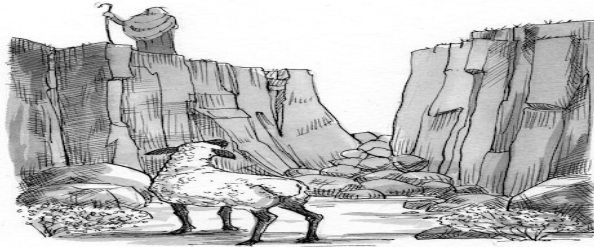




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*Transforming lives and communities
 Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**SERVICES - Sunday 11th September
 Trinity 13**

St. Paul's

10.30am	All Age	Rev Stuart Fisher
1pm	Christening of Mia Grace Rogers	Rev Stuart Fisher

St Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley & Rev Moira Slack
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 11th September.
 Stephen is at Stratton 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 18th September 2022.
14th Sunday after Trinity**

St Paul's		
10:30am	Commemoration Service for her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
St Tim's		
	No Service	

What's On this week

Tuesday 13th	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	08.30—10.00am 10.30am—12.00pm 7.30pm—9.30pm	Tea and Toast CID's Coffee morning Bible Study and Prayer Group led by Diane Lane
Wednesday 14th	Time	Event
St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	9am -10:30am 1pm—3pm 1:15-2:45pm 7.30pm—9:30pm	Morning Prayer in the small hall (old Library) Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Men's Fellowship
Friday 15th		
St Tim's	10am –12pm	Food Collective

Congratulations 50th Wedding Anniversary

Christine and Colin celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. God's Blessing be with them.

Cutting the cake at the Bring and Share.



Thank you

Thank you for joining the Bring and share lunch on the 4th September. I hope you all enjoyed it.



Well done

Our young people had an amazing set of exams results over the summer, many congratulations to all .

Good luck to Callum and Luke as they prepare for going to Reading University.



Sharing of creative ideas seen over the summer

At our AGM you may remember that we shared about a “Focus group”, a new working group accountable to the ECC. This group is tasked with focusing and leading our work on shaping a future strategy and direction for Dorcan church following Building God’s House. It is a place where creative ideas can be shared and received, where the discernment process is overseen (which will engage the whole church) and from where priorities are recommended to ECC.

We have recently had our first meeting and began to think about how we might embark on our vision post Building God’s House. To get us started as a church, one idea was looking at what other churches do and why. Over the summer more of us tend to visit other churches whilst we are away and we would be grateful if you could share good ideas that you pick up from churches you visit – in particular how they serve their particular unique community - what kind of mission and mission do they focus on and, if you get into conversation, what has worked and what have they learned from things which haven’t been so successful. Could what you learn from your visits trigger some ideas for us at Dorcan? Please do share what you pick up with the Focus group – it will be very helpful indeed.

As a church we are at the very early stages of discerning a vision and our priorities. Over the coming months and into 2023 we will be exploring this further, engaging all of us as a church. In the meantime, as we start this journey, please start thinking and praying about our mission and ministry in this community, and our centres at St Timothy’s and St Paul’s.

With thanks to you all.

Trudie, on behalf of the Focus Group

Joan McCann, Claire Rose, John Davidson, Nathalie Marshall.

Stuart Fisher, Stephen Roe, Trudie Wigley

ECO Tip

Use natural light when you can to save energy. Sit by the window. Decorate your home in light colours to maximise natural light.

Tea & Toast

We hope to restart Tea & Toast soon, at St Tim's on Tuesdays from 8.30am - 10.00am. A big thank you to all the volunteers who help with this. However, due to work commitments, one of our regular leaders is no longer available. This leaves us short of at least one person, so if you feel called to offer for this outreach activity, which may become even more important as autumn and winter kick in, and if you would like to know more about what is involved, please see Stephen or Trudie.

Swindon Deanery Synod Snippets:

Attached to this newsletter is a summary of what Swindon Anglican Deanery discussed at the last synod this summer. Do take a look and if you have any questions please do touch base with our elected Deanery Synod reps

– Jenny Poole and Clare Rose – or Trudie Wigley.

WILTSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE+STRIDE 10th SEPTEMBER 2022

I shall be participating in this event on 10th September, any monies raised will be shared between the Trust and the Dorcan Church. Sponsorship forms will be in both centres from 28th August, or alternatively you may donate on line

John Davidson

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Davidson25

Many thanks

John

Children's Area

Children's area We will be setting up a children's area in Church as sadly we do not have any regular Sunday morning Church children at the moment. The area will be placed on the organ side about half way back. It will consist on Bible stories and related activities and the children will be supervised using the area. Please pray for our children and young people that attend youth club Blaze and Vybe they are still about – just not on Sunday morning!

Many thanks for your understanding
Deb

Stars

This year we will be making stars to put around the 4 estates at Christmas. As like last years hearts these can be made from any medium.

For further details please see Deb or Heather.



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.



Answers to last quiz

1. Which of these planets has a retro grade rotation, revolving in a direction opposite that of earth: Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn = **Venus**
1. A cube has 6 faces and 8 vertices (corners) but how many edges = **12**
2. On what item would you find an ISBN = **Book**
3. In which sport would an athlete perform a Fosbury flop = **High Jump**
4. What fruit is Eve supposed to have eaten in the Garden of Eden after being tempted by the devil **Apple**

Next week's quiz

1. The Viceroy, Painted lady, and Northern Pearly-Eye are three types of what
2. Which British rock group released the song 'Sympathy for the devil' in 1968
3. A 12-inch vinyl record spinning at 33 1/3 rpm is also known by what name
4. What word is often used to describe a live spelling competition between school students
5. Which character is the leader of the Autobots in the Transformers franchise after being tempted by the devil

Good luck

Family Quiz Nite at St Paul's

We have a date for your diary. **Friday 7th October 2022.**

The Venue will be St Paul's hall. Start time 7.00pm—10.00pm
Team numbers up and no more than six persons.

Quizzing is about having fun and learning something new

All proceeds to the Dorcan Church. More details to follow

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 13th September 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to make your offering instead.