



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 8th October 2023
18th Sunday after Trinity**

St. Paul's

08.45am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Trudie Wigley

St Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 8th October. Alex is at St. Andrews 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.**

SERVICES - Sunday 15th October 2023 19th Sunday after Trinity		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Moira Slack
4.00pm	Messy Church	Messy Team
St Tim's		
10.00am	Messy Church	Messy Team

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What's On This Week		
Monday 9th October	Time	Event
St Tim's	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Standing Committee Cancelled
Tuesday 10th October	Time	Event
Liden Academy	9.00am - 3.00pm	Harvest Festival - Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's	9.00am - 11.30am	CID's Café Too
St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
St Paul's	4.15pm - 6.00pm	Centre Management Meeting
St Paul's	7.45pm - 9.45pm	Bible Study & Prayer Group

What's On This Week (Continued)

Wednesday 11th October	Time	Event
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	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Friday 13th October	Time	Event
St Paul's	9.00am - 1.00pm	Covingham School Harvest - Rev Stuart Fisher
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

2024 Budget

The Finance team will be meeting on Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th October to draw up the first draft of the 2024 Budget. If there are items that you are wanting the Church to spend money on during 2024, then please email details either to Tony (treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk) or to me (pmulcock1@gmail.com) by Tuesday 10th October, and we will consider if we are able to include them. Thanks.

Fun Evening

The Fun Evening. Friday 27 October has been rescheduled to Friday 26 January 7pm

Something to look forward to in the new year

Many thanks

Diane

Ongoing engagement exploring our future Ecumenical legal structure.

You will be aware that Methodist Circuit Superintendent Revd. David Gray and Archdeacon Venerable Christopher Bryan came to a meeting in August to help us think about whether the current structure of Dorcan as a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership is still 'fit for purpose' and an aid to us in our witness and mission to the communities around us. They also shared with us the current thinking and position of the wider denominations, Methodist and Anglican. Slides from that meeting were circulated and it should be stressed that we are considering the formal legal structure of Dorcan as a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership and not the ecumenical essence, ethos and culture of Dorcan as a diverse congregation which includes and is welcoming to those of many traditions.

Thank you for the comments and correspondence we have received to date, and these will be shared at ECC next week. We are currently putting together a summary paper that will outline understanding so far, incorporating some "Frequently Asked Questions". We hope to circulate this as soon as we are able after the upcoming ECC meeting. In the meantime, we would like to invite you to the following opportunities to come together as a church:

**Quiet Day - Monday 16th October at St Mary's, Old Town,
10.00am - 3.30pm**

We are all invited to a quiet day of reflection and prayer led by Revd. Moira Slack. This will be a chance to be together in worship and God's presence as we reflect on our calling as the body of Christ.

**Please bring your own packed lunch, and tea and coffee will be provided. It would be helpful to get a rough idea of numbers, so please do pop your name on the signup sheet in both centres.
Thank you**

Ongoing engagement (continued)

Congregational Gathering - Tuesday 17th October 7pm at St Timothy's.

This is an opportunity for the whole church family to gather and continue sharing thoughts and ideas on how we might structure ourselves while preserving our valued and special ecumenical essence. The Methodist Superintendent and Archdeacon will not be attending – this is a gathering just for us to be able to freely share.

Prayer breakfast – Sunday 22nd October at St Paul's, 8am-09.45am.

This is another opportunity to come together for reflection and prayer, using the resources offered at the quiet day earlier in the week. If you can help with catering and set up please let Nathalie or another member of the staff and wardens team know.

It would be helpful to know how many we are catering and setting up the space for, so if you are thinking of coming please indicate on the sign up sheet dietary requirements. Gluten free porridge for instance can easily be supplied if this is going to be wanted **and** if you will want porridge and/or toast (a number of toppings will be available together with some simple fruit). **Please do pop your name on the sign-up sheet. Copies are in both churches.**

We do hope that you will be able to engage with some of these opportunities and in the meantime please continue to pray and think about this, individually and with others, and let Trudie and Stephen know of any further thoughts and reflections you have. Again, we thank you for all that you do to help make Dorcan the church that it is as we seek to share God's love with the communities where we live.

Trudie and Stephen

Current Vacancies at the Diocesan Office

[Grants Officer - Diocese of Bristol \(anglican.org\)](http://anglican.org)

[Giving and Resources Officer - Diocese of Bristol \(anglican.org\)](http://anglican.org)

Cake sale

Hope and Clare will be selling cakes after the 10.30 service on Sunday (8th Oct) to raise money for the toilet twinning.

Many thanks

Living in Love and Faith

We are pleased that there will be three 'Living in Love and Faith' courses running this autumn, involving approximately 20 people from our congregation. These courses are now full, but there will be a further opportunity to take part in a course in the New Year. Details will be provided then.

We thank all those who are leading or taking part and pray that you will have fruitful and blessed conversations.

Stephen and Trudie

ECO Tip

Think about your food before it reaches your table. 45% of the carbon emissions from food comes from production (on the farm), 28% in food processing, 7% in packaging and 19% from transport. Home grown has the lowest carbon footprint!

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>



Mental Health First Aid

MHFA England
INSTRUCTOR
MEMBER

What does it cost?
Usually the course costs £300, however if you are connected to the Methodist Church it's been subsidised to £50 (none refundable).
Once you are booked at Exeter/tales you must follow the instructions to also book with MHFA England.

What is Mental Health First Aid?
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an internationally recognised training course which teaches people how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and provide help on a first aid basis. For more information visit www.mhfaengland.org.

Courses with The Methodist Church
Courses are offered by accredited trainers within the Methodist Church.
Please note that by booking you are committing to paying for a place, attend all sessions and complete all pre-course learning.

If

anyone is interested in this opportunity please let Nathalie Marshall or Stephen Roe know and we will put you in touch with the circuit to get full details to arrange.

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 4th 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 5th 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 last week's quiz

Food and Drink

1. In which country did the bagel originate = **Poland**
2. Which meat is the most consumed in the world = **Pork 36%**
3. The brandy named Metaxa comes from which country = **Greece**
4. What is the name of the dark, slightly sweet German rye bread traditionally made with sourdough starter and coarsely ground rye. = **Pumpernickel**
5. A macaroon is typically made with coconut and which other nut = **Almond**

This week's quiz

General Knowledge

1. Who was the second ever host of 'Family Fortunes' in the UK
2. Which famous statue is located at the peak of 700m overlooking Rio.
3. What is the symbol for copper on the periodic table.
4. Which British seaside resort has the longest pier.
5. Who was Flash Gordon's girlfriend.

Good luck

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 10th October 2023**

to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

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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