



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 23rd October 2022**  
**Last Sunday after Trinity**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am

Morning Worship

Deacon Stephen Roe

**St Tim's**

10.30am

Holy Communion

Rev Moira Slack

**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 30th October 2022.**  
**Trinity 4th before Advent**

<b>St Paul's</b>		
08:45 am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
<b>St Tim's</b>		
	No Service	

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 30th October.  
 Stephen is at Aldbourne at 10.30am and then Trinity CLE at 2.30pm supporting the wider Circuit.

**What's On This Week**

<b>Tuesday 25th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	08.30am—10.00am 10.30am –11.45am 10.30am—12.00 noon 7.30pm—9.30pm	Tea and Toast Prayer Group CiD's Coffee morning Bible Study and Prayer Group
<b>Wednesday 26th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's St Paul's	10.00am –10.45am 7.30pm—9:30 pm	Morning Prayer in the small hall (old library) Men's Fellowship
<b>Friday 28th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's St Paul's	10am—12pm 11.30am-8.30pm	Food Collective NHS Blood Donation Day

## **Planning for CHRISTMAS!**

We have now started looking ahead to our Christmas services and activities and what we might offer and when. Whilst we are still planning and with an eye to our overall capacity, at this stage there are some key things that we'd love to do, however, they will need some help and support. Are you able to help with any of the following please?

### ***Christmas Cards – distribution co-ordinator:***

In 2020 we delivered a whopping 7,000 Christmas cards into our communities. This was a record and whilst we may not be able to do quite so many going forward, we'd love to send cards to as many as possible. However, to make it happen, we are looking for someone to coordinate the distribution with the wonderful church family team who offer to deliver door-to-door. We have a full list of all the roads in the parish and quantities needed, so we need someone to manage the distribution list, be present for people to pick up their deliveries (at your convenience) and receive any queries. Is this you please? If so, please let Trudie, Stephen or Stuart know. Thank you!

### ***Christingles – makers and helpers on the day – St Paul's and St Timothy's***

We are looking to continue our 4pm Christmas Eve Christingle service at St Paul's, and this year are wishing to offer another at 4pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at St Timothy's. Sandra Marshall and Brenda Robinson are kindly co-ordinating the Christingle preparation, yet need helpers to support putting the bags of materials together, making the Christingles and helping on the day. If you are able to help to enable these popular services to happen, then please contact Sandra or Brenda, or let Maggie know in the church office (01793 435987 or [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)) Thank you!

### **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.



## 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](mailto: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

## Real Advent Calendar

Christmas is coming!! The Real Advent Calendar has a Fairtrade Milk Chocolate and a line of the Christmas Story behind each window, and a 24-page Christmas story-activity book is also included. There is a sign-up sheet in St Paul's and St Tim's, please add your name and the number you want by **Sunday 30 October**. Alternatively email me with your order to [stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk](mailto:stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk) They cost £4.50 each and we would ask you to pay into the Church account, preferably by bank transfer, and making sure to reference your payment with Real Advent Calendar. If you don't do on-line banking, please give your payment to Tony in an envelope marked with 'Real Advent Calendar'.  
Stephen

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Saturday 3rd December**

We need lots of help and donations please

(please note No Books or Bric a Brac)

Contact Angela or Diane

## **Christmas Fayre**

Children always enjoy the soft toy stall at our Christmas Fayre, if you have any good quality toys to donate please contact

Brenda Fisher, 07799 393845.

Thank you.

## **Quiz Nite - Thank you**

When I first thought of organizing a quiz Nite at St Paul's, I wondered who attend. Well, I need not have worried. The quiz was well attended and a good time was had by all.

A massive thank you to Anne and John Murphy who produced and presented the quiz. They also gave prizes to the winners and wooden spoons to those at the bottom..

My wife Sylvia obtained items and ran the raffle on the night along with a coin toss. In total we raised **£180.00**.

Thank you so much to everyone who came. Herman

## 'Lead characters wanted'

please see Rev Stu to audition'.

*11th December; St Paul's at 10:30am  
an all-age nativity service*

*This year prior to the evening  
Christingle service, everyone - All ages -  
are invited to our Nativity.*



You are invited to come dressed as a character from The Christmas Story; Joseph, Mary, Angels, Shepherds, a sheep, a donkey, a cattle, if its in the Bible, take your pick

A crib service with Carols—and lots more. Invite your neighbours, friends and family, to our Morning Worship with Christmas Nativity Service

## **“Warm and welcome” spaces at St Paul's and St Timothy's – can you help?**

Many of our current activities provide a "warm and welcome" place for people in our community to come together, receive a great welcome and to be warm. This winter Swindon Borough Council will be compiling a list of places for people to come to and many of our existing activities will be included.

The need for warm and welcoming places is likely to be significant this winter and we are exploring whether we are able to open our two centres at other times, particularly before or after other groups so we can maximise use of the cost of heating. Are there times you might be free to provide a warm and welcome place to others?

Some of the initially more obvious times are:

- at St Paul's - before the various early evening meetings in the small meeting room at St Paul's;
- at Tim's – after Tiny Tots on Wednesdays and Food Collective on Fridays.

There are other times too and each session can be as long or short as you feel you can offer – the most important thing is that we are welcoming and engage with those who come – and drinks and cakes are always popular! If this is something you feel called to offer, please let Trudie or Stephen know and we can see if there are times we might be able to make this happen.

Thank you

## **St Tim's Prayer Group**

This will be on Tuesday 18 October at the usual time of 10.30am. From Tuesday 1 November it will move to the new time of 2.00pm.

Stephen

## **Link to Hope Christmas Shoeboxes**



Please be aware that shoeboxes for Link to Hope need to be in by the end of OCTOBER this year! Please pick up a leaflet in church or see <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2022/> for more information.

Any questions please contact Paul Taylor.

## **Flannels for Link to Hope boxes**

If you need some flannels for the Link to Hope boxes, there are some homemade ones at St Paul's under the table in the church. Please help yourself. Judy Newman

## **Bring a Bulb Saturday**

5th November 10am-12pm  
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



## **Tearfund Notice**

At our Harvest Festival Service at St Pauls, Stephen spoke about the effects of climate change on other parts of the world and showed a video from Tearfund about the problems people in Burkina Faso face. Tearfund is a Christian charity which partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. They tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice. Tearfund believe an end to extreme poverty is possible.

One way we can help Tearfund is by supporting their campaigns. In our services we pray for our political leaders asking for them to have wisdom and guidance, and to act to prevent climate change and reduce poverty. However, something we as individuals and a church are maybe not so good at is holding our leaders to account for what they have said they will do and telling them what we believe they should be doing.

Tearfund are asking us to Send a Coin to the Prime Minister to remind her and the government to follow through on the promises made to provide finance to fight climate change. It will only cost you a stamp and a coin. There is a letter you can print out or write your own version of at Send a coin to the Prime Minister - Tearfund or there will be more information and letters at St Timothy's and St Pauls Church for the next three weeks

## **ECO Tip**

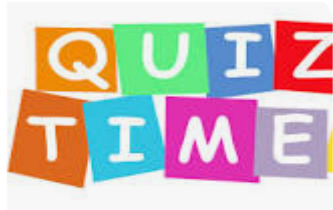
Has your loft got loads of insulation? It's one of the cheapest and easiest ways to save energy and will pay for itself in hardly any time.

## **Every day the planet burns a little more**

We only have a short while  
So quick, let me tell you  
We're too far gone to turn this around  
I can't believe  
We have it in us to put this world right  
It is all too late, too late  
How can you say  
*But do not give up hope*  
Every day the planet burns a little more  
And hot air rises  
While governments pump out empty promises  
We are powerless  
Don't be so foolish to imagine that  
Together we have a voice  
Big enough to change the world  
The decisions we make each day are  
Unimportant  
The food we eat, the things we buy, how we get around  
How naïve to think  
The destruction of centuries could be undone  
In a few decades  
If we could just find reverse

*(now read this poem from bottom to top)*

*Brian Bilston*



### Answers to last week's quiz

1. What yellow item did the Beatles sing about on their 1966 album 'Revolver' =Submarine
2. What kind of creature is known as a yellow jacket = Wasp
3. What kind of yellow bird was used for decades in coal mines to detect high levels of carbon monoxide = Canary
4. If a mystery author introduces something that is misleading or distracting, we would call this a ...what = Red Herring
5. Which Italian car maker built the Testarossa, which is literally translated to 'redhead' in English =Ferrari

### This week's quiz

1. Which writer made a name for himself in 1984 with his breakout novel, 'The hunt for Red October'
2. The Red sea laps the shores of three of these Middle Eastern countries, except for which one: Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Syria
3. UB40 may have had a hit in 1983 with 'Red Red wine' but who wrote and recorded the original in 1967
4. Which of the planets in our solar system is known for having a Great red spot
5. One of the original six NHL hockey teams 'The Red wings' make their hometown in which North American city

Good luck

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 25th October 2022** to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
Thank you.

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Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to make your offering instead.