



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



SERVICES - Sunday 20th November 2022
Next Sunday before advent Christ the King

St. Paul's

8:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Stephen Roe

St Tim's

No Service

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.

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Advent Sunday**

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10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
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What's on this week

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Tues 22nd		
St Tim's	09.00am - 11.30am	Cid's too Coffee morning (New Group)
St Paul's	09.00am - 10.30am	Nythe School Christmas Unwrapped Stephen & Sue
St Paul's St Tim's	10.30am - 12.00pm 1:30pm - 3pm	Cid's Coffee morning Liden School Christmas Unwrapped Trudie & Jo
St Paul's	7.45pm - 9.30pm	Bible Study and Prayer Group
Wed 23rd		
St Paul's	10.00am - 10.45am	Morning Prayer in the small hall (old library)
St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	1pm - 3pm 1pm - 3pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Men's Fellowship
Thurs 24th		
St Tim's	1:30pm - 3pm	Eldene School Christmas Unwrapped Stuart & Jo
St Tim's	7:30pm	ECC Meeting
Friday 25th		
St Tim's	10am - 12pm	Food Collective

Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal <https://gatewaychurchswindon.org.uk/toy-appeal/>

We are pleased to share that the 2022 Toy Appeal was launched earlier this week. The aim is to bring some hope and happiness to families who would find giving presents to their children very difficult without resorting to loans, and especially this year with the cost of living proving challenging.

This year the distribution to families is being made locally to encourage connection with the local church family. Through St Paul's, Dorcan church is a significant part of enabling the appeal to happen this year as we will be one of four distribution points across Swindon. Last year 363 families were supported, with a total of 923 children and we expect this year to be busier.

Are you able to support the appeal please? Below are a number of ways to help and please do pray where you might be able to support this great initiative for those in need.

Help distributing the toys from St Paul's – urgently needed: The families receiving will come to St Paul's with vouchers and choose their gifts from those which are delivered to us centrally from the appeal. Are you able to help for 2 hours please across any of the possible days and times below - the little team would be grateful for some more support please. Time is a little tight so therefore please do let Trudie know by noon on Friday 18th November.

Rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk or 07505 652781

Tuesday 13th 9-11am; 4-8:30pm

Wednesday 14th 9-11am; 7:30-9pm

Thursday 15th 9-11am; 4-8:30pm

Friday 16th 9-5pm

Saturday 17th 9:30-11:30am

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Giving toys

Giving on Sunday 4th December: At our United service at St Paul's we invite you to bring toys for the appeal. We will pray over them and they will then be sent on their way for sorting and distribution to the four collection centres. The appeal is unable to take used or second-hand toys, so please do gift new and quality toys only. The website gives some pointers on possible presents – link below
<https://gatewaychurchswindon.org.uk/toy-appeal/>

On-line: You can buy a present online through whatever retailer you chose and then arrange for it to be sent directly to the sorting location - Bible Society, Stonehill Green, Westlea, Swindon SN5 7DG. Bible Society are helping to support the toy appeal by helping with all the administration this year.

Giving financially: Gifts of money can be made through the website – address above. Financial gifts enable additional presents to be purchased where there may be a shortage in age groups, or type of gift, and provide the appeal with great flexibility to ensure every child gets at least one main gift.

Nomination for a family to receive presents: If you would like to nominate a family, please speak with Trudie in confidence and we can refer them to the appeal, with permission.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration in supporting this appeal. For more information, please see the website or contact Trudie.

Christmas Cards –ready for distribution from 27th November

We should receive all our Christmas cards from the printers ready for Advent Sunday on 27th November. A big thank you to Dianne Lane who has offered to co-ordinate our Christmas Card distribution into our communities – great! Dianne will be in touch in the notices to co-ordinate distribution and in the meantime she can be contacted on lanedianne63@gmail.com or 07810 627671. Thank you Dianne!

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!

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

Christmas Service Flyers

The flyers detailing our Christmas service are available from this Sunday – 20th November. Please do take one for yourself and why not give one to your neighbours too and invite them to one of the services?



Christmas Unwrapped



We are looking forward to starting sessions next week at both centres so would value your prayers please church!

Just a reminder to all those involved.....

Thank you for your participation in this amazing opportunity, please feel free to wear Christmas jumpers etc!

Sue and Jo



Scout Stamps

Will be on sale after 10.30 services 35 pence, post box will be in the foyer, any queries/ more information.

please contact Diane 336420

Christmas Fayre

Raffle prizes required, and donations for tombola's. Toiletries, bottles and teddies would be most welcome

Many Thanks

Diane

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.

Bring a Bulb Saturday

19th November 10am-12pm
(postponed the 5th Nov)
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

Christmas Messy!

We will be running Christmas Messy on 4th Dec 4-6pm at St Paul's and 19th Dec 4.30-6pm at St Tim's. We would be very grateful for any helpers for these events. If you are able to welcome and sign in, help with crafts, make cups of tea, make cakes or sandwiches, set tables please let me know.

Also please pray for these 2 events that lots of families would attend.

Many thanks
Clare Smith

ECO Tip

All your plastic bottles can be recycled, from mouthwash to salad dressing – so put them all in your recycling bin! In most boroughs, you can recycle all your plastic bottles, tubs and pots, and their tops and lids too.

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
www.strattonmethodist.org.uk

Many thanks
Stephen

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

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



Answers to last week's quiz

1. In the game of soccer or football (round ball, no helmet) from what distance is a penalty kick taken **12 Yards**
2. What name is given to the last stone to be placed into an arch, which permits the structure to bear weight **Keystone**
3. According to the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, on what day of the week did Jesus die **Friday**
4. The Japanese city of Osaka will be found on which of the main islands **Honshu**
5. Which novel, based on a play about the French revolution was published in 1905 by Baroness Orczy **The Scarlet Pimpernel**

This week's quiz

1. If you are on a ship, facing starboard, in which direction in relation to you in the bow
2. What is the name of the utopian mountain valley in James Hilton's 'Lost Horizon'
3. What is the name of the actor who portrayed Vito Corleone in 'The Godfather'
4. What is the tenth and final event of the Men's Olympic Decathlon
5. From the chemical symbols of which two elements on the periodic table can we spell the word 'snag'

Good luck

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 22nd November 2022** 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 instead.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee.