



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 16th July 2023  
 6th Sunday after Trinity**

<b>St. Paul's</b>	<b>'Gift Day'</b>	
08.45am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship*	Rev Trudie Wigley
	<i>*This Gift Day service will be a repeat of the service last week at St Tim's on 9th July</i>	
<b>St Tim's</b>		
	No Service	

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 16th July, Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider Circuit.

<b>SERVICES - Sunday 23rd July 2023 7th Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>St Paul's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
4.00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev Trudie Wigley
<b>St Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 23rd July, Stephen is at Central Swindon supporting the wider Circuit.

<b>What's On This Week</b>		
<b>Tuesday 18th July</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	09.00am - 11.30am	CID's too Coffee Morning
St Paul's	10.00am - 11.00am	AV Visit
St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
St Tim's	7.30pm - 9.00pm	House group
St Paul's	7.45pm - 9.45pm	Bible Study & Prayer Group
<b>Wednesday 19th July</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	10.00am - 10.45am	Morning Prayers
St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Tim's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
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+
<b>Thursday 20th July</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	7.30pm - 9.30pm	ECC

## What's On This Week (Continued)

Friday 21st July	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

### Swindon Food collective, Urgently need the following items

- 1 Litre bottles of Squash.
- Long life Juice.
- Long life Milk. Small jars of coffee.
- Sugar 500 gms and 1 kgs.
- Tinned fruit.
- Tinned plum tomatoes
- Tinned puddings, Rice, Sago, Semolina and Angel Delight,
- Jellies, Custard.
- 2 in 1 shampoo / conditioner
- Deodorants- men- women's.
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Thank you for your Generous support in helping the people that are in need of help In Swindon and surrounding area.

### Bible Study & Prayer Group

Tuesday prayer and Bible study group will not be meeting throughout August. That is from 1.8.23 to 29.8.23 inclusive.

Thank you  
Dianne

## Gift Day.

The ECC have decided that we should continue with our normal practice of having an annual Gift Day again this year. As last year, this will be promoted through the weekly notices and announcements at our Sunday services. **This will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> July at St Tim's, 16<sup>th</sup> July at St Paul's.**

### One-off gifts

Gift Day is intended primarily as an opportunity for those of us who are able to, to give a one-off gift, both as a "Thank you" to God for all that he has done and also as a response for everything that we receive through the ongoing life of the Dorcan Church.

This year our Church needs this money more than at any time in recent years. On 31<sup>st</sup> May our General Fund stood at just over £1,500, compared with £15,600 at the same time last year.

Moreover, we have recently had to renew our gas contract for St Paul's. This will result in us having to pay in excess of 2½ times the previous prices (which were fixed in 2020). Significant increases also apply at St Tim's, both for electricity and gas.

So, anything you can contribute, even the smallest amount, would be greatly appreciated.

Special Gift Day Envelopes will be available at both Centres from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. If you are using one of these and you can Gift Aid your donation, then please note your name or weekly envelope number on the Gift Day envelope. The envelopes can be placed in the offering basket at one of our services, handed to a steward or, alternatively, dropped through the Treasurer's letter box at

1 Poltondale, SN3 5BN.

You can also make a gift by Bank Transfer to the Dorcan Church Account: Sort Code 08-92-99, A/c no. 65312775, Reference. Gift day.

The card machine is also available at St Paul's, if preferred.

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## **Ongoing giving**

Gift Day also provides an opportunity for each of us to review our ongoing giving:

Do I give regularly? Should I change the amount to reflect my current financial circumstances? Could I give by standing order, direct debit or through the weekly envelope scheme (if I do not do so already)? If I am an income taxpayer, does the Church claim Gift Aid on my behalf?

For further information regarding the above, or if you would like us to make a change on your behalf, please contact either Tony Prichard (01793 520734) or Pete Mulcock (01793 535939) or email [treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk) .

## **Thank you**

Finally, thank you to everyone for all that you give already. This is vital for sustaining the ministry and mission of our church. Any extra that you can contribute in relation to the Gift Day will also be greatly appreciated.

*Pete Mulcock, on behalf of Finance Committee.*

## **Line dance and Karaoke**

The evening (Friday 7th July) was enjoyed by everyone, and plans are a foot for another similar event in October.

We had a few dances, and a few songs, some funny stories, lots of laughs and a fun evening, while raising **£192**

Huge thank you to everyone who came along, helped out and donated.

Diane

## **Thank you – from Trudie & Andrew Wigley**

Thank you church family for your prayers, love and practical support over the last few weeks following Andrew's heart attack. After a challenging start, he is now recovering well and expected to make a full recovery for which we give thanks. We have been lifted by your cards, meals left on the doorstep (yum yum), flowers, sitting with Andrew when I've needed to go out, etc. – all of which has supported us as a family, especially as Grace was finishing her GCSEs. Thank you for enabling me to take this time out to support Andrew and for all who have stepped up in my absence. It's good to be back and it is with thankfulness for an awesome church family. Thank you!

## **Diane Killick – now formally our churchwarden!**

Last Thursday, Diane was “admitted to the office of Churchwarden” for Dorcan by Archdeacon Christopher in a special service at St Paul's in Chippenham. In the Church of England, Churchwardens are legally officers of the Bishop and also the senior lay representative for the parish, which means they hold a number of duties and responsibilities. We are very grateful indeed to Diane for standing as Churchwarden and using her gifts and talents to serve in this way in the mission and ministry at Dorcan.

At the service the congregations are asked the following question: *“will you support your churchwardens, pray and care for them in their ministry as they enable you in yours?”* with the answering refrain being *“With God's help we will”*. As the congregation here at Dorcan, I pray that we will indeed care and commit to pray regularly for Diane over her next year in office, supporting her in this ministry. Thank you Diane - for all that you do and your commitment to us and to our God.

*Trudie Wigley*

## **Christian Aid Collection**

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who contributed to this collection. The final total was £344.23, which was considerably more than the £220.00 we donated last year, so a great response. This amount has now all been paid over to Christian Aid to support their work helping needy people across the world. Thank you again.

Pete Mulcock,  
on behalf of the Finance Committee.

## **Tea & Praise” – 4pm Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – what songs would you like to learn?**

For a number of years pre-Covid we held a Tea & Praise worship service each month at St Paul's. It was an opportunity for an informal time of worship, centered around learning some of the newer worship songs to then use across our church services. Many new and popular worship songs have been written in the last few years, and on 23<sup>rd</sup> July we are therefore inviting you to a “tea and praise” service to learn some of them and, of course, to worship God! If you have any worship songs that you would like to learn, please do let me know and I will look to including some of them. We will start with tea and cake at 4pm and then move to the chapel to worship, finishing around 5:15-5:30pm ish. Look forward to seeing you there. *Trudie*

## **ECO Tip**

If you are driving show love and respect to cyclists by improving your road behaviour. Their bike mile has a carbon footprint of 2g compared to your small car of 280g CO<sub>2</sub>e a mile.



## Answers to last week's quiz

### Colours

1. What word can go before 'feather, noise and sauce'? = **White**
2. What colour is known in French as Jaune ? = **Yellow**
3. What colour are the back and wings of a common kingfisher ? = **Blue**
4. What colour of eyes feature in Van Morrison's 1967 song ? = **Brown**
5. The Olympic symbols, the rings, what colour is the top left ring? = **Blue**

### This week's quiz

#### Company Slogans ( Name the companies by these slogans)

1. Just do it
2. Because your worth it
3. Eat Fresh
4. Probably the best lager in the world
5. What's the worse that can happen

Good luck



# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 18th July 2023**

to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)

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

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee