



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



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

**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 22nd September 17th Sunday after Trinity		
St Paul's		
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev Andrew Bird
St Tim's		
	No Service	

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 22nd September 2024 Neil is at Bath Road and Stephen is at Central Swindon supporting the wider Circuit

What's On This Week		
Tuesday 17th 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
Wednesday 18th September	Time	Event
St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
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St Paul's	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Blaze for school year 2 - 6
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Youth Club for school year 7+
Friday 20th 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.

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Electronic Notices :-

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.

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Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Services this year will be held at both St Tim's and St Paul's on Sunday 29 September. Gifts of produce will be very welcome as we give thanks to God for the fruitfulness of the earth and commit ourselves to caring for it. Tins, packets etc will go the Food Collective and fresh fruit, vegetables etc will be taken to Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service (formerly Women's Aid). Please bring your gifts to either Centre on the day.

Stephen

Swindon Male Voice Choir

The very popular Swindon Male voice choir will be appearing at St Paul's Church Covingham on Saturday 28th September 2024.

Making a guest appearance is **Matilda (Tilly) Wale**. Tilly is a very talented local young lady. It promises to be a fabulous night.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available from the office @ £10.00 each.

All proceeds will go towards the Church roof fund.

Swindon Food Collective

is your local independent food bank that collects and redistributes donated non-perishable food and non food items to those in need. We help individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves for a variety of reasons such as low wages, low income, family crisis, delayed benefit payments, redundancy, bereavement or sickness. We currently operate 11 Food Distribution Centres in and around Swindon.

Paul Tayler is our contact and will be gathering all of our donations.

WHAT THEY DO NEED:

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

" Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"

DO NOT SEND:

Cereals and shower gel.

South Sudan flooding: wading waist deep to bring help

Heavy rainfall in Pochalla, South Sudan, has recently caused significant flooding, affecting more than 3,000 people. Whole communities have been displaced as they try to escape the rising waters. Homes and other infrastructure have been destroyed and land used for farming has been lost.

Many displaced families are struggling to access food, clean water and medical care, and with the harvesting season fast approaching, the loss of crops is a particular blow to food security. This raises fears of a worsening hunger crisis in the coming months.

Unusually high floodwaters

Although seasonal flooding is expected in the region between August and October, over the past few years the level of this flooding has been abnormally high. As a result, each year almost a million people across South Sudan have been forced from their homes.

In a country where more than [two-thirds of the population is already in need of some form of humanitarian aid](#), around 2.7 million people live in areas that have a high risk of being affected by flooding. Along with the loss and destruction of property, food and livelihoods, the floodwaters often bring waterborne diseases as toilets and sanitation facilities are damaged or submerged. These preventable diseases, such as cholera and malaria, can be fatal – particularly for children who are already undernourished.

Nutrition, food security...and walking through floodwater

Tearfund has been working with communities in Pochalla to help improve their nutrition, food security and livelihoods. Even though the flooding has impacted this work, our staff have carried on, walking up to chest deep at times through floodwaters with their kit held on their backs or above their heads. Tearfund staff have made sure they continue carrying out screenings to identify potential nutritional deficiencies among children under five years of age and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.

Erickson Bisetsa, who heads up Tearfund's work in South Sudan,

describes how our staff are working together with community leaders – including church leaders from across seven denominations – to make sure that people most at risk of malnutrition receive the emergency nutritional support they need.

Information that saves lives

He also tells us, 'Floodwaters in Pochalla and the surrounding area have already cut off many villages, making relief efforts extremely challenging. To get ahead of the rising flood water, Tearfund has been broadcasting radio messages with information about which rivers are likely to burst their banks and how people can avoid worst-case scenarios by preparing to move their livestock and loved ones to higher ground.

'We are increasing public awareness through radio talks shows and adverts, but accessing areas cut off by the floodwater can be extremely challenging and we need more resources to offer temporary shelter, clean water and food supplies for people forced out of their homes by the floodwater.'

Please pray with us for South Sudan and if you would like to help ensure that we are able to continue doing this kind of work, you can also donate here.

[Help families like Isaac's build back stronger - Tearfund](#)

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 art-work. 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>



Answers to last week's quiz

1. Glen Moy and Autumn Bliss are varieties of which fruit? = **Raspberry**
2. Which king had William Wallace executed? = **Edward I**
3. Which racquet sport made its Olympic debut in 1992 = **Badminton**
4. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean = **Sicily**
5. Which two cities have hosted the summer Olympics three times? **London (1908, 1948 and 2012) and Paris (1900, 1924 and 2024)**

This weeks quiz

1. In what year did the Eiffel tower open 1888, 1889 or 1901
2. Who painted the Sistine Chapel?
3. What is the name of the Roman arena in Rome?
4. Is the Great Barrier reef North or South Australia?
5. In which modern day city would you find the pyramids of Giza?

Good luck

ECO Tip

Buy local and in season produce and look forward to seasonal changes. For example a punnet of strawberries flown in or grown locally in a hothouse in winter has a 1.8kg CO₂e emissions cost. Whereas locally grown in the UK in summer its only 0.15kg a punnet.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 17th September 2024**

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

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee