



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



SERVICES		Sunday 24th November Christ the King
St Paul's		
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley & Deacon Stephen Roe, with Bishop Neil and Methodist Superintendent David
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.**

SERVICES - Sunday 1st December Advent 1 - Toy service		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
St Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley

What's On This Week		
Tuesday 26th 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 27th November	Time	Event
St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm 1.00pm - 3.00pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Men's Fellowship
Friday 29th November	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

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

Unfortunately, lunch after the service today (Sunday 24th) has had to be cancelled. We will however have refreshments after the service to enable us to spend some time together so do please stay for a while if you can.

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.

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

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.

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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 (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.

Stratton Methodist Church, Ermin St SN3 4NL

A Christmas craft fair will be held in the church on Saturday 30 November from 10:00- 2:00pm with a variety of stalls of hand-crafted items - the perfect place to pick up some Christmas presents or stocking fillers! Lunch, drinks and cakes will also be available.

Men's Fellowship 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

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:

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

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'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.' (1 Peter 1:3)

We only have to turn on the news to know that our world is hurting. The needs of the world can be overwhelming, but there is hope. Thanks to our God, we have a living hope that he has the world in his hands and his kingdom will come.

Stories of hope

This Advent, through a series of short prayer emails, you can be inspired by stories of hope-filled, life-changing transformation from places around the world where Tearfund works. Places where the local church is making an impact in their community. And, as we know you are faithful in prayer, we'll ask you to join us in praying for our hurting world and for the people we will meet.

Sign up to receive our free Advent emails [A Living Hope – an Advent journey of hope and prayer - Tearfund](#)

Starting on 1 December, our A Living Hope emails will arrive in your inbox each Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Advent. Through each email, you'll hear stories directly from our global teams, as well as Bible verses, videos and prayer points for places and situations where transformation is still needed.

Poverty is not God's plan. You are. Your faithful prayers will make such a difference to communities living in poverty across the world – thank you!

As we journey towards Christmas and prepare for the arrival of Jesus – the true hope for the world – please join us in prayer and praise.

Yours in Christ,
Bronwen Baxter
Tearfund Prayer Team



Answers to last week's quiz

Proverbs, sayings and phrases

1. What fruit once a day keeps the doctor away? = **Apple**
2. Speak well of your friend, but your enemy what? = **Say nothing**
3. You catch more flies with honey than with what? = **Vinegar**
4. Faith, Hope and what? = **Charity**
5. What should you do before you leap? = **Look**

This weeks quiz

Food and Drink

1. What is added to brandy to make a sidecar
2. A Chinese gooseberry is also known as what
3. What cooking pot boils food at a higher temperature
4. What seafood is fried in breadcrumbs and is Italian for shrimps
5. Which fruit is dried to make prunes

Good luck

ECO Tip

Find out if you have unfilled cavity walls and (if yes) have them filled. This extra insulation can make a significant difference to the comfort of your home and save over 1 tonne of CO₂e.

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All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 26th November 2024**

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