



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 15th January 2023
 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

St. Paul's

08.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
6.30pm	Vybe Youth	Debbie Mulcock & Team

St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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Please pray for our Clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 15th January. 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 22nd January 2023
Epiphany (Baptism of Christ)**

St Paul's		
10.30am	Covenant with Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley & Deacon Stephen Roe
St Tim's		
	No Service	

What's On This Week

Tuesday 17th	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	09.00am—11.30am 10.00am—12.00pm 6.00pm—9.00pm 7.45pm—9.45pm	CIDs too Coffee Morning CIDs Coffee Morning Home Group Debbie Bible Study and Prayer Group
Wednesday 18th	Time	Event
St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	10.00am—10.45am 1—3pm 1—3pm 6.30pm—7.30pm 7.30pm—9.00pm	Morning Prayers Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Blaze for School year 2-6 Youth Club for school year 7+
Thursday 19th.	Time	Event
	6.15pm—8.30pm	Finance Committee
Friday 20th	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am—12.00pm	Food Collective

New Community Centre Operations Manager (CCOM) – our very own Maggie Johnson!

At the end of last year we said goodbye to Jenny Hatter as our CCOM who, for the last 18 months, has been seconded to us from Christ Church. Jenny has made a significant contribution to the operations of the centre and we have valued her organisation skills, can-do approach and her friendliness as one of the “faces” of Dorcan Church. Jenny has returned to Christ Church so we will still see her around, and we are very grateful to them for their generosity in releasing her to be with us.

Whilst we have lost Jenny, we are delighted to share that Maggie, our church administrator, will be additionally taking on the role of CCOM going forward. Maggie has been with us just over a year and keeps us all organised very well! She is greatly valued and is crucial in supporting the mission and ministry of Dorcan Church, and is a friendly and welcoming face. We are pleased that she is also taking on this new role.

Maggie will be at St Paul's centre every day from 9-4pm, except Wednesdays, and taking a lunch break out of the office between 12-1pm each day. To support her in balancing the demands of both roles, in the mornings she will be focusing on church administration and in the afternoons on the CCOM role. Whilst there is flexibility and synergy between the roles, please do support Maggie in being mindful of these times. Also if you need Maggie for more than a quick chat or brief pop-in, please do contact her in advance so she can make sure that she can support you when you come in.

We wish Maggie all the best in this additional role – and thank you for saying yes Maggie!

Trudie Wigley, Pete Mulcock and Diane Killick

Transforming Church Together (TCT)

We are asking for your thoughts and feedback - please see next page for information.

Transforming Church Together (TCT)

Back in January 2021 Bristol Diocese began a process called Transforming Church Together (TCT) – you may remember the online engagement we held as a church where we were asked a number of questions by a facilitator. After a year of engagement across the Diocese, prayer and discussion including connecting with our communities and less-heard groups, the strategy then entered a period of discernment. This brings us to today and we now have a road map for the priorities for the Diocese going forward.

The strategy is supported by a substantial £8m+ bid into the national Church of England. TCT will be embedded within the Diocese and will drive the priorities for resources and energy going forward. We are invited to consider how TCT might enrich and support us in the mission and ministry of the local church here in Dorcan and to consider which areas we might wish to engage with.

Your ECC are starting to consider this in our next meeting on 23rd January and in the months ahead, with an eye also to how this might connect with the Methodist strategic focus of “New People, New Places”. Some information has now been made available which we would like to draw your attention to and encourage you to read.

There are three brochures as follows which you will find on-line at <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/visionandpriorities/transforming-church/>. In each of the two centres there are also a few hard copies, and please do contact Maggie if these run out:

Vision and Values: Outlines the broad vision for the future, and our working values as we find a path forward;

Next steps: An outline of how TCT will move forward and the planning ahead;

Strategy summary: a booklet outlining the main objectives and 12 strategic activities to achieve these. **It is these activities we are particularly looking at to how we might engage with TCT** that is right for us, and what resources and energy we might require.

At this stage we are asking you to start to digest and consider what TCT might mean for us? ECC are considering the following questions which may help you as you ponder:

What excites you about the strategy?

What concerns do you have about the strategy?

How might you see Dorcan Church engaging in the strategy?

What parts are particularly important within our local context?

What questions do you have?

We would love to hear your feedback and thoughts. Please do speak with any member of ECC with your ideas and ponderings and they can then share who you are and your thoughts with ECC. In the meantime if you have any questions on the general strategy and process please do speak with Trudie. Please do commit this strategy to prayer as it will be a significant part of our mission and ministry going forward.

Trudie

ECO Tip

Think before you click: each web search requires energy on your computer, laptop or 'phone and more at the server finding the webpage for you, costing 4.5g CO₂e a time. Just 10 searches a day adds up to 16.5kg CO₂e a year.

Threads Through Creation

A wonderful bible-based art show at Bath Abbey ...

Eight million stitches expressing God's love!

'Threads through Creation' is an extraordinary, uplifting art exhibition at Bath Abbey, on show from 7th January until 19th March as part of a nationwide tour of 20 cathedrals and churches.

It took Christian textile artist Jacqui Parkinson three years - and eight million stitches!

The show consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from Genesis. You've read it in black and white – now see it in amazing colour! The panels are huge (2.7m high, up to 3.5m wide) and truly breath-taking.

It's a great opportunity for sharing with friends – bring along some non-Christians, and there'll be some interesting conversations! Everyone comes out buzzing ...

Admission: Free. See www.creation-threads.co.uk and www.bathabbey.org.uk

Christmas Messy Church

We were blown away by the success of Christmas messy church both at St. Paul's and St Tim's and we are excited to see where we can take it this year. But as we all know teamwork makes the dream work and it can't happen without our fabulous team - if you would like to be involved, we will be having a meeting at St. Paul's on Thursday 19th January at 7pm to discuss how this can work. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be involved, please let me know.

Many thanks for your prayers and support.

Clare (clares247@gmail.com)

Swindon Food Collective

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who have helped local families through a very difficult year.

If you can, please consider donating these items in particular, bottles of squash (1 litre), coffee (100 gms), long life juice (1 litre), sugar (500gs/1kg), tinned fruit, tinned meat and tinned potatoes. Other items that are useful include 2 in1 shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam and razors, deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry pods, washing up liquid, bleach and surface wipes/sprays

Christmas – a huge thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas activities and ministries. It was wonderful to be able to be together again, and to restart some of our regular activities as well as start new ones. We were able to re-connect with many in our community, and to also make new connections which was very encouraging indeed.

This was all against a backdrop of a lot of illness circulating and of course Covid hasn't gone away. A number of the church family were unwell, yet so many of you stepped up, whether supporting behind the scenes or unexpectedly finding yourselves leading services, and this is a BIG, BIG thank you to you all.

Our Christmas plans would not have happened without you all, so thank you!

We wish you a Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany, and look with expectancy as to where God will lead us this year.

Trudie Wigley



Answers to last week quiz

1. Which of these countries does not share a border with Switzerland: Luxembourg, France, Italy, Germany = **Luxembourg**
2. Although some special pianos may have more or less, how many keys are there on a modern-day piano? **88**
3. What is the name of the first woman to ever receive a Nobel prize since its inception? = **Marie Curie**
4. Genuine Italian Mozzarella cheese comes from the milk of which animal? = **Buffalo**
5. In The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis, Lucy encounters a faun by what name? = **Mr Tumnus**

This week's quiz

1. The Beatles launched their career in which Liverpool nightclub, first appearing there in February of 1961
2. Pamplona, Spain has an annual summertime event known as the 'running of the ...' what
3. What comes next in the 1970 Carpenters song 'Just like me, they long to be...' what
4. How many gold medals did Jesse Owens win at the 1936 Olympics in Germany
5. Which UNESCO World Heritage site in northern England is approximately 73 miles in length

Good luck

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 17th January 2023** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

These notices are also available on-line at [www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/latest notices](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/latest_notices)
Previous editions are also available at: [Dorcan Church Weekly Notices](#)



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.