



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



<b>SERVICES</b>			<b>Sunday 13th October 20th Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>St Paul's</b>					
	No Service				
<b>St Tim's</b>					
10.30am	United Service		Rev Trudie Wigley		
<b>Sunday 20th October 21st Sunday after Trinity</b>					
<b>St Paul's</b>					
10.30am	Morning Worship		Alex Scott		
<b>St Tim's</b>					
10.00am	Messy Church		Messy Team		

**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.**

## What's On This Week

Tues 15th Oct		
St Tim's St Paul's St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm 10.00am - 12.00pm 6:30pm - 8:30pm	CID's Café Too CID's Coffee Morning Cell Group
Wed 16th Oct		
St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm 1.00pm - 3.00pm 6:00pm - 7:30pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Blaze for school year 2-6 Youth Club for school year 7+
Fri 18th Oct		
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul
Sat 19th Oct		
St Paul's	2:30pm	Flower Arranging roof fundraiser £5.00

## FLOWER ARRANGING FUNDRAISER

**19TH OCTOBER 2.30PM £5.00**

Come and have some fun creating a masterpiece

St Pauls Church, Covingham  
Chicken wire & greenery provided  
Please bring flowers, secateurs or scissors, a small pot at  
least 4.5 inches deep that will hold water

**PLEASE SIGN THE FORM ON THE TABLE, SO THAT WE KNOW  
HOW MANY TO CATER FOR.**



## **Trudie's return - update**

Thank you for the lovely welcome back last Sunday – it was good to see you and I missed the church family greatly. I have appreciated the contact and prayers from many of you, and all the wonderful cards, gifts, flowers and surprises that have kept me feeling held. And a massive thank you goes to all the wonderful people who have covered for me whilst I have been away – thank you so very much to a great team.

I am starting back in a limited capacity and on a part-time basis. During October, I will be focusing predominantly on Sunday services and associated preparation, and later in the month will be attending the Bristol Diocesan clergy 3-day conference, as expected of incumbents. I am still required to commit to significant physio which I am truly hoping and praying will avoid a further procedure, and if all goes to plan I will be increasing my hours from November and hope to be full time in December - ready for Christmas! This approach is at the direction of the Diocese and Archdeacon team, and I also have the support of an assigned person locally to help me adjust. This does mean that I will need to prioritise what I commit to, and I'm sure there will be some challenging decisions to be made, so thank you for your understanding. Of note, is that one piece of work I need to address as a priority is starting the paperwork and processes for employing a safeguarding co-ordinator which I will look to focus on in November. However, the legal paperwork associated with our change in ecumenical constitution (which we are signing on 24<sup>th</sup> November), will now need to wait until the new year. In the meantime, I really am hoping that we will be able to find someone in the wider deanery to help us with this.

It really was great to see so many of you last week, and thank you for your ongoing prayers and understanding. With my love and prayers to you, as always.

Trudie

## **. Sunday 13 October**

Due to lack of availability of preachers, there will be a United Service at St Tim's on Sunday 13 October at 10.30am, led by Trudie. There will be no service at St Paul's. Thank you for your understanding of the need to rearrange services over the past few months, sometimes at short notice. It is appreciated.

Stephen and Trudie

### Requests for the Church's 2025 Budget.

The Finance team will be meeting in October to draw up a draft budget for 2025.

If you are involved in an area of ministry or in leading an activity on behalf of our Church and your funding requirements for 2025 will be significantly different from 2024, or if you have specific funding requests for 2025 (e.g. for new equipment or additional materials etc.) then please let Tony Prichard ( [treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk) ) or myself ( [pmulcock1@gmail.com](mailto:pmulcock1@gmail.com) ) know about these ideally by Wednesday 9th October, or, at the latest by Sunday 13th October. We will then consider if /how we are able to include these in the 2025 Budget.

Many Thanks.  
Pete Mulcock.

### **How to pray for Gaza and Israel - Tear fund**

A page from tear fund for helps to pray.

<https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2023/10/how-to-pray-for-gaza-and-israel>

Christine Parsons

## St Tim's Prayer Group

If you attend St Tim's Prayer Group that meet on a Tuesday afternoon, please be advised that during October there will only be one meeting on **Tuesday 1st October**.

Normal meeting dates will resume in November.

Brenda Phillips

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## Opportunities at Diocesan Support Services

[Governance Support Officer - Diocese of Bristol \(anglican.org\)](http://anglican.org) closes 21 Oct

[Under 18s Chaplaincy Adviser - Diocese of Bristol \(anglican.org\)](http://anglican.org) closes 14 Oct

## Link to hope



The date for the shoebox's to be given in from Sunday 13th of October.

I Will be at the church car park on Saturday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.00am till 13.00. In the Afternoon 14.00 to 16.00 to receive the boxes.

The few that will be in the Church on the Sunday 3rd November will be dedicated including those That are in the garage, storage ready for pick-up.

Thank you for your support to the shoebox appeal.

Paul Tayler.

## **Swindon Food Collective**

is your local independent food bank that collects and redistributes donated non-perishable food and non food items to those in need. We help individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves for a variety of reasons such as low wages, low income, family crisis, delayed benefit payments, redundancy, bereavement or sickness. We currently operate 11 Food Distribution Centres in and around Swindon.

Paul Tayler is our contact and will be gathering all of our donations.

### **WHAT THEY DO NEED:**

**Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:**

**" Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"**

### **DO NOT SEND:**

**Cereals and shower gel.**

## **Greetings and Christmas cards**

Thank you all, for buying cards and also to those who have provided materials and attended the recent card making session.

I'm delighted to say that card sales have boosted the Roof Fund by over £400 so far. There are packs of Christmas cards and gift tags available in both St. Paul's and St. Tim's.

Thank you for your support,  
Brenda Fisher

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 15th Oct 2024**

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

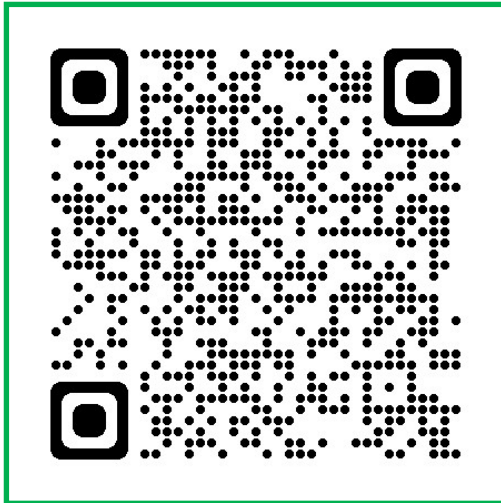
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You will have noticed we no longer pass the offering basket round.

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

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee