



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



SERVICES - Sunday 5th November 2023
4th Sunday before Advent

St. Paul's

10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev David Gray & Rev Christopher Bryan
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St Tim's

	No Service	
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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 12th November 2023 Remembrance Sunday		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
St Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley

What's On This Week		
Monday 6th November	Time	Event
St Tim's St Tim's	2.00pm - 4.00pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Knit and Chat Extra-ECC Cancelled
Tuesday 7th November	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	9.00am - 11.30am 10.00am - 12.00pm 2.15pm - 3.45pm	CID's Café Too CID's Coffee Morning Christmas Unwrapped meeting
St Tim's St Paul's	6.00pm - 9.00pm 7.45pm - 9.45pm	Home Group Bible Study & Prayer Group
Wednesday 8th November	Time	Event
St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	10.00am - 11.00am 1.00pm - 3.00pm 1.00pm - 3.00pm 7.00pm - 9.30pm	Morning Prayers Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Men's Fellowship

What's On This Week (Continued)

Thursday 9th November	Time	Event
Sedgebrook	7.30pm - 9.00pm	House Group
Friday	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

Dates for your Diary

As at 1st November 2023

Friday 3rd November –Quiz Nite @ St Paul's. 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Saturday 4th November—Shoe box return

Tuesday November 7th -Christmas Unwrapped meeting

St Paul's Small hall 2.15pm - 3.45pm

Saturday 25th November - Festive Afternoon Tea

1.00pm - 3.30pm @ St Paul's

Christmas Toy Service

Date and time TBC

Consecration of the new Bishop of Swindon – 30th November 2023

The Ven Neil Warwick, currently Archdeacon of Bristol, will be consecrated as our new Bishop of Swindon on Thursday 30th November at Canterbury Cathedral.

Swindon Deanery will be running a coach from Swindon to Canterbury for everyone wishing to attend and the cost will depend on how many people want to come, but is likely to be £20-30. The coach is leaving from East Swindon (likely the mini mart car park in Covingham), possibly as early as 6am. Neil has kindly arranged a sandwich and tea party close to the Cathedral for all Diocesan guests. Please let Jo, the Deanery Administrator know by 6th November if you would like a seat on the coach and she will send you the full details nearer the time admad.swindondeanery@gmail.com or 07434696285. If you are intending to attend the service and tea party, but not come on the coach, please let Jo know too so she can let the diocese have correct numbers.

As Neil takes up this vocation as our new bishop, we warmly welcome him and our prayers are with him and his family.

Christmas Toys

As in previous years we shall be having a toy service this year, and would welcome donations of new toys and books, as before.

The date for the service is to be confirmed. Toys for younger children are usually well represented, but often items for 9–17-year-olds are in short supply, especially for boys. There are many calls on your generosity, especially at this time of year, and we hope that you can find something to spare for families who are unable to give their children the Christmas that others enjoy.

Thank you

Dianne Lane

CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED

Meeting arranged for all those involved Tuesday November 7th 2.15
-3.45 (at the latest) St Paul's small hall.

(it's not too late to come along and find out more.....)

Thank you

Sue and Diane

Angels and Stars

As part of our community outreach we will once again be putting out angels and stars, for people to take home, around the 4 estates.

These can be made with any media i.e. knitting, crochet, wood etc. Some folk have already been busy and if you would like a pattern or idea etc could you please speak with either Deb or one of her house group.

This has now become an annual thing which is much appreciated by our community so please support if you can.

Many thanks

Deb



Cantores and viol consort Fretwork

Join Cantores and viol consort Fretwork for a seasonal musical treat, recreating the atmosphere of Christmas over 400 years ago with vocal and instrumental works by Byrd, Gibbons, Amner, Tomkins and Holborne.

Fretwork are an internationally acclaimed group of performers, described as "an ensemble of supreme musicianship" by Gramophone Magazine, and "the finest viol consort on the planet" by the London Evening Standard.

Tickets are £20. Students and U18 £5. Advance booking is recommended

December 8, 2023, 7:30 pm

St Philip and St James Church, Leckhampton, Cheltenham

For more information see <https://www.cantores.net/event/an-elizabethan-christmas/> or talk to Nathalie Marshall

CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED

A big THANK YOU to all who took boxes away to make up. An even bigger THANK YOU for all those who have returned them completed!

This is so appreciated.

Something a little different.....we will not be having a Christmas Fayre in the same way as previous years! This year it is a Festive afternoon Tea, with a select number of stalls, including a raffle.

Saturday November 25th 1.00 – 3.30 St Paul's

Diane



A massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to our challenge to twin all of our loos at St Tim's and St Pauls . A special thanks to Hope and Clare for running a bake sale with delicious Rocky Road to help raise funds. At the last count we had twinned seven of our loos and had enough donations remaining to twin another two with a little bit left over while we wait for the final count. This means we have .twinned 9 out of 12 (If I can count correctly) of our church loos. Our donations have gone to support people in Uganda which is of course where we have our Diocesan link to.

Toilet twinning is a scheme run by Tear Fund to support families and communities to have the good levels of sanitation we are fortunate to have. Poor sanitation is a blight affecting many communities across the world

Without good hygiene they are likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases. Illness keeps people from working, children miss school, parents have to pay for medicines or food and fall into debt. Toilet Twinning funds hygiene education via community-led workshops and sourcing local materials for families and communities to build their own toilets.

It is great that we are able to support this work as part of Our Season of Creation and Eco Church.

Christmas is coming



Are you stuck for a Christmas gift this year. Then why don't you twin a relative or friends loo.

They get a certificate with a picture of the loo it is twinned with and their GPS coordinates. You can visit <https://toilettwinning.org/> to find out more.

Mission Possible

Just a quick message to say that (as you know) Scripture Union are organising a nationwide tour this autumn called *Mission Possible* and one venue will be Sheldon Road Church. Here is a description of the tour and the link, should you wish to book yourself in. Please feel free to forward this on to anyone who may be interested.

Whether you're a volunteer, an employed children's and youth worker, a church leader, or anyone else passionate about reaching the 95% of young people who are not in church, come and talk with your local Scripture Union team and take the time to discover how together, we can make mission possible in your context.

This is a nationwide tour but for people in Wiltshire, the place to go is **Sheldon Road Church, Chippenham at 7.15pm on Thursday 9th November**. For more information and to book your place click on the following link. <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/mission-possible-tour>

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 last week's quiz

General Knowledge

1. Who was the author of 'Alice's adventures in Wonderland'. = **Lewis Carroll**
2. What is the name of Winnie-the-pooh donkey friend. = **Eeyore**
3. Which lion is the true king of Narnia. = **Aslan**
4. In 'Lord of the flies', which boy had glasses and asthma. — **Piggy**
5. What is the name of Asterix tall fat friend. = **Obelix**

This week's quiz

World famous Brands

1. In which country did Adidas originate?
2. Which famous American inventor was a founder of GE.?
3. What does UPS stand for.?
4. Which island does Malibu originate.?
5. Which British bank did HSBC buy in 1992 ?

Good luck

ECO Tip

If in doubt switch to off: it is never more efficient to leave appliances running when you are not using them. Make sure you switch everything off at the plug before you go out and before you go to bed.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 7th November 2023**

to 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.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee