



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 9th October 2022  
16th Sunday after Trinity**

**St. Paul's**

8:45 am	Holy Communion	Rev Andrew Bird
10.30 am	All Age	Sue Morgans
6.30 pm	Vybe	

**St Tim's**

10:30 am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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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 16th October 2022.  
18th Sunday after Trinity**

<b>St Paul's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
<b>St Tim's</b>		
	No Service	

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 16th October.  
Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider Circuit.

**What's On This Week**

<b>Monday 10th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	4.00pm - 6.45pm	Standing Committee Meeting
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	08.30 - 10.00am 10:30 - 12 noon 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Tea and Toast CiDs Coffee Morning Bible Study and Prayer Group
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's  St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	10.00am - 10.45am  1pm - 3pm 1pm - 3pm 7.30pm - 9.30m	Morning Prayer in the small hall (Old library) Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Men's Fellowship
<b>Friday 14th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	10am-12pm	Food Collective
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Liddington Village hall	10am - 4pm	Quiet/Prayer Day - Barbara Wilcox

## **Dates for your Diary as at 4th October 2022**

### **Wednesday Mornings**

10am-10.45am Weekly morning prayers in the old library with Barbara Wilcox please note the new times

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

7pm-10pm Family Quiz Night at St Pauls Church

### **Saturday 15th October**

10am - 4pm Prayer Away/Quiet Day at Liddington Village Hall see Barbara Wilcox for more details.

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Daylight saving time ends (the clocks go back an hour)

## **Ray Hylton**

It was with great sadness that we heard of the recent death of Ray Hylton, alongside Margaret, a much loved friend and active member of the Dorcan church for so long. Please keep Margaret and the extended family in your prayers at this time.

Ray's funeral will be held on Thursday 13th October, 11.15 at Kingsdown Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The Turning Point Trust, may be sent c/o Pearce Funeral Services.

## **Link to Hope Christmas Shoeboxes**

Please be aware that shoeboxes for Link to Hope need to be in by the end of OCTOBER this year! Please pick up a leaflet in church or see <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2022/> for more information.



Any questions please contact Paul Taylor.

## **"Warm and welcome" spaces at St. Paul's and St. Timothy's – can you help?**

Many of our current activities provide a "warm and welcome" place for people in our community to come together, receive a great welcome and to be warm. This winter Swindon Borough Council will be compiling a list of places for people to come to and many of our existing activities will be included.

The need for warm and welcoming places is likely to be significant this winter and we are exploring whether we are able to open our two centres at other times, particularly before or after other groups so we can maximise use of the cost of heating. Are there times you might be free to provide a warm and welcome place to others? Some of the initially more obvious times are:

- At St Paul's - before the various early evening meetings in the small meeting room at St Paul's;
- At Tim's – after Tiny Tots on Wednesdays and Food Collective on Fridays.

There are other times too and each session can be as long or short as you feel you can offer – the most important thing is that we are welcoming and engage with those who come – and drinks and cakes are always popular! If this is something you feel called to offer, please let Trudie or Stephen know and we can see if there are times we might be able to make this happen. Thank you.

## **Swindon Food Collective Donations**

If you donate to the Swindon Food Collective they are currently in need of men's razors, shaving gel or cream and shower gel. Thank you for your continued support, donations can be left at St. Paul's and St. Tim's churches.

From the St. Tim's SFC team.

## Christmas Unwrapped 2022.

Christmas Unwrapped is happening again! It is on and dates have been arranged.

As it has been quite a while since we have been able to offer Christmas Unwrapped to the local schools, many people thought a refresher session would be beneficial, especially as there are volunteers joining us for the first time. If anybody else would like to be part of the team, please do come along. We would love to see you and have you with us as we tell the Christmas story to the Y4 children in a creative way.

A date has been arranged for a refresher meeting on:-

Tuesday 11th. October at 2:30pm. at St. Tim's Church.

Sue and Jo would be grateful if you could let them know whether or not you are able to attend. There will be new handouts on the day, so don't worry about finding your old one.

We'll look forward to seeing you there

Sue Morgans and Jo Bush.

## Real Advent Calendar

Christmas is coming!! The Real Advent Calendar has a Fairtrade Milk Chocolate and a line of the Christmas Story behind each window, and a 24-page Christmas story-activity book is also included. There is a sign-up sheet in St Paul's and St Tim's, please add your name and the number you want by **Sunday 30 October**. Alternatively email me with your order to [stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk](mailto:stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk) They cost £4.50 each and we would ask you to pay into the Church account, preferably by bank transfer, and making sure to reference your payment with Real Advent Calendar. If you don't do on-line banking, please give your payment to Tony in an envelope marked with 'Real Advent Calendar'.

## Bring a Bulb Saturday

5th November 10am-12pm

St Paul's Church



We are going to be planting bulbs to encouraging pollinating insects for the spring and to brighten up the front of the church and we would love for you to come and help. Bring a trowel, bulb planter and gloves if you have them.

If you are able to contribute some bulbs that would be greatly appreciated. For, example Bluebells, Alliums, Snowdrops, Winter Aconites, Crocus, Early Bulbous Iris, Grape Hyacinth/ Muscari, and some varieties of Daffodil. Please make sure the bulbs are marked as pollinator friendly as not all bulbs are.

Tea, Coffee and lemon drizzle cake will be served.

## ECO Tip



Get draft proof to stop losing heat. Professional draught-proofing of windows, doors and blocking cracks in floors and skirting boards can cost around £200, but can save around £25 a year on energy bills. DIY draught proofing can be much cheaper. Installing a chimney draught excluder could save around £15 a year as well.

[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins)

## Flannels for Link to Hope boxes

If you need some flannels for the Link to Hope boxes, there are some homemade ones at St Paul's under the table in the church. Please help yourself. Judy Newman

**Quiet Day 15<sup>th</sup> October 10 am – 4pm @  
Liddington Village Hall.**

Have you ever considered setting time aside to concentrate on drawing closer to God? If you have, then can I encourage you to join in this opportunity to get together with your church family, for fellowship, worship, teaching and prayer.

Just to reassure those who haven't experienced a quiet day before...it's nothing scary, and during the day you will have time for your own thoughts, or to catch up with people you don't see regularly.

This day is a gift from the church, so there will be no charge. However, you are asked to bring along your own lunch.

If you feel this may be for you, it would be helpful if you could sign up on one of the sheets that are available in both churches. Also, please let me know if anyone is in need of a lift

With God's blessings

Barbara

**Wednesday Morning Prayers -  
New time 10am - 10.45am.**

At the beginning of last month we re-commenced weekly morning prayer at St Paul's. It has been a good to share and pray together for an informal, yet focused time. However, it was felt by some that 9.am was a bit early to meet, so the time has been changed to 10am, finishing at about 10.45 am. We continue to meet in the Old Library room, and we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Blessings  
Barbara

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The date for this year is Saturday December 3rd

We need lots of help and donations please

(please note No Books or Bric a Brac)

Contact Angela or Diane

Many thanks

## **Panto**

Regretfully the lovely Panto folk we had last year are unable to perform this year/

## **Stars**

This year we will be making stars to put around the 4 estates at Christmas. As like last year's hearts these can be made from any medium. For further details please see Deb or Heather.





## Tearfund Notice

At our Harvest Festival Service at St Pauls, Stephen spoke about the effects of climate change on other parts of the world and showed a video from Tearfund about the problems people in Burkina Faso face. Tearfund is a Christian charity which partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. They tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice. Tear Fund believe an end to extreme poverty is possible.

One way we can help Tear fund is by supporting their campaigns. In our services we pray for our political leaders asking for them to have wisdom and guidance, and to act to prevent climate change and reduce poverty. However, something we as individuals and a church are maybe not so good at is holding our leaders to account for what they have said they will do and telling them what we believe they should be doing.

Tearfund are asking us to Send a Coin to the Prime Minister to remind her and the government to follow through on the promises made to provide finance to fight climate change. It will only cost you a stamp and a coin. There is a letter you can print out or write your own version of at [Send a coin to the Prime Minister - Tearfund](#) or there will be more information and letters at St Timothy's and St Pauls Church for the next three weeks.



## Answers to last quiz

### Answers to this week's quiz

1. Just like a birthstone, each month also has a birth flower, but what is the flower for November **Chrysanthemum**
2. What will you spend your time studying if you are a vexillologist **Flags**
3. Known by the name Peregrine, what is the fastest bird in the world at almost 400 kph = **Falcon**
4. In the 'Wizard of Oz', what kind of animal who was looking for courage was played by Bert Lahr = **Lion**
5. Where would you be most likely to find a narthex, an apse and a bema = **In a church (antechamber or porch, semi-circular recess or semi-dome, orators platform)**

### Next week's quiz

1. The first line of Shakespeare's play Macbeth is spoken by which character
2. You probably know that the Titanic sank on her maiden voyage in 1912, but do you know in which month
3. Three of the following names are real names of real flowers, but which one is made up: Naked man orchid, Humped Bladderwort, Hookers lips, Fuzzy Stinkblossom
4. Which of the four members of the Beatles was the youngest, born on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1943
5. Dorothy and her friends travel on the yellow brick road, hoping to find the wizard of Oz in which city

Good luck

**Ps. Don't forget the Family quiz @ St Paul's 7th October. Starting at 7.00pm. Book your place by calling 07936 390500**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

# Quiz night

7pm – 10pm

St Paul's Church, St Paul's drive

£3.00  
per  
person

Raffle prizes



Teams  
of up to  
6  
persons

To book your place

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

All proceeds will go towards church funds

# NOTICES

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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 instead.