiD's Cafe Too

CiD's Cafe Too meets on Tuesday mornings at St Tim's from 10.00am - 12 noon for a time of tea, coffee, cake and chat. There are generally about a dozen people present, for some of whom this is their main contact with the Church. There are two volunteers each week responsible for opening up, setting the room out, serving tea, coffee and cake, chatting to those present and clearing away. No-one is ever responsible for this on their own. Each volunteer is currently on the rota about once a month, and we would welcome some others to join us. If this is something you feel called to consider and would like to know more about, please get in touch with me.

Stephen

Announcements:-

Please let me know if you have a special anniversary or a milestone birthday which you would like to share and for me to include in the Notices.

Herman

Electronic Newsletter :-

Should you receive a paper copy of the weekly notices and your circumstances have changed. Please get in touch with your email address and I will add you to the mailing list.

notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

Herman

Link to Hope.

Time to think about shoeboxes, we are again supporting this worthwhile charity. the shoebox contents leaflets are on the table by the notice board.in the foyer, and on the table in the church. If you have any queries please contact me

Thank you for your support.

Paul Tayler

Sue Wale

You may be aware that Sue Wale recently passed away on Friday 23rd August. Her funeral will take place at St. Paul's church on Friday 6th September at 2.30pm with refreshments to follow in the hall. No black, please. Sue wished for no flowers but instead proposed donations to Prospect Hospice.

Thank you,
Stuart

How to pray for Gaza and Israel

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the wider region continues to worsen, with over 2 million people displaced from their homes and experiencing severe food insecurity. Tearfund is working with local churches and partners in the Middle East who are [urgently responding to people's needs](#).

You can use this prayer guide to call out to God in [intercessory prayer](#), which simply means praying on behalf of someone else. God hears your prayers. You can trust him with them.

What to pray...

Pray for peace

- Pray for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the violence, and the release of all hostages.
- Pray for world leaders with influence in the region to make wise decisions that lead to lasting peace.

Pray that God's peace would fill the hearts and minds of everyone who is suffering as a result of this conflict.

Pray for safety

- Pray for all civilians – that God would protect them from harm, particularly the most vulnerable, including children, older people, and people with disabilities.
- Pray for humanitarian workers – for protection for those who are working to provide humanitarian assistance and medical supplies.
- Pray for the safe distribution of food, water, sanitary items, medical supplies and fuel.

Pray for people forced to flee their homes – pray for safe places to stay and that they will be able to return home.

Pray for strength

- Pray for church leaders – for wisdom and strength to lead people through fear and uncertainty. Pray for bravery as they guide their communities and offer loving support.
- Pray for faith leaders and communities across the region – that they would stand firm, and for unity, connection and mutual understanding so that they can help bring people together and show kindness.

Pray for Tearfund's partners in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and neighbouring countries – that God would strengthen them as they support schools and hospitals, and as they provide psychosocial support, food and essentials to families who have been displaced.

Pray for hope

- Pray for those who are terrified, mourning and suffering. Ask God to save them from despair – for the trauma and violence they've experienced not to overshadow hope.

Pray that people in Gaza and Israel and those in the wider region wouldn't lose hope that peace is possible. 'With God, all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26).

Pray for healing

- Pray for people who have been traumatised or injured; ask God to heal their physical and emotional wounds and bring them deep comfort.

Pray for hospitals and medical staff – for strength as they continue to provide life-saving services to all those affected. Ask God to provide all the resources and equipment they need to treat the sick and injured.

'With God, all things are possible'

Mary Parsons: Art exhibition

Some of you will remember Mary Parsons, as the daughter of Christine & Colin.

She now works as an artist part-time. In September (Saturdays 21st and 28th), she will be exhibiting at St Paul's Church as part of Swindon Open Studios. She is looking forward to exhibiting at St. Paul's as it is always nice to come back.

You are very welcome to come and see Mary's colourful artwork. Recently she has been painting in oils on location around Swindon. Regular places have included Avebury Manor National Trust and Prospect Hospice. Most recently she painted at busy public events; Aldbourne Band on the village green, and Uffington White Horse Show.

She paints and draws from life everywhere she goes, often whilst talking to the public. She usually paints architecture but increasingly nature and gardens.

At home she experiments with collage and handmade books.

Mary's exhibition will be open at these times:

September (Saturdays 21st and 28th) 11am-5pm

St Paul's is venue 34 in the brochure.

For more information:

Mary's website: www.maryparsons.info

Instagram / Facebook: [@maryparsonsart](https://www.instagram.com/maryparsonsart)

Swindon Open Studios: [https://
www.swindonopenstudios.org/map](https://www.swindonopenstudios.org/map)

(See attachments for more details)

Swindon Youth for Christ Volunteers and Internship Programs

I am thrilled to introduce the Swindon Youth for Christ Volunteers and Internship Programs to your congregation. Our programs offer part-time and full-time volunteer opportunities and internships for individuals with spare time. We customise the experiences based on individual needs and provide training and support. Please share the enclosed leaflets and encourage interested members to apply. For further information, please get in touch with us at 01793 977676 or office@syfc.org.uk.

Your support is invaluable. Together, as a community, we can significantly impact young people's lives through the Swindon Youth for Christ Volunteers and Internship Program .



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Swindon Youth for Christ works in partnership with local churches to change Young People's lives by sharing the Good News of Jesus.

We are always looking for people to join our team as volunteers.

Our Activities:

- Supporting Youth Work
- Synergy the Event and Synergy Serve
- Healthy Minds project
- Residentials
- Collaborative events


If you can say yes, we would love to hear from you. We can offer you training and support. Please note that you may be required to undergo a DBS Enhanced Disclosure before you take on any volunteer duties.

Can you help?

- Do you have a few spare hours on a regular basis?
- Do you have a passion for sharing your faith?
- Would you like to help SYfc work towards their goal?

Contact Us:

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INTERN OPPORTUNITIES

Our intern program is open to a wide range of individuals, from Year 11-13s, or recent graduates, to those who are still young at heart!

Our Service:

- ✔ Part-time or full time
- ✔ Flexible - choose your experiences
- ✔ Training and support
- ✔ Fulfilling and fun!

Why Choose Us:

SYfc can create a unique experience to cater for your needs, whether you are seeking community service for the Duke of Edinburgh award, taking a year out before university, or are retired with lots of free time.


SYfc is about seeing Young People's lives changed by Jesus!

Examples of intern activities include:

- youth work - church based groups
- administrative support
- school based mentoring
- sports based outreach

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Answers to last week's quiz

1. Which Chamber of Parliament has the most members? = **House of Lords**
2. How many stars feature on the flag of New Zealand? = **Four**
3. Brights disease affects which organ of the body? = **Kidney**
4. Which organisation had a female lead called Stella Rimington? = **MI5**
5. How many books make up the Old Testament? = **39**

This weeks quiz

1. Glen Moy and Autumn Bliss are varieties of which fruit?
2. Which king had William Wallace executed?
3. Which racquet sport made its Olympic debut in 1992
4. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean
5. Which two cities have hosted the summer Olympics three times?

Good luck

ECO Tip

Think before you buy: the manufacture of a new car uses a lot of energy and resources which generate 6 tonnes CO₂e for a small vehicle (more than half your total year's carbon budget), 17 tonnes for an estate car and up to 35 tonnes for a top of the range Discovery Land Rover.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 10th September 2024**

to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

Thank you.

These notices are also available on-line at

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/latest_notices

Previous editions are also available at:

[Dorcan Church Weekly Notices](#)



You will have noticed we no longer pass the offering basket round.

Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to make your offering.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee