



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



The Good Samaritan

**SERVICES - Sunday 3rd September 2023  
 13th Sunday after Trinity**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley & Deacon Stephen Roe
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**St Tim's**

	No Service	
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 3rd September. Neil 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.**

<b>SERVICES - Sunday 10th September 2023 14th Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>St Paul's</b>		
08.45am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
10.30am	All Age	Sue Morgan
<b>St Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 10th September. Stephen is at Stratton and Alex is at Rodbourne supporting the wider Circuit.

<b>What's On This Week</b>		
<b>Monday 4th September</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Knit and Chat
<b>Tuesday 5th September</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	9.00am - 11.30am	CID's Café Too
St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
St Tim's	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Prayer Group
St Tim's	6.00pm - 9.00pm	House Group
St Paul's	7.45pm - 9.45pm	Bible Study & Prayer Group
<b>Wednesday 6th September</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	10.00am - 11.00am	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

## What's On This Week (Continued)

<b>Wednesday 6th September</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Youth Club for School year 7+
<b>Friday 8th September</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul
<b>Saturday 9th September</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	11.00am - 6.00pm	Wedding of Michael McCrea & Lucy Curtis

Greetings one and all. As we start to prepare for our autumn and winter season, can I ask you to let me know if you have any meetings, church activities, school visits or assemblies, working parties etc. planned. I can then add them to the Dorcan what's on and ask Herman to publish them in our weekly notices. This way we can get everything we do covered in prayer. Send via email to [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com) or pop a note on my desk in the vestry.

Blessings in Christ  
Maggie  
Your Friendly Church Administrator

## **Season of Creation – from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Over the past few years, an increasing number of churches have included a “Season of Creation” in their yearly calendar. This is a time to focus on the importance of creation and the need to explore what Scripture is saying, leading all Christians to pray for and act to protect creation.

We are facing a global challenge of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, and our common home is under threat. This year, here at Dorcan, we will be joining this ecumenical global movement and it is an important part of our journey to become an ECO church. On the 5 Sundays between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October, we will therefore be looking at the theme of creation - in some services there will be a significant focus on the theme, and in others we will be remembering our commitment to creation care in the intercessions.

We start on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at our united service and finish on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, again at a united service, where we are all invited to a shared lunch and to support our Toilet Twinning project. Our prayer is that we will not only learn more in this creation season, but will also look how we personally, and as a church, might respond to the global challenges that we are facing.

### **ECO Tip**

Think before you buy: Gold does not always glitter brightly. A new £500 gold necklace has a carbon emissions tag of 400kg CO<sub>2</sub>e, the mining process damages landscapes, ecosystems and contaminates water, and can be associated with human rights violations.

## **Tearfund BIG Quiz**

This popular event is not far off! It will take place this year on Saturday 14th October at Stratton Church - 6pm for food, followed by the quiz. As usual teams of up to 6 people of any age, and there is no charge as we rely on generous donations, all of which goes to Tearfund for their work across the world tackling poverty.

Please can you let Keith know if you are wanting to join in by **Sunday 17th September**. **Either a text to 07813000385 or email [keithharmer3@gmail.com](mailto:keithharmer3@gmail.com)**

Last year we reached our capacity for numbers and some people were unable to join us, so book your place NOW!

Allie Burchell

Circuit Administrator, Circuit Safeguarding Officer & Circuit Data Processor

North Wiltshire Methodist Circuit

## **WHCT Ride and Stride 2023**

It is that time of year again, and I shall be taking part in the Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride+ Stride, on Saturday 9th September.

if you are able to ,and would like to, please support this worthy cause, and I do understand that some may not be able to support causes like this in these difficult times.

Proceeds will be split between WHCT and the Dorcan Church, we have as a Church benefited in the past from a grant from the Trust.

you can donate via Just Giving @

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Davidson26>

Hard copy sponsor sheets will also be available in both centres.

many thanks

John Davidson

## **For 'Link to Hope' Shoebox appeal**

We ask people to join in with our Shoebox Appeal 2023 and fill a Shoebox for a family – not just a child. The leaflet contains items for all family members and includes different items. These range from shower gel/shampoo, family games, stationary items, gift for mum and dad as well as sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc. Your shoeboxes will go to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

There are shoebox leaflets at both churches. Your completed shoeboxes will need to be given in, approx.in 9 weeks' time on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the car park at St Paul's on from 10.00am until 13.00pm, and again from 14.00pm until 16.00pm for a blessing on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The £3.00 for each shoebox, if it is in coins, please do not tape them to the form. Give me the money separate. If you can, it will save me a lot of time and effort. £ notes can be handed to me. Cheques can be made payable to The Dorcan church.

Thank you. For all you support, especially at this present time.

Many thanks.  
Paul.

## **Swindon Food collective**

Please note that they currently have plentiful supplies of cereal, pasta, tinned soup and baked beans. This year they are asking for a mixture of food items and household goods/toiletries and list the following in particular: Cleaning cloths/anti bac wipes, household cleaners, laundry pods/power/liquid/conditioner, Wash & Go 2in1 Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant (male & female), toothpaste & toothbrushes, toilet rolls, toiletries (male & female), biscuits, tinned fruit, small jars of coffee, tinned potatoes; tinned meat; tinned puddings; small bags of sugar; biscuits.



## Answers to July's quiz

### Driving regulations (Road Traffic Act 1988)

1. Some traffic signs are triangle, red outer and white background with the apex at the top. This sign has the apex facing downwards . Some with an exclamation mark. What is it = **Give Way**
2. What colour are the signs for tourist attractions = **Brown**
3. What does the minimum speed limit sign look like = **Circle with blue background and white numbers**
4. What animal is on the warning sign for wild animals = **Deer / Stag**
5. On the UK motorway, can you legally overtake a vehicle on the left = **Yes if not deemed to be careless driving**

## This week's quiz

### European Geography by the letter V

1. Capital of Austria
2. Italian canal city
3. Longest river in Europe
4. Capital of Malta
5. City of Romeo and Juliet in Northern Italy

Good luck

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 5th September 2023**

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

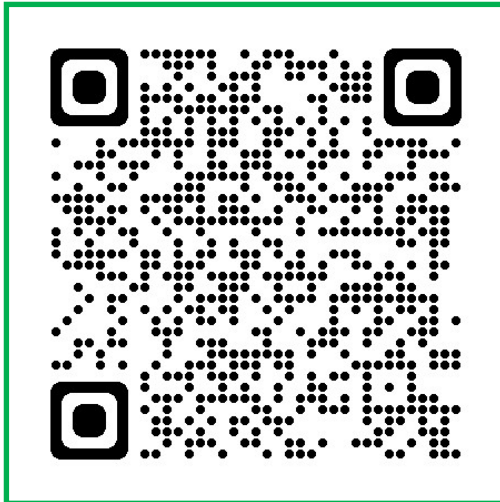
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Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to make your offering.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee