



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 31st July 2022**  
**Trinity 7**

**St. Paul's**

8:45 am	Holy Communion	Rev Sandy Railton
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**St Tim's**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
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**Welcome to the Dorcan Church.**  
**If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.**

**Live Streaming**

As you will have noticed, there is no 10.30am service at St Paul's on Sunday 31 July or on Sunday 28 August. This means that there will be no live streamed service on those dates.

## What's on August

### **Friday 5th August**

St Tim's                                  10am-12pm      Food Collective

### **Friday 12th August**

St Tim's                                  10am-12pm                      Food Collective

### **Friday 19th August**

St Tim's                                  10am-12pm                      Food Collective

### **Friday 26th August**

St Tim's                                  10am-12pm                      Food Collective

### **Sunday 4th September**

St Paul's                                  12pm                      Church Bring and share

### **Service times over the summer at St Paul's**

As a trial for this year, whilst we continue in our practice of one service at St Paul's in these quieter summer months, these will be at either 08.45am or 10.30am (rather than at 10am)

A summary of services are below, together with St Timothy's. Please note there are two Sundays where there is no 10.30am at St Paul's, although there will be a service at this time at St Timothy's.

Feedback on this temporary change is welcomed so please do share your thoughts with any member of ECC – including what you like

### **Fortnightly Notices in August**

Due to the holiday period, these Notices will appear fortnightly in August

Wednesday 10th August for Sunday 14th August and;  
 Wednesday 24th August for Sunday 28th August.

## Services AUGUST

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 8

<b>St Paul's</b>	10.30am	United Morning worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
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**St Tim's**      **No Service**

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 7<sup>th</sup> August. Stephen is at Trinity CLE and Alex Scott is at St Andrews supporting the wider Circuit

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 9

<b>St Paul's</b>	10.30am	Morning worship	Sue Morgans
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<b>St Tim's</b>	10.30am	Holy communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
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<b>St Paul's</b>	1pm	Zurielle's Baptism	Rev Stuart Fisher
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 14<sup>th</sup> August. Stephen is at St Andrews supporting the wider Circuit.

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August Trinity 10

<b>St Paul's</b>	10.30am	Holy communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
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**St Tim's**      **No Service**

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 21<sup>st</sup> August. Stephen is at Sheldon Road supporting the wider Circuit.

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11

<b>St Paul's</b>	08.45am	Holy communion	Rev John Railton
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**St Paul's**      **No Service**

<b>St Tim's</b>		Morning worship	Paul Tayler
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 28<sup>th</sup> August. Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider Circuit.

## **BRING AND SHARE**

Sunday 4th September after the 10.30am service at St Paul's

A chance to meet up and spend time together as a Church with our Clergy.

A list of food will be available for you to sign up to bring at each centre.

**PLEASE DO COME ALONG EVERYONE WELCOME**



## **Trudie – summer availability**

This is a reminder from our previous notice that Trudie will not be with us this summer. Her sabbatical last year was shortened for various reasons relating to the changes in ministry at Dorcan and the diocese therefore offered to carry forward some of that leave to this summer, to be taken alongside a usual break with her family. This was shared and noted at Standing Committee in February 2021. She will therefore be away from 28<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Trudie is very grateful for this generosity and opportunity, and especially to those here in Dorcan who are enabling this extended break to become a reality. We wish her and the family well as she completes her sabbatical

*Nathalie Marshall and John Davidson*

## **Link to Hope Christmas Shoeboxes**

Please be aware that shoeboxes for Link to Hope need to be in by the end of OCTOBER this year! Please pick up a leaflet in church or see <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2022/> for more information.

Any questions please contact Paul Taylor.

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

We continue to regularly review our practice and having sought counsel from ECC, we propose the following as a way forward for the next season. We recognise the diversity of perspectives amongst ourselves as a church family and thank you for your understanding as we find a pragmatic path forward.

**Sharing the peace:** In addition to signing or waving to those around you, you may wish to now start shaking hands. Please be sensitive to those who may not wish to do this, and we recognise that it may be a bit muddily at first! Also, when we share God's peace with just one other person, it is a symbolic sharing of God's peace with the entire church family, so therefore please continue to share the peace only with those around where you are seated.

### **Sharing communion in both kinds:**

Since returning to public worship we began by offering Communion in one kind – the bread –moving latterly to intinction in the wine by the person celebrating communion.

*Changes:* At the current time, the Methodist Church has resumed offering wine in individual cups, yet of note is that the Church of England continues to not authorise this practice. Having reviewed our practice, we are pleased to share that we will continue to offer communion in both kinds, by not only continuing intinction by the celebrant, but also offering the common cup using the chalice. When a Methodist Presbyterian from the circuit come to take services, we will be inviting them to use the individual cups reflecting Methodist practice.

It is important to affirm that receiving in both kinds - both bread and wine - is not mandatory. Both our denominations teach that God gives the fullness of grace in Communion, however we receive it, so please don't feel pressured to receive the chalice or intincted wafer if you don't feel comfortable doing so. Receiving in one kind is still "full" communion, although we recognise that being so central to our faith practice, it may not always quite feel so in reality.

*Practicalities:* We will continue covering the bread and wine, wearing masks and using hand sanitiser during the prayers of consecration and the distribution. For the common cup, a silver chalice will be used and the rim wiped after each communicant, and the chalice then turned. Silver and alcohol when in contact have antiseptic properties.

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We will also start to meet at the altar rail for the distribution, standing or kneeling as you prefer. Please wait until everyone at the rail has received and left before coming forward to the altar rail. This will make it easier for us to distribute and minimise confusion as we settle in this practice.

When it comes to your turn to receive, please nod your head to indicate if you would like to receive an intincted wafer. You will then be given a wafer that the officiant has dipped in the wine for you – this will be non-alcoholic wine. If you do not nod, then you will receive just the bread and you then have the option of receiving from the chalice. If you do not wish to receive from this common cup then please keep your hands to your sides, or cross your arms over your chest.

**Further comments:**

We understand that setting out the procedure like this can make it sound more complex than it is, and leads to thoughts of *“it wasn’t like this at the last supper”*. We agree! However, we want everyone to feel safe and these next steps seem to be a sensible way of achieving this – for now.

Thank you for your understanding and please do touch base with any of us if you would like to discuss this further.

God bless you. *Trudie, Stephen, Stuart*

## ECO Tip



Electrical gadgets are great, but the environmental impact of manufacturing them and disposing of them at the end of their life is high. Think before you buy more gadgets.

## **Centre Staffing Update**

We are pleased to welcome back Zoe Page who is returning to clean both of our centres for us following her maternity leave.

A massive thank you to Clare (and Chris) Rose who have been cleaning our buildings whilst Zoe has been away, also to those volunteers who have stepped in when Clare and Chris have not been available

If you do happen to be in our buildings when Zoe is working, please do say 'Welcome back' to her.

Pete Mulcock.

## **Swindon Food Collective Donations**

If you donate to the Swindon Food Collective they are currently in need of mens razors, shaving gel or cream and shower gel.

Thank you for your continued support, donations can be left at St. Paul's and St. Tim's churches.

From the St. Tim's SFC team.

Dear Friends and colleagues

From the Bottom to the Top

I am not sure how much you've heard about "From the Bottom to the Top"- the Fundraising ride which I am currently engaged in and which I very much hope will bring a blessing to some of the most disadvantaged in our town this coming Christmas. Attached is a fairly lengthy piece which sets out the background, and which will be appearing in smaller doses via some blog pages which are also mentioned. We have a very small team currently riding from Land's End to John O'Groats which you can read about here. Initially a friend who goes back to our school days in Crawley was acting as our driver, then Simon Robertson, Sally's husband, took over from 17 July.

I would be very grateful if you would commend this endeavour to your congregations and pray for us and the outcomes we hope for, which you will get a sense of from the attached piece.

Hoping that you are able to make the best of these coming days when the general pace of life slows down. "From the Bottom to the Top" ride needs plenty of commendation over the next two weeks to try and maximise the levels of funds which come in. That said, there is a lot of work which can and will be done in the months leading up to Christmas, which I very much hope will be a blessing to your parishes and people. I know you have some remarkable stories about people who are living very challenging lives, which both help us to admire them and also recognise our need to support them in their challenges. I hope that some of the stories will be told in the coming months as we lead up to Christmas and what we are doing together makes a real impact for the Kingdom of God. Yours, as ever, in our True and Living Way

+Lee



## Sharing of creative ideas seen over the summer

At our AGM you may remember that we shared about a “Focus group”, a new working group accountable to the ECC. This group is tasked with focusing and leading our work on shaping a future strategy and direction for Dorcan church following Building God’s House. It is a place where creative ideas can be shared and received, where the discernment process is overseen (which will engage the whole church) and from where priorities are recommended to ECC.

We have recently had our first meeting and began to think about how we might embark on our vision post Building God’s House. To get us started as a church, one idea was looking at what other churches do and why. Over the summer more of us tend to visit other churches whilst we are away and we would be grateful if you could share good ideas that you pick up from churches you visit – in particular how they serve their particular unique community - what kind of mission and mission do they focus on and, if you get into conversation, what has worked and what have they learned from things which haven’t been so successful. Could what you learn from your visits trigger some ideas for us at Dorcan? Please do share what you pick up with the Focus group – it will be very helpful indeed.

As a church we are at the very early stages of discerning a vision and our priorities. Over the coming months and into 2023 we will be exploring this further, engaging all of us as a church. In the meantime, as we start this journey, please start thinking and praying about our mission and ministry in this community, and our centres at St Timothy’s and St Paul’s.

With thanks to you all.

Trudie, on behalf of the Focus Group

*Joan McCann, Claire Rose, John Davidson, Nathalie Marshall. Stuart Fisher, Stephen Roe, Trudie Wigley*

## **Chaplaincy Vacancy at The Fairways Retirement Village**

**Following my decision to step aside from the Retirement Apartments Chaplaincy at The Fairways, there is now a vacancy to recruit for. The post is for 10hrs /week. Using the hyperlink below will enable the details and application to be brought up. Could you please circulate to any interested parties you are aware of via your various means of website, notices etc.!**

**Many thanks**

**With God's blessing**

**Islay**

**MHA Chaplain based at The Fairways HWC, Chippenham, Part-time, £23,515 per annum pro rata.**

Closing Date: 14/08/2022

[Current Vacancies | Explore Our Job Opportunities - MHA](#)

## Quiz Time—just for fun



Please see answers to last weeks quiz

1. On which continent will you find the country which is listed first alphabetically=**Asia**
2. What word would a pilot or air traffic controller use to say 'message received' or 'I agree' =**Roger**
3. Who is considered to be the patron saint protecting against stomach disorders =**Timothy**
4. What is the name of the curious monkey in the books by H.A and Margaret Rey = **George**
5. Along with croutons and anchovies, what kind of cheese will you typically find on a Caesar salad = **Parmesan**

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### This week's quiz

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1. Female pigs typically gives birth to 11-13 piglets, but what word is used to describe a litter of piglets
2. Franz Schubert, known for his amazing chamber music was born in which country
3. Who is credited with writing "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all"
4. What is a Geiger counter used to measure
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction" is which of Newton's laws of motion

## Family Quiz Nite at St Paul's

We have a date for your diary. **Friday 7th October 2022.**

The Venue will be St Paul's hall. Start time 7.00pm—10.00pm  
Team numbers up and no more than six persons.

Quizzing is about having fun and learning something new

All proceeds to the Dorcan Church. More details to follow

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 9th August 2022** to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
Thank you.

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You will have noticed we no longer pass the offering basket round.  
Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to make your offering instead.