



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 December Advent 2		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
St Tim's		
	No Service	

**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 December Advent 3		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	LLM Paul Tayler
4.00pm	All Age Carol Service / Nativity	Rev Trudie Wigley, Deacon Stephen Roe and Team
St Tim's		
10.00am	Messy Church Carol Service	Rev Trudie Wigley, Deacon Stephen Roe and Team

Christmas services – information:

If you are receiving this electronically, attached are our services for this Christmas. We are using our printed Christmas cards as flyers to give out detailing our services, as well as using them for our usual door to door delivery. Please do sign up to help with delivery (see separate email), and also take a card for yourself and one for someone you would like to personally invite to come and worship with us this Christmas.

Carol Service - Mince Pies

Donations required please of mince pies and cakes for the St Paul's 6pm Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December. They can be brought to church before the Carol Service

Thank you
Mari Wheatley

What's On This Week

Monday 9th December	Time	Event
St Paul's	12.00pm onwards	Christmas Toy Appeal Toys arriving Christmas Unwrapped
St Tim's	9.00am - 3.00pm	
Tuesday 10th December	Time	Event
St Paul's	9.00am - 1.00pm & 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Christmas Toy Appeal Christmas Toy Appeal CID's Café Too CID's Coffee Morning Year 1 Carol Service - Rev Trudie Wigley Prayer Meeting Cell Group
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	
St Paul's Liden Academy	10.00am - 12.00pm	
	2.00pm - 3.00pm	
St Tim's	2.00pm - 3.15pm	
St Tim's	6.00pm - 9.00pm	
Wednesday 11th December	Time	Event
St Paul's	9.00am - 3.00pm	Christmas Toy Appeal Tiny Tots
St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	
St Tim's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
Liden Academy	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Year 2 Carol Service - Rev Trudie Wigley
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Thursday 12th December	Time	Event
St Paul's	11.00am - 3.00pm	Christmas Toy Appeal

What's On This Week (Continued)

Friday 13th December	Time	Event
St Paul's	9.00am - 11.00am	Christmas Toy Appeal
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

Cantores Christmas Concert

If you'd like a free evening of some traditional Christmas choral music please come along. Just up the A419 so nice and local.

December 15, 2024

7:00 pm

Holy Rood Church, Ampney Crucis

For more information see <https://www.cantores.net/event/christmas-concert/>

Or speak to Nathalie.

Electronic Notices :-

Should you receive a paper copy of the weekly notices and your circumstances have changed whereby you can receive them electronically, please get in touch with your email address and I will add you to the mailing list. notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

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Christmas Cards

Christmas cards will be available in church from Sunday 1st November. A list of streets, with the number of houses in each, will be available.

If you are able to deliver some cards, please tick off the relevant street/s and take the required number of cards. I can bring cards to anyone unable to collect them from church.

Would you please add your phone number or email to the list, in case I need to contact you. Thank you.

Any difficulties, please email me on lanedianne63@gmail.com or phone or text on 07810627671.

Thank you in advance for your help

Dianne Lane

Church Family Christmas Cards

Many of us are now starting to write Christmas cards (or at least thinking about it!). This year there is again the opportunity to send one card to the whole church family, particularly as we look to be an ECO church. Instead of displaying on a board, we invite you to stand your church family Christmas card on top of the Bible cupboard at St Paul's and/or on one of the tables at St Timothy's – we can then more easily see the picture and message inside. If you are giving individual cards, please can we ask that you hand them to the recipient rather than leaving out at both centres for hopeful collection? There are often a number left after Christmas that don't get to those they are addressed to which is a pity. (and not leaving them around will also make for happy stewards!)

Thank you.

Confirmation: Are you interested in being confirmed?

Confirmation is a special service where we “confirm” the promises made when we are baptised. If you were baptised as a child, your parents and godparents would have made these promises on your behalf. At a confirmation service, we make these promises of faith anew for ourselves, supported by friends and family and the local Christian community. Are you interested in exploring possible confirmation and would like to talk about it? If so, please do have a chat with Trudie, Stephen or Stuart.

Alpha Course opportunity:

Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith over 11 weeks. Each session has food, a short video and a chat at the end where you can share your thoughts and questions, and there is no charge. A group of six of us are joining with Pattern Church's Alpha course starting Wednesday evenings from 15th January and there is plenty of room for others to join if you are interested. The idea is that we will host our own table as Dorcan Church and any chat would be between ourselves, with either Stephen or Trudie on the table too. Lifts can be provided. If at any point you decide that Alpha isn't for you, that is not a problem at all – there is really no pressure at all. If you are interested, then please do grab Trudie or Stephen for more information.

Afternoon Tea

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped, donated, baked, made sandwiches, washed up, sewed, knitted, tidied up, and bought, it was a wonderful afternoon, and our total has now risen to **£1215.33**

What an achievement, thank you,
Diane



Answers to last week's quiz

General Knowledge

1. In which year did the demolition of the Berlin wall began? = **1989**
2. A leveret is the young of which animal? = **Hare**
3. What is the currency of Argentina? = **Peso**
4. What type of food is a burrata? = **Cheese**
5. Which team won the FA Cup final in the year 2000 = **Chelsea**

This weeks quiz

Christmas

1. 'A dog is for life, not just for Christmas' was introduced in an advert in 1978 for which charity?
2. "Attaboy Clarence" are the last words spoken in which classic Christmas film?
3. 'Chestnuts roasting ' (The Christmas song) says that folks are dressed up like.....what?
4. An orange is used to make a Christingle—what does it represent?
5. According to the 12 days of Christmas, how many of the 12 presents given were definitely female?

Good luck

ECO Tip

This Advent ponder on Jesus' coming to be with us on earth. How are we preparing his creation for him to live with us here? Pray for grace and wisdom to play your part in caring for creation.



NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 10th December 2024**

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