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*Transforming lives and co
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



SERVICES		
Sunday 17th November		
2nd Sunday before Advent		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	LLM Sue Morgans *
St. Timothy's		
10.00am	Messy Church	Messy team

*It may be helpful for you to bring a Bible in some form to the service at St Paul's this Sunday morning.

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 24th November Christ the King		
St Paul's		
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley & Deacon Stephen Roe, Bishop Neil and Methodist Superintendent David
St Tim's		
	No Service	

What's On This Week		
Monday 18th November	Time	Event
St Paul's	4.15pm - 6.00pm	Centre Management Meeting
Tuesday 19th November	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 20th November	Time	Event
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+
Friday 22nd November	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

"Bring and Share Lunch, Sunday, Nov 24th"

Sunday morning of Nov 24th will be the culmination of much work, to re structure our governance and authority structures to be able to move forward more easily.

As an ECC, we recognise that this has not been without pain, and that there will be many and mixed emotions at this service as we invite Bishop Neil and the Methodist Superintendent David to sign the appropriate documentation with us. It is however a valuable moment, to be thankful for what has gone before, as we pray for what lies ahead, and grateful for this fabulous Church family that we are part of. As such, it was decided at ECC that we should share a lunch together. A time to share conversation with one another, and Revs David and Neil, and to do what Jesus so often did with his friends, share food.

If you are able to stay and contribute something to share, please could you indicate on the sign-up sheets in both centres what you might bring.

"In the interest of confirming numbers if you intend on joining us for lunch please could you indicate on Sunday 10th at the latest. If you are unable to bring a contribution but still want to join us that's fine too! Please speak to Nathalie if you are unsure."

8:45 Services:

We will be pausing our 8:45am service for a while for a number of reasons, including resourcing the service such as stewarding, and recent low attendance. This will be reviewed later in the New Year, and in the meantime there will not be any 8:45am services during the winter months, including that originally planned for 17th November. Thank you for your understanding as we take this pause.

Trudie

Sunday 24th November 2024

Signing of Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS)

On Sunday 24th November at our United Service at St Paul's, we will be signing our new governing constitution, called a Local Ecumenical Co-operative Scheme (LECS). We will be joined by the Bishop of Swindon, +Neil Warwick, the Methodist Superintendent, Rev David Gray and Archdeacon Ven. Christopher Bryan, and they will be leading the service, along with Trudie and Stephen.

As a church family we have been on a journey together over the last 18 months, exploring a possible new constitution and one which can support us in our mission and ministry into the future, given the realities we are facing. The LECS which will be signed has been drafted, with numerous iterations, following engagement with the church family over a year, discussions at Church Council, and it has subsequently passed through the various governing bodies of Bristol Diocese and the Methodist Circuit and District. We are now in a position to sign the LECS which was approved in our Special Congregational Meeting held on 9th June 2024. The draft of the LECS was subsequently circulated, and a further copy is attached to these notices (hard copies in both churches).

The signing of the LECS will be a time of giving thanks for who we are and all that has brought us to this point, and of commitment to continuing to work together ecumenically. This is not an end to our special Methodist-Anglican relationship, nor an end to our ecumenical essence which is so important to our identity here at Dorcan Church. Instead, it is a new legal governing agreement which is fit for purpose, recognises the challenges that we face, and yet at the same time provides the flexibility to honour our Ecumenical identity and worship.

We do pray that you are able to be with us on the 24th November as we mark this occasion and commit to the future. It is Christ the King Sunday, a truly fitting time to re-affirm our commitment to following and worshipping our God together.

Trudie and Stephen

**Saturday November 30th Festive Afternoon Tea from
1.30 pm St Pauls**

There will be a small selection of stalls, including the wonderful toiletries, and raffle, donations for both would be gratefully received.
Many thanks
Diane

Christmas Toys

Our annual toy service will be held on 1st December at St Paul's and St Tim's. We would welcome donations of new toys, books and gifts, as before. Toys for younger children are usually well represented, but often items for 9-17 year olds are in short supply, especially for boys.

Gifts should not be wrapped, but rolls of wrapping paper also would be gratefully received.

There are many calls on your generosity, especially at this time of year, and we hope that you can find something to spare for families who are unable to give their children the Christmas that others enjoy.

We shall be hosting the event again this year, and families will come on week beginning 9th December to choose gifts for their children.
Thank you

Prayer Group at St Tim's

The Prayer Group at St Tim's will start meeting again on Tuesday 12th November at 2pm. They will continue meeting every fortnight

- 26th November
- 10th December

Brenda Phillips

Invite to all Gentlemen of the Dorcan Church.

Men's Fellowship invite you all to join us for our annual Christmas meal.

The venue is The Dockle farm (Wetherspoons) on Monday 9th December. 2024 evening 7.00pm . All are welcome, just let me know if you will join us, by Sunday 17th November. so I can arrange seating.

The menus will be available after 13th November.

Thanks
Paul.

School of Prayer

An 8-week course beginning on 5 November

- Designed for beginners – Whether you're just starting or have been praying for a while, this course is perfect for you.
- Create a rhythm of life – With ongoing support and guidance, you'll develop a regular prayer practice.
- An experiential course – Learn to pray by actively praying throughout the course.
- A supportive community – Journey alongside fellow learners in a welcoming environment.
- Zoom-based – Accessible to participants from across the diocese, no matter where you are.

[School of Prayer Tickets, Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

See attached poster

Electronic Notices :-

Should you receive a paper copy of the weekly notices and your circumstances have changed. Please get in touch with your email address and I will add you to the mailing list.

notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

Herman

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.

Church Office Hours – some changes:

Our wonderful church administrator and centre manager, Maggie Johnson, keeps us fantastically organised and we are very grateful for all that she does for us.

Going forward, whilst Maggie's hours will remain the same, she will only be receiving "drop-in" visits between 11-12noon for church matters, and 2-3pm for hall bookings.

The office will additionally be closed for lunch from 12-1pm, and all day Wednesdays.

If you need to see Maggie outside of these hours, then please do drop her an email or phone to arrange a good time to pop in (dorcan.church.office@gmail.com / 01793 435987).

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting Maggie in all that she does for us.

Cantores Choir

Cantores presents a programme of music and readings exploring some of the themes of Advent, including motets by William Byrd, alongside music from the Spanish Renaissance by Lobo and Guerrero, and contemporary choral pieces by Judith Weir, Cheryl Frances-Hoad, Alec Roth, Kerensa Briggs and Howard Skempton. Tickets £15 (U18s and Students £5)

Saturday 23 November 2024 at Northleach Parish Church (7:30pm)
And also on Saturday 30 November 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, Amberley, Stroud (7pm).

Cantores directed by Simon Harper presents a programme of traditional Christmas music. Free admission. December 15, 2024, 7:00 pm, Holy Rood Church, Ampney Crucis

For more information see Nathalie Marshall or www.cantores.net



Answers to last week's quiz

Travel

1. Where is the largest rainfall in the world? = **Amazon**
2. What is the name of the national anthem of USA? = **Star Spangled banner**
3. What is the previous name of China's capital Beijing? = **Peking**
4. Which city is the capital of Canada ? = **Ottawa**
5. What is the official language of Brazil? = **Portuguese**

This weeks quiz

Proverbs, sayings and phrases

1. what fruit once a day keeps the doctor away?
2. Speak well of your friend, but your enemy what?
3. You catch more flies with honey than with what?
4. Faith, Hope and what?
5. What should you do before you leap?

Good luck

ECO Tip

Read your meters monthly to check how much fuel you are using. This kind of monitoring can save on your fuel bills and also up to 250Kg CO₂e a year, as you keep a closer eye on your energy use

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 19 November 2024**

to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

Thank you.

These notices are also available on-line at

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.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee