



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 December Advent 3		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	LLM Paul Tayler
4.00pm	All Age Carol Service / Nativity	Rev Trudie Wigley, Deacon Stephen Roe and Team
St Tim's		
10.00am	Messy Church Carol Service	Rev Trudie Wigley, Deacon Stephen Roe and 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.**

SERVICES - Sunday 22nd December Advent 4		
St Paul's		
10.30am	No Services	
6.00pm	Carol Service	Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Moira Slack

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 22nd December, Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider circuit

Christmas services – information:

If you are receiving this electronically, attached are our services for this Christmas. We are using our printed Christmas cards as flyers to give out detailing our services, as well as using them for our usual door to door delivery. Please do sign up to help with delivery (see separate email), and also take a card for yourself and one for someone you would like to personally invite to come and worship with us this Christmas.

Carol Service - Mince Pies

Donations required please of mince pies and cakes for the St Paul's 6pm Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December. They can be brought to church before Carol Service

Thank you
Mari Wheatley

What's On This Week

Monday 16th December	Time	Event
St Tim's	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Chalet school visit - Deacon Stephen Roe
Tuesday 17th December	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm 10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Café Too CID's Coffee Morning
Wednesday 18th December	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul'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+
Friday 20th December	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

A Christmas gift from our Church family - thank you!

One of our Church family has been busy being creative and is blessing us with some Christmas gifts. As you leave services at both churches over the next couple of weeks, please do take one! Their love and encouragement in making these gifts for us is appreciated and we shout out a massive THANK YOU to our secret angel in the Dorcan Church!

We will be putting the angels/candles etc out around our estates this Saturday (14th) if anyone still has any they would like to be included could you please let Deb Mulcock know.

Many thanks

Deb

Electronic Notices :-

Should you receive a paper copy of the weekly notices and your circumstances have changed whereby you can receive them electronically, please get in touch with your email address and I will add you to the mailing list. notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

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Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are now available in church. A list of streets, with the number of houses in each, is available.

If you are able to deliver some cards, please tick off the relevant street/s and take the required number of cards. I can bring cards to anyone unable to collect them from church.

Would you please add your phone number or email to the list, in case I need to contact you. Thank you.

Any difficulties, please email me on lanedianne63@gmail.com or phone or text on 07810627671.

Thank you in advance for your help

Dianne Lane

Church Family Christmas Cards

Many of us are now starting to write Christmas cards (or at least thinking about it!). This year there is again the opportunity to send one card to the whole church family, particularly as we look to be an ECO church. Instead of displaying on a board, we invite you to stand your church family Christmas card on top of the Bible cupboard at St Paul's and/or on one of the tables at St Timothy's – we can then more easily see the picture and message inside. If you are giving individual cards, please can we ask that you hand them to the recipient rather than leaving out at both centres for hopeful collection? There are often a number left after Christmas that don't get to those they are addressed to which is a pity. (and not leaving them around will also make for happy stewards!)

Thank you.

Confirmation: Are you interested in being confirmed?

Confirmation is a special service where we “confirm” the promises made when we are baptised. If you were baptised as a child, your parents and godparents would have made these promises on your behalf. At a confirmation service, we make these promises of faith anew for ourselves, supported by friends and family and the local Christian community. Are you interested in exploring possible confirmation and would like to talk about it? If so, please do have a chat with Trudie, Stephen or Stuart.

Alpha Course opportunity: If you're interested, or can help with practicalities (see below) please grab Stephen or Trudie

Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith over 11 weeks. Each session has food, a short video and a chat at the end where you can share your thoughts and questions, and there is no charge. A group of seven of us are joining with Pattern Church's Alpha course starting Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm - 9.15pm on 15th January and there is plenty of room for others to join if you are interested. The idea is that we will host our own Dorcan Church table and any chat would be between ourselves, with either Stephen or Trudie on the table too. Lifts can be provided. If at any point you decide that Alpha isn't for you, that is not a problem at all – there is really no pressure at all. If you are interested, then please do grab Trudie or Stephen for more information.

Can you help - being a helper on the night or by providing cakes?

- **Helpers:** When we join Pattern Church we will have our own Dorcan table which Stephen and/or Trudie will be leading. However, it would be good to have a helper on the table too, to support with practicalities on the night. Might you be able to help on some of the evenings please?
- **Cake bakers:** - Each church attending is asked to bring cakes to share. Are you able to support by providing some cakes for Wednesday evenings now and again please?



Answers to last week's quiz

Christmas

1. 'A dog is for life, not just for Christmas' was introduced in an advert in 1978 for which charity? = **Dogs Trust**
2. "Attaboy Clarence" are the last words spoken in which classic Christmas film? = **It's a Wonderful life**
3. 'Chestnuts roasting ' (The Christmas song) says that folks are dressed up like.....what? = **Eskimos**
4. An orange is used to make a Christingle—what does it represent? = **Earth**
5. According to the 12 days of Christmas, how many of the 12 presents given were definitely female? = **4 - (4 French hens, 6 Geese a laying, 8 Maids a milking, 9 Ladies dancing)**

This weeks quiz

Christmas

1. Anthony Hopkins was the narrator of which Jim Carrey Christmas film?
2. Charles Dickens is said to have considered the names Little Larry, and Puny Pete for which character?
3. How many points does a snowflake have?
4. In pantomime, what is Aladdin's surname?
5. In the 12 days of Christmas, how many lords were leaping?

Good luck

ECO Tip

Watch your shopping trolley. In the UK our food spend increases by 16% in December, make sure you are not over catering and that extras are not going to end up in the bin.

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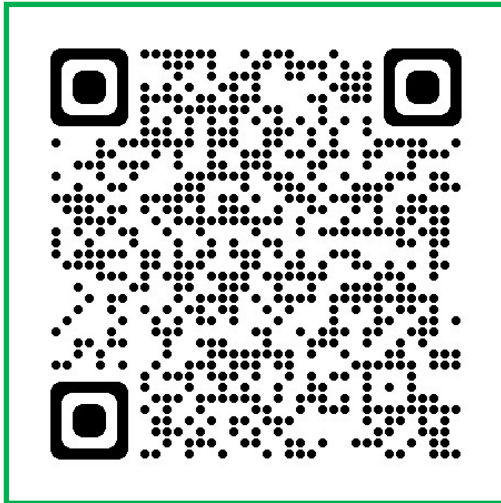
Thank you.

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Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee