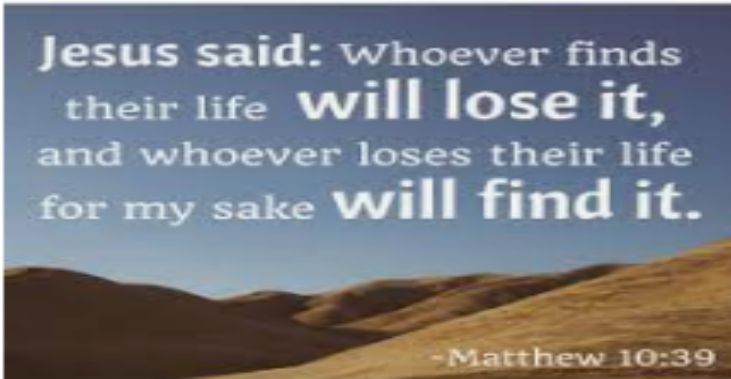




St. Paul's, Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
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*Transforming lives and communities  
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**SERVICES - Sunday 26th June 2022  
Trinity 2**

**St. Paul's**

10.30-am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
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**St Tim's**

10.30am	Holy Communion (Gift Day)	Rev Trudie Wigley
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 26th June.

Alex is at Aldbourne supporting the wider Circuit

**SERVICES— Sunday 3rd July 2022— Trinity 3**

<b>St Paul's</b>		
10-11:50am	Breakfast Club	Deb Mulcock & Team
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
6.30pm-8.30pm	Vybe	
<b>St Tim's</b>		
	No Service	

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**What's on this week.**

**June 2022**

**Monday 27th**

9.45-10.45am      St Paul's      Nythe School visit with Rev Stuart Fisher

**Tuesday 28th**

8.30—10.30am      St Tim's      Tea and Toast  
 10.30 –12.00pm      St Paul's      CiDs Coffee morning  
 10.30—11.45am      St Tim's      Prayer Group  
 10.30—11.30am      Covingham Park      Its Your move—Rev Stuart Fisher & Diane Killick  
 7.30 –9.30pm      St Paul's      Bible Study and Prayer Group

**Wednesday 29th**

1.00—3.00pm      St Paul's      Tiny Tots  
 1.15—2.25pm      St Tim's      Tiny Tots

## **Dates for your Diary**

As at 1st June 2022

### **Friday 7th October 2022**

Family Quiz Nite at 7pm until 10pm at St Paul's hall  
and snug

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

7pm ECO Church St Timothy's

## **Guests from Ukraine**

Lots of you have said that we should ask if there is anything you can do to help us in hosting Kateryna, Liuda and Yuliia, for which we are very grateful.

They have registered for an English for Speakers of Other Languages Summer School at Cirencester College from Monday 18 July - Friday 29 July (not the weekend). They need to be at the College for 12 noon each day, and the course finishes at 3.30pm. So if anyone is able to give them a lift to Cirencester, perhaps have lunch and a few hours in Cirencester, and bring them back, please let us know and we will draw up a Rota.

Stephen and Angela

NB. We are away from Friday 24 June - Friday 8 July

## **Giving and Gift Day Notice.**

Where to begin?

There is really only one place to start in writing a notice like this, and that is by reflecting on God's great goodness and generosity to us.

In Christ, God has given us a gift that is 'too wonderful for words'.<sup>1</sup>

As we grow in appreciation of that gift, and also of God's deep and unending love for us, then we also grow in our understanding that this calls for a response from us, in praise and worship, yes; in loving service to others, yes; and also in the grace of financial giving.

God doesn't call us to give according to a law or a rule, or out of a sense of grudging obligation. Rather he calls us to give willingly, generously and cheerfully, in response to his generosity to us. (See 2 Corinthians 9).

God continues to be generous to each of us, even in these times of hardship and rapidly rising prices, so a call to respond still comes to us.

Therefore we are inviting all of us, as God's people, to review our financial giving.

### **Do you give regularly to the Dorcan Church?**

If you do, we thank you for your giving to the mission and ministry of God's church in Dorcan. Your regular and committed giving enables us to plan well and be good stewards of the resources God gives us through us his people.

If you are currently exploring giving regularly there are various ways of doing this, including by monthly direct debit, standing order, or weekly envelopes. Please contact us for more Information.

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### **Is the amount appropriate?**

Can you continue to contribute willingly and cheerfully, as well as generously, the amount that you currently give? Giving cheerfully and with good grace is important. In this current economic climate, that may mean for some people that a reduction in your generosity may be necessary, but for others an increase may still be possible. It is important and appreciated, though, if we all can continue to give something regularly, if able to do so.

### **What about tax?**

If you pay income tax, you could sign-up for Gift Aid so that we can reclaim the tax on your donation. If you have previously signed up for Gift Aid, are you still paying income tax? If not you need to tell us, please, so that we stop claiming on your giving.

### **Would you be happy to switch to giving by Direct Debit?**

If so, we can share details of the Parish Giving Scheme with you. This scheme makes it safe and easy for you to give and safe and easy for our Church to receive.

It processes regular gifts and Gift Aid on our behalf, easing the administration burden on our treasurer.

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if you would like further information about any of the above or if you need us to make a change on your behalf, please speak to either Tony Prichard (01793 520734) or Pete Mulcock (01793 535939) or email [treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk)

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## **Gift Day.**

The ECC have decided that we should continue our rhythm of having a Gift Day this year. Whilst no individual letters will be sent, there will be just this item in the notices and a mention at our Sunday services; this is just a nudge for anyone who can and wishes to give a one-off gift to the Church.

**Gift Day will be 19<sup>th</sup> June at St Paul's, 26<sup>th</sup> June at St Tim's.**

Gift Day Envelopes will be available at both Centres from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. If you are using one of these envelopes and you can Gift Aid your donation then please note your name or weekly envelope number on the Gift Day envelope. The envelopes can be placed in the offering basket at one of our services, handed to a steward or, alternatively, dropped through the Treasurer's letter box at

1 Poltondale, SN3 5BN.

You can also make a gift by Bank Transfer to the Dorcan Church Account: Sort Code 08-92-99, A/c no. 65312775, Ref. Gift day.

The card machine is also available at St Paul's, if preferred.

### **Finally:**

**A massive thank you to all of you who give to our Church.** We thank God for your faithfulness in continuing to donate through the recent turbulent years. Though we continue to have a budget deficit on our 'day to day' income and expenditure, your giving and gifts have contributed significantly, ensuring the current viability of our finances.

It is inevitable, though, that we will face large fuel price increases and other inflationary pressures; significant maintenance and development projects on our buildings are also pending, so we must remain ever vigilant and prayerful regarding our finances.

From your Finance Committee.

Sam Glennerster, Rev Stuart Fisher, Tony Prichard (Treasurer), Pete Mulcock (Chair).

<sup>1</sup> 2 Corinthians 9 v 15 (New Living Translation)

## Ukraine

Thank you for all your donations towards the appeal. Clothes are no longer needed, but if you wish to donate nappies or tins of food **with ring pulls**, these are still being collected.

Stephen

## Dear Church

Do you run any groups? Are you running a school assembly? Are you visiting a community hall or giving a talk? Run a café? Run a prayer group or a house group? Anything that happens regularly or even a one off event for the benefit of the Church either at St Paul's or St Timothy's, then please can you let me know and I'll pop it on to the "Dorcan Church – What's on calendar" This will then be given to the notices team to put into the weekly notices. We as a Church are running some amazing activities and it would be brilliant if everyone knew what was going on so we can hold the event in prayer, or even attend ourselves. You can contact me on [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com) or even pop a note through the vestry door.

Many blessings to you all

Maggie

## Family Quiz Nite at St Paul's

We have a date for your diary. **Friday  
7th October 2022.**

The Venue will be St Paul's hall. Start time 7.00pm—10.00pm  
Team numbers up and no more than six persons.

Quizzing is about having fun and learning something new

All proceeds to the Dorcan Church. More details to follow



## **Bird Boxes and Hedgehog Homes**

Eco church asks us to encourage wildlife in the church grounds. Two suggestions are bird boxes and hedgehog homes. Would anyone be interested in building a bird box or slightly more challenging a hedgehog house? Or would you have any unused/ forgotten wooden or Plywood planks sitting in your garage which could be repurposed for a hedgehog house or bird box? Please speak to Neil if you can help.



### **ECO Tip**

Stop using aluminum foil for cooking wherever possible; use a container with a lid that can be reused. Aluminum is a rare metal and its extraction and purification uses a lot of energy.



## HOSPITALITY, PASTORAL CARE & ADMINISTRATOR At BETHESDA METHODIST CHURCH, CHELTENHAM

Can you offer a warm welcome to people using our church? Are you interested in Eco Church and helping address climate and social justice issues? We're looking for someone to help us feed people's body, mind and soul through the continuation and development of the activities we offer at our inclusive church.

### ARE YOU:

- An efficient administrator? Someone who can help us manage the day-to-day life of the church building?
- Interested in helping those who need pastoral support and care in the congregation and wider community?
- Confident enough to be seen 'out and about' in the community, and be recognised as a point of contact for our church?
- Able to make people feel welcome in our church and build relationships with those who come through our door?

### DO YOU:

- Have experience building relationships with groups of all ages and abilities and engaging with other local initiatives?
- Have a keen interest in developing groups for exploring faith and making deeper relationships with the church?
- Have experience of using social media to promote and publicise events and activities?
- Have an understanding of Health and Safety, First Aid and Safeguarding?

### IS THIS YOU?

We're located about ½ mile from Cheltenham town centre, have a mixed-age membership and aspire to be an inclusive congregation. We've long been a community that engages with the world around us through worship, arts, service, partnership and 'open table' hospitality.

### INTERESTED?

This is a part time post: 20 hours a week with funding for 3 years with the possibility of an extension  
More information can be found at [www.gloucestershiremethodist.org.uk](http://www.gloucestershiremethodist.org.uk)

Deadline for applications is 12noon on Friday 10 June

Interviews will take place during week commencing Monday 4 July



## CHILD & FAMILY WORKER AT BETHESDA METHODIST CHURCH

We're looking for someone to grow mission & ministry with children and their families; with those already involved in the life of the church and those not yet engaged. We need someone to build relationships with & offer pastoral care to parents & their children.

### ARE YOU:

- Able to work alongside toddler groups, uniformed organisations & youth groups?
- Looking for a role that helps develop opportunities that offer a sense of belonging and an introduction to the Christian faith?
- Able to lead all-age, inclusive worship on a regular basis?

### DO YOU:

- Know how to establish new groups, such as Messy Church, Holiday Clubs and Activity Days?
- Know how to use social media and can use it to promote our outreach work and activities?
- Want to help inspire the church to respond to new challenges and opportunities, to help bring people into our community?
- Want to help model a culture where children and families are integrated throughout the church and community?
- Want to explore building close links with local primary schools?

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## **Trudie – summer availability**

You may be aware that Trudie's sabbatical last year was shortened for various reasons relating to the changes in ministry at Dorcan. The diocese therefore offered and agreed to carrying forward two weeks to this summer to be taken in conjunction with a usual break with her family. This was shared and noted at Standing Committee in February 2021. She will therefore be away from the end of July to the first weekend in September. Trudie is very grateful for this generosity and opportunity, and especially to those here in Dorcan who are enabling this extended break to become a reality. We wish her and the family well as she completes her sabbatical – and you may like to know that it's 10 years until the next one

Nathalie Marshall and John Davidson

## **Thank you to our musicians!**

We all very much missed singing as we journeyed through Covid and it is great that we are now able to regularly sing our praises to God. We are very thankful to all our musicians for their musical ministry and supporting our worship in this special way – thank you!

Going forward, with sadness, Sherryl Bareham is no longer able to attend on a Sunday morning but we may well still see her at other times. We thank her for her music and wonderful playing over the last season at St Paul's. Therefore Francis and Pete's fingers will be increasingly busy going forward! There may be times that they will welcome just "being" and worshipping with us in the congregation, for some or all of the service. Therefore if you see them and we are using pre-recorded music, and/or or a mixture of musical accompaniment which reflects our range of musical styles, please rest assured that we still love them and their ministry! Thank you for your support and appreciation of our musicians – and a big thank you again to them! (And if you are a closet musician, Pete would love to hear from you!)

*Trudie Wigley*



### Answers to last week's quiz

1. The Capital city of which country is Ulaanbaatar (formerly Ulan Bator) = **Mongolia**
2. Cuba is only one of two countries in the world where Coca Cola is not sold, but which is the other **North Korea**
3. According to the New Testament, Judas Iscariot accepted what payment for betraying Jesus **30 pieces of silver**
4. If you want to sip mint tea in the capital of Morocco, which of these four capitals must you visit: Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakesh, Tangiers = **Rabat**
5. The William Tell overture, first performed in 1829 was written by which composer **Rossini**

### This week's quiz

1. Who assassinated Abraham Lincoln while he watched a play at Ford's Theatre in April of 1865
2. What name is given for the highest state of enlightenment in Buddhism
3. In which Canadian city were the 1988 Winter Olympics held
4. What creature is known to kill its prey by constriction and then swallow it whole
5. If you want to play a C major chord on a piano, you would play the C, E and which third note

Good luck

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 28th June 2022** to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
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