



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 6th February 4th Sunday before Lent and 70th Anniversary of succession of Queen Elizabeth**

**St. Paul's**

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| 10.30am    | Communion      | Revd Trudie Wigley |
| 10-11:50am | Breakfast Club | Deb Mulcock & team |

**St. Tim's**

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| 10.30am | 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 13th February 2022–  
3rd Sunday Before Lent**

**St. Paul's**

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| 08:45 am | Communion | Rev Stuart Fisher  |
| 10:30 am |           | Deacon Stephen Roe |

**St. Tim's**

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Paul Taylor |
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**What's on  
this week.**

**Tuesday  
8th  
February 2022**

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| St Paul's | Coffee Morning<br>10:30am-12pm   |
| St Tim's  | Prayer group<br>10:30am –11:45am |

**Wednesday  
9th  
February 2022**

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| St Paul's          | Tiny Tots 1pm –<br>3pm                 |
| St Tim's           | Tiny Tots 1.15pm—<br>2:45pm            |
| The Deanery School | Deanery synod with<br>ECO focus 7:30pm |

## **Update on Covid Measures – and thank you!**

First of all, thank you for your understanding and support in moving on-line for last Sunday. Whilst additional covid measure never materialised in England, unlike the other three nations, your leadership was appreciative of planning this space so they could have paused reacting to any changes until the New year.

The good news is that we are resuming worship in person from this Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> January – with our existing Covid measures remaining in place, details reproduced below. A reminder that as the doors will be open to the outside it will be colder inside over the next few weeks when we gather so please do bring your winter woollies and your favourite blanket if you get cold knees! We would also ask that, where possible, you undertake a lateral flow test before attending worship as an additional step.

Thank you for your support in enabling us to worship together safely and if you have any questions or concerns please do speak to a member of the Standing Committee. Thank you.

### *Practicalities when gathering*

The wearing of masks is a legal requirement unless exempt as per government guidelines. Please do therefore wear masks, including when singing;

Doors to the outside will be open in both centers for ventilation as good air flow is a significant mitigator in the transmission of covid. We do realize that this means that heated warm air will flow out of our buildings and it may be a little more breezy, therefore you may wish to bring an extra jumper and maybe a blanket for your knees!

At St Paul's the screens will be opened once more and rows of chairs spaced out into the hall. The printed x and Ö signs will be available for you to place next to

## Update on Covid Measures cont...

you to indicate whether you are happy or not for people to sit next to you;

At St Tim's, some chairs will be removed to aid distancing, with a maximum of 40 people in the chapel;

In both centers signing in and/or QR codes will continue to be used

If there is the capacity and energy amongst those willing to serve tea and coffee, then refreshments may be offered after services. However, we all need to be mindful of proximity to others as we talk, particularly as we need to take masks off to drink and eat.

### *Our employees – Jenny and Maggie*

Maggie, our Church administrator, will continue to be in the office for her usual hours. Jenny, our centre manager, will be working elsewhere for some of the week and there will no longer be any overlap where they are both in the office. If you come into the centre to see them, we ask that you wear a mask, knock on the office door and wait to be either invited in, or asked by them to meet in a more open space.

*Standing Committee*

## Church Links

One of the important pastoral roles in the Church is that of Church Links, who often act as a first point of contact for members of the congregation. In brief, each Church Link has a list of people, and their role is to keep in touch with those on their list, often informally at Church, but also to make contact by phone or email if they do not see them for a while, passing on any concerns as appropriate. We are extremely grateful to those who undertake this role so faithfully, but need some others to assist in this vital work. If you feel that God may be calling you to this, or would like to know more, please get in touch with either me or Barbara Wilcox, and we would be pleased to have a chat with you about it.

Stephen Roe

## Rota March -May

I am planning the rota for readers and prayers for the next 3 months for the 8.45 and 10.30 services. If you would like to be part of the team of readers and help with intercessions or would like more information ,please contact me ,[smarshall28@ntlworld.com](mailto:smarshall28@ntlworld.com)  
Thank you, Sandra

**Deanery Synod Eco church- Wednesday 9th February 7 for 7:30pm at The Deanery Academy.** This is an open meeting for everyone across Swindon and the main topic is discussing the environmental challenge facing churches - you do not have to be a synod member to attend. As we start to focus on what it might mean for us to be an ECO church at Dorcan, this will have some helpful tips and advice from the Diocesan Environmental Advisor, Clare

## **Easter Cracked Open 2022.**

After two years of cancellations, we are hoping to be able to invite the Y5 children from the local schools, once again, to St. Paul's and St. Timothy's churches to our Easter Cracked Open sessions. Here the children become involved in various activities that tell the Easter story in an active way. Each session lasts about 75 minutes and there might be between 2 and 4 sessions depending on class numbers on the day.

If you would like the opportunity to pass on the Easter story to these young people, please contact Sue Morgan or Jo Bush who would be happy to help you with any further information if you would like to know more about Easter Cracked Open.

We do hope that you would like to support this church outreach and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Please call Sue on 617517

or Jo on 643347

It would be so good if we could do this again so we're waiting to hear from volunteers. Thank you.

## **ECO Tip 7**

Have you signed up for Olio? If you have a smart phone then have a look at this app. It allows people to give away unwanted items. It started with food, and we've been known to list the odd excess veg when something comes in the box we don't like. Some people register as "food hero's" and collect out-of-date-but-still-ok stuff from the supermarkets and list them for collection. I've had fruit, veg, pasties, all sorts! It's now expanded to include non food items, and all sorts of things are listed on it. It's free to register. Let me know how you get on.

# ECO CHURCH

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On Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> January we started our work on Eco Church. In case you missed the talk during the service here is a quick summary of what was said. There is a longer version on our website. Our parent Churches the Methodist Church and the Church of England have made clear commitments to ensure the church plays its part in helping to protect the environment and encouraging other people to do. They aim to reach net zero by 2030. The Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council has agreed to commit to work towards Net Zero and helping to protect the environment and has joined a scheme called Eco Church to help us. Eco Church is designed to help churches improve their environmental impact. It helps us look at different areas of our Church life to see what we are already doing, then consider what else needs doing and to act accordingly.

The survey covers all areas of church life:

- Worship and Teaching
- Management of Church Buildings
- Management of Land
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle.

It challenges churches about all parts of our life from the songs we sing and the food we serve; How much energy we use and of the ethics of our investments; how we use our land and about the water that flushes our loos; and so on.

As we complete the survey, we collect points towards an Eco Church Award. There are three levels of Eco Church Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. As we do actions in each of the areas, we amass more points and can gain a higher award. Our aim is not to achieve a Gold Award but to do everything we can to protect God's world and encourage inspire each other and our community to do as well.

Neil Marshall is our Eco Champion (He didn't choose the title) and Deacon Stephen Roe is leading on behalf of the Ministry Team.

## **Tea and Toast - St Timothy's.** **Are you able to be part of the team?**

### **Tuesday or Thursday 8:30-10am in Term Time**

We are looking to start up Tea and Toast again at St Timothy's. This was very popular and busy before Covid turned up. The church was often getting towards full with parents popping in after school drop off as well as others from the community coming by for fellowship and getting to know new people. This initiative was started five years ago under the leadership and energy of Elizabeth Payne who is now stepping down. Thank you Elizabeth for all that you have done to make Tea and Toast so popular - you and the amazing team leave a great legacy for us to take up the baton and continue.

**Tea and Toast has been missed by the community and we have been asked to start it up again by a number of the previous people who attended.** One person shared that they wanted to come back specifically to meet in St Tim's because *"it is a church for the community and we feel a part of it"*. What a wonderful encouragement to us as we work in God's kingdom!

We are looking at restarting in term time on either a **Tuesday or Thursday from 8:30-10am** with the day dependent on the size of team we may be able to gather. We are keen to have a size of team so that it is not a burden for any one person and therefore commitment doesn't have to be every week. Are you interested in being a part of this needed connection with the community in Liden?

If you are able to offer any of the following then this may be for you.....bung on the kettle, make tea and coffee, wash up, put out bread and spreads, plug in the toaster, and most importantly talk to people! **If you'd like to know more - and better still help! - then please touch base with Trudie or Stephen.** Thank you for considering if you might be able to help bring this successful and requested ministry back again!

Trudie



## Prayer Board St Pauls

As you may know, there is a Prayer Board at St Paul's (on the wall to the left as you enter the Worship Area), and you are invited to put requests for prayer on it.

Please ensure that you have the appropriate permission before putting up any requests, in particular if you mention anyone's name. Please also include your name and the date you put up the request.

Prayers will be left for two weeks before being removed in order to keep the board up to date, if prayer is still needed please use another piece of paper and repeat the request.

General prayers will be offered in worship for the specific prayers on the board, but names will not be mentioned at the moment as the worship is live streamed and then available on the web.

And don't forget, there is also a board for answers to prayer, please use this too.

Stephen

## Prayer Board St Tims

There is also a prayer board at St Tim's ( on the table in the hall ). Also that they will remain for a month because there are not usually weekly services.

Dear Church,

Now that life is getting back to normal, church activities are starting up again. So if you run a group of any sort, including prayer groups, cafes, house groups, open meetings, youth events anything that happens regularly for the benefit of the church, whether it happens weekly or monthly, please can you let me know with its date, time and contact and I'll endeavour to get it put in our weekly notices. After all good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity. You can email me on [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com) or even pop a note through the office door.

Blessings in Christ

Maggie

## **Dates for your Diary (please note amendment)**

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

7:30pm The Deanery School  
Deanery synod with ECO focus. All welcome

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

10:30am United worship  
We welcome the Warden and **Deputy** Warden of the Methodist  
**Diaconal** Order  
Deacons Karen McBride and Ruth Richey

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

4pm Confirmations at the Dorcan Church St Paul's at 4pm

## **St Paul's and St Tim's Tiny Tots**

St. Paul's Tiny Tots are looking for occasional volunteers to help out when we need to cover absences and holidays. If this is something you are interested in please contact Brenda Fisher, 07799 393845, or pop in any Wednesday afternoon from 12:45-2:45. This is an important part of our Christian outreach and supports young families.

Please keep the St. Tim's and St. Paul's Tiny Tots groups in your prayers.

Thanks you,  
Brenda Fisher.



**Coffee Morning  
@ St Paul's Church  
Tuesday Mornings  
from 10.30 – 12 noon**

Come and support this  
community outreach initiative.

**- TEA – COFFEE – CAKE - BISCUITS - JUICE  
On Your Own? Like some company?  
Come and get to know us !**

*Cid's Café is a Church in Dorcan  
initiative serving the community*

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 8th February** to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
Thank you.

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Previous editions are also available at: [Dorcan Church Weekly Notices](#)



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.  
Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee.