



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

Services Sunday 17th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

St Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Stuart Fisher
4pm	Messy Church	Messy team

St Tim's

10am	Messy Church	Messy team
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 17th, September Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider Circuit.

Services Sunday 24th September HARVEST

St Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Trudie Wigley
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St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Dea Stephen Roe
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 24th, September Alex is at Bath Road 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.**



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River

Amos 5: 24

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Tues 19th Sept	Time	Event
St Tim's	9am- 11.30	CiDs Café Too
St Paul's	10:30am-12.00pm	CiDs Coffee Morning
St Tim's	14.00pm-15.15pm	Prayer Meeting
St Tim's	6pm-9pm	Home Group
St Paul's	7.45pm – 9.45pm	Bible Study & Prayer Group
Wed 20th Sept	Time	Event
St Paul's	10am-11am	Morning Prayers
St Paul's	1pm-3pm	Tiny Tots
St Tim's	1pm-3pm	Tiny Tots
St Paul's	6pm-7.30pm	Blaze
St Paul's	6pm-7.30pm	Youth Group
Thurs 21st Sept	Time	Event
St Tim's	7.30pm-9.30pm	ECC
Fri 23rd Sept	Time	Event
St Tim's	10am-12pm	Food Collective Paul

Ongoing engagement exploring our future Ecumenical legal structure.

You will be aware that Methodist Circuit Superintendent Revd David Gray and Archdeacon Venerable Christopher Bryan came to a meeting in August to help us think about whether the current structure of Dorcan as a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership is still 'fit for purpose' and an aid to us in our witness and mission to the communities around us. They also shared with us the current thinking and position of the wider denominations, Methodist and Anglican. Slides from that meeting were circulated and it should be stressed that we are considering the formal legal structure of Dorcan as a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership and not the ecumenical essence, ethos and culture of Dorcan as a diverse congregation which includes and is welcoming to those of many traditions.

Thank you for the comments and correspondence we have received to date, and these will be shared at ECC next week. We are currently putting together a summary paper that will outline understanding so far, incorporating some "Frequently Asked Questions". We hope to circulate this as soon as we are able after the upcoming ECC meeting. In the meantime, we would like to invite you to the following opportunities to come together as a church:

Congregational Gathering - Tuesday 17th October 7pm at St Timothy's. This is an opportunity for the whole church family to gather and continue sharing thoughts and ideas on how we might structure ourselves while preserving our valued and special ecumenical essence. The Methodist Superintendent and Archdeacon will not be attending – this is a gathering just for us to be able to freely share.

Quiet Day - Monday 16th October at St Mary's, Old Town, time TBC. We are all invited to a quiet day of reflection and prayer led by Revd Moira Slack. This will be a chance to be together in worship and God's presence as we reflect on our calling as the body of Christ.

Ongoing engagement Cont ...

Quiet time with breakfast – Sunday 22nd October at St Paul's, 8am-10am. This is another opportunity to come together for reflection and prayer, using the resources offered at the quiet day earlier in the week.

We do hope that you will be able to engage with some of these opportunities and in the meantime please continue to pray and think about this, individually and with others, and let Trudie and Stephen know of any further thoughts and reflections you have. Again, we thank you for all that you do to help make Dorcan the church that it is as we seek to share God's love with the communities where we live.

Trudie and Stephen

Gift Day Total

In one of the August services we made an announcement that the total amount donated for our annual Gift day stood at the amazing figure of £9000. Since then some further money has been given and the total now stands at £9300. This is way above anything we'd expected, so we thank each one of you who has contributed and also give much praise to God for prompting people to give so very, very generously. Once again, Thank You.

Pete Mulcock and Tony Prichard on behalf of Finance Committee.

Thanks,

Pete

Ride and Stride 2023

I participated in this on Saturday, a very hot and sweaty ride. Visited 35 churches, and rode 33 miles in the process (similar to last year), had plenty of stops. Started at 8.30, finished at 2.45, (because of the heat) even popped in home on the way past, for a lunch break!

A big thank you for all the support and donations, so far we have raised just over £500, you can still donate via Just Giving @ <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Davidson26> or via the sponsor form in church.
IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WISH TO DO.

Thank you so much

John Davidson

Your invitation to:



Activities

Songs

Food

Crafts

Games

Stories

Come and share in the fun and games, hear some amazing stories, and join us for some food together.
Find us at St Paul's, Covingham and St Timothy's, Liden

Where is it and at what time?

10:00 - 11:30 am
St Timothy's, Liden
Liden Centre
SN3 6HP



Breakfast

4:00 - 5:30 pm
St Paul's Covingham
St Paul's Drive
SN3 5BY



Afternoon tea

For further details

Email: dorcan.church.office@gmail.com
01793 435 987 (church office)
 "Messy Church Dorcan"

Dates 2023
15th October
19th November
10th December

No need to book it's FREE – just come along! We look forward to seeing you.





Harvest Celebration 24th September 2023

This year, we will again be supporting Food Collective and Women's Aid. Both these charities are grateful for our support and in particular are asking for items as detailed below which include fresh food, and household goods. Additionally, if you would like to make a financial donation to either/ both of these charities, there will be a collection box at each centre and the proceeds will be divided between the two charities. Thank you for your giving to others as we give thanks for all that God has given us.

Food Collective: please note that they currently have plentiful supplies of cereal, pasta, and baked beans. They are asking for a mixture of food items and household goods/toiletries, and list the following in particular: laundry pods/power/liquid/conditioner, 2 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner, sanitary items, other toiletries, tins of veg, meat, meals (chilli, ravioli, curry etc), puddings (custard, rice pudding etc.), soups.

Women's Aid: The refuge is in great need of fresh fruit and veg. They do not receive much fresh produce yet the children always ask for fruit and veg.

**Shared Lunch
Season of Creation
Toilet Twinning???
Sunday 1st October 2023**

Join us for a shared lunch after our United Sunday Service to celebrate the end of the Season of Creation and to raise some money to start twinning our toilets.

Everyone is very welcome to come and celebrate with us and if able to bring food to share. There will be sign up lists at St Tim's and St Paul's to help ensure we don't all bring quiche.

The other day I had a guided tour of the railway village. What I had not realised was that those houses were built without bathrooms, and it was not until the 1960s that the council built bathrooms for them. That is still in living memory for some of us or of our parents and grandparents. Sadly, in many parts of the world people still do not have access to a hygienic public toilet let alone one in their own homes. You can imagine all the issues this causes.

Part of our commitment in the Season of Creation is to our global community. One way Eco Church encourages us to take this seriously is to help people have access to good quality sanitation.

Toilet twinning is a scheme run by Tear fund to encourage us to donate and help the building of a toilet for every toilet we have in St Tim's and St Paul's.

A donation of £60 twins one of our toilets. At our shared lunch it would be great to raise enough to twin a toilet in each centre.

If we succeed, we get a certificate with a picture of the loo it is twinned with and their GPS coordinates.

You can visit <https://toilettwinning.org/> to find out more.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 19th September 2023**

to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

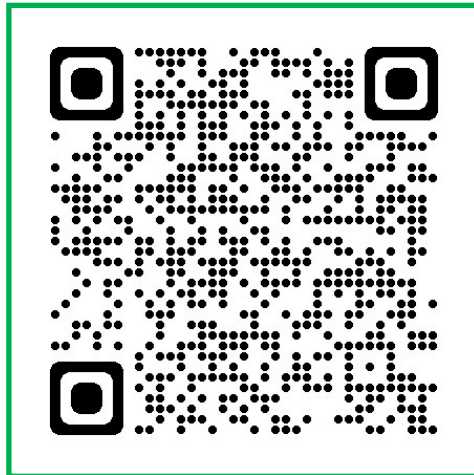
Thank you.

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[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.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee