



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



SERVICES		Sunday 29th September 18th Sunday after Trinity
St Paul's		
10.30am	Morning Worship - Harvest	Neil Marshall
St Tim's		
10.30am	Harvest Communion	Rev Moira Slack

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today
29th September 2024 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.**

**Sunday 6th October
19th Sunday after Trinity**

St Paul's		
8:45am	Morning Worship	LLM Paul Tayler
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's		
	No Service	

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today
6th October 2024 Neil is at Pewsey and Stephen is at Studley supporting the

What's On This Week

Tues 1st Oct	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Café Too
St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
St Tim's	2:00pm - 3:15pm	Prayer Meeting
Wed 2nd Oct		
St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
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St Paul's	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Blaze for school year 2-6
St Paul's	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Youth Club for school year 7+
Fri 4th Oct		
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

Notices

Please can you ensure all items to be included in the Notices for next week are sent on or before the 30th September

Many thanks
Heather

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Services this year will be held at both St Tim's and St Paul's on Sunday 29 September. Gifts of produce will be very welcome as we give thanks to God for the fruitfulness of the earth and commit ourselves to caring for it. Tins, packets etc will go the Food Collective and fresh fruit, vegetables etc will be taken to Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service (formerly Women's Aid). Please bring your gifts to either Centre on the day.

Swindon Male Voice Choir

The very popular Swindon Male voice choir will be appearing at St Paul's Church Covingham on Saturday 28th September 2024.

Making a guest appearance is **Soprano Matilda (Tilly) Wade**. Tilly is a very talented local girl. It promises to be a fabulous night.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available from the office @ £10.00 each.

All proceeds will go towards the Church roof fund.

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:

Cereals and shower gel.

St Tim's Prayer Group

If you attend St Tim's Prayer Group that meet on a Tuesday afternoon, please be advised that during October there will only be one meeting on **Tuesday 1st October**.

Normal meeting dates will resume in November.

Brenda Phillips

Flower Arranging

19th October at 2.30pm in the Small Hall @ St. Paul's

As a church, (like many other churches) we have always used floral foam for our flower arrangements. However floral foam, because it's plastic, is not environmentally friendly, so we decided to try to use the chicken wire alternative when we can. **Don't panic... I've tried it and it can be done.**

So, if you'd like to spend an afternoon creating a masterpiece and having some fun at the same time, please sign the form on the table, so that we know how many to cater for. Chicken wire and greenery will be provided, but you will need to bring some **flowers, secateurs or scissors, and a small pot, at least four and a half inches deep, that will hold water.**

As this is a fund-raising event for the roof, there will be a small charge of £5.

Requests for the Church's 2025 Budget.

The Finance team will be meeting in October to draw up a draft budget for 2025.

If you are involved in an area of ministry or in leading an activity on behalf of our Church and your funding requirements for 2025 will be significantly different from 2024, or if you have specific funding requests for 2025 (e.g. for new equipment or additional materials etc.) then please let Tony Prichard (treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk) or myself (pmulcock1@gmail.com) know about these by Wednesday 9th October. We will then consider if/how we are able to include these in the 2025 Budget.

Many Thanks.— Pete Mulcock.

Trudie's return:

I am pleased to share that I will be returning on Sunday 6th October, starting in a limited capacity and on a part-time basis. I plan to be back full time by early December and initially I will be focusing on Sunday services and associated preparation. Over time there will be other parts of my role which I will start to pick up again, which are yet to be agreed with the Archdeacon. This approach will enable me to continue with my rehabilitation physio and exercise. Progress has been frustratingly slow as a result of the poor state of my leg and knee prior to the surgery, and has meant that it is taking longer to get the necessary flexibility and stability. I look forward to being with the church family again, having missed everyone. I'm so grateful for the contact and prayers from so many, and for all the wonderful people who have covered for me whilst I have been away – thank you! With my love and thanks for your understanding and support. Trudie



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SMALL GROUP ESSENTIALS



Are you interested in becoming a trained Small Group leader?

- Could you be called?
- Want to gain more confidence or be refreshed?
- Looking for some extra training?

Is there someone in your congregation who would make a great Small Group leader?

- Are they a people person?
- Do you see leadership potential?
- Could they start or lead a Small Group?

DATES

SWINDON

September 19th 7-9pm

September 26th 7-9pm

October 24th 7-9pm

November 7th 7-9pm

November 21st 7-9pm



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or scan the QR code for more details.

THE SIX

CALLING

Thinking about our calling, with an introduction to the course and the opportunity to meet others who have experience of leading.

COMPETENCE

Each group context is different but there are core values that enable us to flourish and how we confidently apply these values to groups.

CHEMISTRY

Thinking about the chemistry of small groups and the skills and resources available to help them flourish.

CULTURE

Understanding how small group leaders connect small groups to the missional purposes of the wider congregation.

CHARACTER

The importance of character and integrity in healthy small groups.

COMMUNITY

An invitation to join a 'Community of Practice' check-in involving facilitated meetings for 12 months, every 4-6 weeks on Zoom.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Monday30th September 2024**

to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

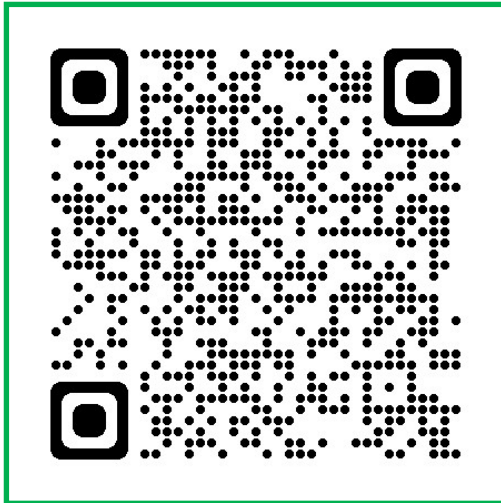
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You will have noticed we no longer pass the offering basket round.

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

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee