



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 25th December 2022
Christmas Day**

St. Paul's

10.00am	Christmas Celebration & Holy Communion	Revd Stuart Fisher
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St Tim's

	No Service	
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.Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 25th December. Stephen is at Stratton 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.**

**SERVICES— Sunday 1st January 2023
2nd Sunday of Christmas**

St Paul's		
	No Service	
St Tim's		
10.30am	United Communion	Revd Stuart Fisher

What's On This Week

Tuesday 27th	Time	Event
		Normal events back on Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Wednesday 28th	Time	Event
		Normal events back on Wednesday 11th January
Friday 30th	Time	Event
St Tim's	10am—12pm	Food Collective

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots will re-start on Wednesday 4th January 2023

Tuesday Bible Study and Prayer Group

Tuesday bible study and prayer group will **NOT** be meeting on 27th December but will resume on 3rd January

Swindon Food Collective

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who have helped local families through a very difficult year.

If you can, please consider donating these items in particular, bottles of squash (1 litre), coffee (100 gms), long life juice (1 litre), sugar (500gs/1kg), tinned fruit, tinned meat and tinned potatoes. Other items that are useful include 2 in 1 shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam and razors, deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry pods, washing up liquid, bleach and surface wipes/sprays

Christmas activities – thank you!

After two years of not being able to journey towards Christmas as we would have liked, it is super that this year there is so much going on. A big thank you to everyone who is busy with the many activities and ministries as we share the Good News of God with us.

Thank you!

ECO Tip

Enjoy the feast of Christmas! Don't forget to recycle your rubbish. Don't waste unwanted presents find new homes for them through the charity shop Swindon App Nextdoor or on eBay.

Christmas Cards Follow the Star

You may remember that pre Covid, a few of us decided not to send individual cards to our friends in church, but to send just one card for the whole congregation. In this way, (if we wish) we could then donate what we would normally spend on cards and postage, to a charity of our own choosing.

It's intended this year that our cards will be displayed on the large notice board, in the shape of a star.

This is only a suggestion, there is absolutely no pressure on anyone to participate, and folk must do whatever is right for them.

But whatever you decide, may God bless you in your preparations for the arrival of the Christ Child.

Barbara x



St Timothy's – some additions!

We are delighted to share that there are some new additions at St Timothy's which will support us in our mission and ministry in the south of the parish. Firstly, if you have visited recently, you will see we have an outside notice board – our first in over 20 years! This displays all that is happening at St Timothy's and in the wider Dorcan church, and it has already helped signpost to the community that we are open, welcome and here!

Additionally, some light Go-Pak tables have been purchased which means we do not need to borrow tables from the library or transport from St Paul's, making activities so much easier to set-up and organise. They have already been put to use for Christmas Unwrapped, will be used for Messy Church later this month and ECC have enjoyed sitting at tables rather than balancing all the papers on their laps!

Merry Christmas

A very Merry Christmas to you, your family, Friends and all who you love..

Heather & Herman



.Thanks from Swindon Youth for Christ

We have received a card and tub of sweets from SYFC as a thank you for our support over the past year. We have thanked them for this gift, and the sweets will be appearing over refreshments after services in the very near future!

A gift from our church family – thank you!

A member of the church family has been busy being creative and is blessing us with a Christmas gift as we leave our various services today. Their love and encouragement in making these gifts for us is appreciated and we shout out a massive THANK YOU to our secret angel in the Dorcan church!



Answers to last week quiz

1. Which of our Solar system's inner planets has the highest average temperature? **Venus**
2. What is the nickname for Canada's one-dollar coin? **Loonie**
3. According to the song, what was it that Yankee Doodle stuck in his hat and called it macaroni? **Feather**
4. What is the last book of the Old Testament in the King James version of the Bible? **Malachi**
5. What would you measure with a sphygmomanometer? **Blood pressure**

This week's quiz

All about Christmas

1. According to the 12 Days of Christmas, how many of the 12 presents given were definitely female?
2. An orange is used to make a Christingle—what does it mean?
3. “and all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas day in the morning” is from which Christmas Carol?
4. From which town did the Grinch steal Christmas?
5. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizza?

Good luck

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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HOLY NIGHT

TRADITION

STICK

WORKSHOP

DONNER

HOLIDAYS

GINGERBREAD

WRAPPING PAPER

TOYS

STOCKING

MILK

NORTH POLE

OCCASION

PARTY

SKATE

FRANCER

DECORATE

MRS. CLAUS

SNOW

NOEL

PRESENTS

REINDEER

HUMBUG

STOCKINGSTUFFER

BLIZZARD

SLED

DANCER

HOT CHOCOLATE

MERRY

SNOWFLAKE

JINGLE BELLS

CHRISTMAS TREE

ELF

SCROOGE

FIREWOOD

JACK FROST

SHOPPING

DASHER

HOLLY

NUTCRACKER

CHIMNEY

FAMILY

CANDYCANE

SANTA

SNOWFORTS

FIREPLACE

ICICLE

HISTLETOE

NAUGHTY

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

GREEN

SNOWMAN

JOY

SLEIGH

RUDOLPH

SNOWBALL

MEAL

COAL

BLITZEN

NICE

LIGHTS

RED

ORNAMENTS

EGGNOG

COOKIES

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 27th December 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
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Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to make your offering instead.