



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 13th November 2022
2nd Sunday before Advent**

St. Paul's

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Rev Trudie Wigley |
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St Tim's

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| 10.30 am | Holy Communion | Rev Stuart Fisher |
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 13th November. 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.**

| What's on for next week | | |
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| Tuesday 15th | | |
| St Tim's | 09.00am - 11.30am | Cid's too Coffee morning (New Group) |
| St Paul's | 10.30am - 12.00pm | Cid's Coffee morning |
| St Paul's | 7.30pm - 9.30pm | Bible Study and Prayer Group |
| St Tim's | 2pm - 3:15pm | Prayer Group (New times) |
| Wed 16th | | |
| St Paul's | 10.00am –10.45am | Morning Prayer in the small hall (old library) |
| St Paul's | 1pm—3pm | Tiny Tots |
| St Tim's | 1pm—3pm | Tiny Tots |
| St Paul's | 6.30pm—7.30pm | Blaze for school year 2-6 |
| St Paul's | 7.30pm—9pm | Youth Club for school year 7+ |
| Friday 18th | | |
| St Tim's | 10am –12pm | Food Collective |

Dates for your Diary as at 13th. November 2022

Bring a Bulb Saturday

19th. November 10am-12pm St Paul's Church

St Paul's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December 11am – 1.30pm Raffles, Tombola, refreshments & a special performance by Swindon Community Band.

Sunday 5th February 2023

10:30am United service at St Paul's
Revd David Gray Circuit Superintendent

Planning for Christmas!

We are now getting more of a picture of what we might be able to offer and when this Christmas. Thank you to those who have said they are able to help. Some updates are below, as well as additional opportunities to consider. Please do have a think as to what you might be able to support and contact the relevant person. Thank you!

***Christmas Cards – distribution co-ordinator:*

Thank you to Dianne Lane who has offered to co-ordinate our Christmas Card distribution into our communities – great! In late November/early December the cards will be ready and Dianne will be in touch in the notices to co-ordinate distribution. In the meantime she can be contacted on lanedianne63@gmail.com or 07810 627671. Thank you Dianne!

***Christingles – makers and helpers on the day – St Paul's and St Timothy's*

We are looking to continue our 4pm Christmas Eve Christingle service at St Paul's, and this year are wishing to offer another at 4pm on Sunday 11th December at St Timothy's. Sandra Marshall and Brenda Robinson are kindly co-ordinating the Christingle preparation, yet need helpers to support putting the bags of materials together, making the Christingles and helping on the day. If you are able to help to enable these popular services to happen, then please contact Sandra or Brenda, or let Maggie know in the church office (01793 435987 or dorcan.church.office@gmail.com) Thank you!

***Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal – distribution co-ordinator from St Paul's*

In the last few years we have gifted toys to this appeal, previously co-ordinated by Gateway Church. In 2021 923 children received gifts - this was 200 more than the previous year and the need is likely to be even greater this Christmas. This year the appeal will be working differently. The idea is for a number of local churches to receive a selection of toys and for local people to then visit, bringing with them a voucher (similar to Food Collective) to choose a gift. This enables connections to be made locally.

Planning for Christmas! (Cont)

Dorcan church has taken a step of faith and agreed to be a distribution centre for East Swindon, using the meeting room off the main hall which can also be accessed from outside. We are looking for a co-ordinator to receive the gifts from the central storage point (they will be bought to us, together with storage solutions) and to draw up a rota of lovely volunteers to man the room when people visit to choose their presents. It is at our discretion as to when we open so we can do what works best for us and the team. Gifts will be ready for choosing from Monday 12th December, up until Christmas, with the last day being at our convenience.

If you feel this is something you would like to support and might be able to co-ordinate, then please do speak with Trudie. We already have three willing volunteers for your team! Thank you.

***Christmas Messy Church:* We are really hoping to host Messy church at both St Paul's and St Timothy's this year – from 4-6pm on the afternoons of Sunday 4th and Monday 19th December respectively. Watch this space for more information for more information from Clare Smith.

CID'S Café Too – Started at St Timothy's

Thank you for your support and prayers as we made our start to "Cid's Café Too" at St Timothy's. Despite an early dreary morning, we had some new people who had found out from the flyers which had been put through their doors. We would like to put some more through doors around Liden so if you're on your walks or fancy exploring this part of the parish, would you be willing to post some through doors please? That would be really helpful indeed. There are some piles of the little leaflets at both St Tim's and St Paul's for you to take. Thank you all!

Trudie Wigley

Audio in worship Services

A big thank you to our team who serve on the audio visual (AV) team and those who live-stream our services. Whilst we are looking to upgrade our AV system, in the meantime they are doing a great job helping us see and hear in services.

If you cannot hear when we are worshipping, please do let the steward, or the person sitting on the AV desk, know so that adjustments can be made – failing that please do say from within the service! If you are on-line please do drop a comment on the Facebook page and the live-streamers will do what they can. We are aware that previously when we use the roaming mic those on-line cannot hear, but we now have a way to rectify this. In summary – please do shout if you can't hear – we want to know. Thank you!

“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 will be other times too and it 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, please let Trudie or Stephen know and we can see if there are times we might be able to make this happen. Thank you.

Concert

We are pleased to announce that the Young people of Dorcan Church are hoping to stage an early Christmas concert on Wednesday 30th November at 6.30pm. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support them. More details to follow. Thank you for your support!!



ADVENT KNITALONG

Some of you will remember the Lent Knitalong well there's going to be an Advent Knitalong

This is from the Vic Methodist Bristol Lent Knitalong Facebook Group: Who's up for more knitting?! A lot of people have asked if we're doing something for Christmas, so we have come up with a (smaller!) project for an Advent mystery Knitalong. The amount of daily knitting will be less this time (compared to the Lent Knitalong) as December is often the busiest time of year, and the format will differ slightly in that you'll receive the entire pattern and reflections in one go so you can work at your own pace (but a suggested daily schedule will be given, for those who like these things!) More details to follow* in November, and the pattern will be released on Sunday 27th November. *If you are already signed up to receive emails on future knitalongs you'll get this directly to your inbox. If you'd like to be added to this list, email Helen on learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk.

I hope some more people will join me on this Mystery Knitalong, If you'd like to join in but are not on the internet, let me know and I'll print out the pattern and reflections for you.

Angela Roe

**'Lead characters wanted,
please see Rev Stu to audition'.**

*11th December; St Paul's at 10:30am
an all-age nativity service*

*This year prior to the evening
Christingle service, everyone - All ages -
are invited to our Nativity.*



You are invited to come dressed as a character from The Christmas Story; Joseph, Mary, Angels, Shepherds, a sheep, a donkey, a cattle, if its in the Bible, take your pick

Link to Hope Shoeboxes

Thank you all who filled shoeboxes this year, Dorcan church filled 55 boxes.

Christ Church Sunday club filled 55 boxes so the total of boxes going to Link to Hope in Worthing is 110.

So a very big thank you to you all.

God Blessing

Paul.

Bring a Bulb Saturday

19th November 10am-12pm
(Postponed from 5th. November)
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

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.

Advent Quiet day

Harnhill Christian healing centre
Harnhil Manor, Harnhill, Cirencester GL7 5PX
10 am to 4pm
Tuesday 6th December 2022
£35 including lunch
£25 take own lunch

Thank you
Sue Morgans

Stratton Methodist Church

Saturday 19 November Tearfund Big Quiz

You are invited to the annual Tearfund BIG QUIZ on Saturday 19th November at Stratton Methodist Church. Teams of up to 6 people and all ages are welcome. As in previous years, we will start with food at 6pm and then the quiz at 7.30pm.

Again as usual we will not be charging for food or entry to quiz, but rely on your generous donations for the evening, and hopefully we will be able to send a huge amount to Tearfund for their work across the world to relieve poverty.

Please let Keith Harmer know if you are joining in the evening of food, fun and fellowship, email: keithharmer3@gmail.com or text: 07813000385.

Stephen

Saturday 26 November

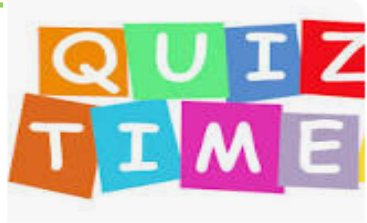
Coffee morning & Christmas Fayre
From 10.00am to 1.30 pm
Refreshments, gifts, cakes & crafts
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Many thanks
Stephen

ECO Tip

Set up simple systems in your home to make it easy to recycle. Where do you need a paper and card recycling bin, what about a compost bucket?

Sorry ! No new quiz this week



Answers to last week's quiz

1. What is the name of the iron-containing biomolecule that makes a red blood cell red? = **Haemoglobin**
2. The Red Rose tea brand was founded in 1894 in which country? = **Canada**
3. The flags of three of these countries have no red at all, but which one is over 50% red: Nigeria, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Estonia = **Peru**
4. Moulin Rouge was a hit movie in 2001 and you may know that rouge is French for red, but what is moulin? = **Mill in French**
5. You probably know that the Taj Mahal is in the country of India, but do you know which city = **Agra**

This week's quiz

1. In the game of soccer or football (round ball, no helmet) from what distance is a penalty kick taken
2. What name is given to the last stone to be placed into an arch, which permits the structure to bear weight
3. According to the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, on what day of the week did Jesus die
4. The Japanese city of Osaka will be found on which of the main islands
5. Which novel, based on a play about the French revolution was published in 1905 by Baroness Orczy

Good luck

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 15th November 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
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.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee.