



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



**SERVICES - 30th January 2022– Presentation of Christ and
Candlemas**

St. Paul's

08.45 am	Morning Worship	Paul Taylor
10.30am	Morning Worship	Sue Morgans and Revd Trudie Wigley
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 6th February 2022 4th Sunday before Lent
and 70th Anniversary of succession of Queen Elizabeth**

St. Paul's

10.30am	United Communion	Rev. Trudie Wigley
10-1150am	Breakfast Club	Deb Mulcock and Team

What's on this week.

February 2022

Tuesday 1st

St Tim's Prayer Group

10.30—12pm

St Paul's Coffee morning

Wednesday 2nd

1pm– 3pm

St Paul's Tiny Tots

1.15pm—2.45pm

St Tim's Tiny Tots

6pm—7.30pm

St Paul's Blaze for school
years 2-6

7.30pm—8.00pm

St Paul's Youth club for
school years 7+

Thursday 3rd

7.30pm

St Tim's Eco church

Live-streaming St. Paul's Service on the Facebook Page
"Dorcan Church Notice Board"
which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindon/>

Dates for your Diary
As at 1st February 2022

Thursday 3rd February
7:30pm St Tim's Eco church gathering for all interested

Wednesday 9th February 2022
7:30pm The Deanery School
Deanery synod with ECO focus. All welcome

Sunday 6th May 2022
10:30am United worship
We welcome the Warden and Sub Warden of the Methodist
Diaconate Order
Deacons Karen McBride and Ruth Richey

Sunday 8th May 2022
4pm Confirmations at the Dorcan Church St Paul's at 4pm

There will be Cake!
Eco Church Meeting



Thursday 3rd February 2022 7pm

Following the launch of Eco Church this is an open meeting for anyone who would like to find out more.

Ask questions, make suggestions, and discuss how it will work. Whether you are interested in being involved or just want to know what is happening you are very welcome. If you are interested but cannot make this date don't despair! Speak to Neil Marshall or Deacon Stephen Roe who will be very happy to explain more.

Update on Covid Measures Plan B to Plan A from Thursday 27th January 2022

Firstly, a big thank you for your continuing understanding and support as we commit to keeping each other safe as we journey through Covid. All the changes and thinking can be exhausting at times can't it?!

As the government makes its decision to move from Plan B to Plan A, standing committee have discussed our response. In our considerations, we have been conscious that the rates of Covid are still extremely high and Swindon currently is above the both the averages for the nation and the South West. At the current time, we have therefore made two changes to our risk assessment as follows:

- ◆ *Masks:* whilst no longer a legal requirement under plan A, we would please encourage the continuing wearing of masks if you are able. Thank you.
- ◆ *Ventilation:* The doors to the outside will no longer be required to be open. However, as ventilation is a significant mitigator in the transmission of covid, we will continue to open the screen at St Paul's and the spreading out of chairs in both centers.

Thank you for your support in enabling us to worship together safely and if you have any questions or concerns please do speak to a member of the Standing Committee.

Thank you.

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Summary

Practicalities when gathering

Whilst no longer a legal requirement under plan A, we would please encourage the continuing wearing of masks, if you are able.

We also continue to encourage the use of LFTs before gathering please, if you are able.

At St Paul's the screens will continue to be opened with rows of chairs spaced out into the hall. The printed x and O signs will still be available for you to place next to you to indicate whether you are happy or not for people to sit next to you;

At St Tim's, some chairs will be removed to aid distancing. In both centers signing in and/or QR codes will continue to be used

If there is the capacity and energy amongst those willing to serve tea and coffee, then refreshments may be offered after services. However, we all need to be mindful of proximity to others as we talk, particularly as we need to take masks off to drink and eat.

Our employees – Jenny and Maggie

Maggie, our Church administrator and Jenny, our centre manager, will be working in the office at separate times throughout the week. If you come into the centre to see them, we ask that you continue to follow our previous guidance and wear a mask, knock on the office door and wait to be either invited in, or asked by them to meet in a more open space.

Standing Committee

On Sunday the 23rd January we started our work on Eco Church. In case you missed the talk during the service here is a quick summary of what was said. There is a longer version on our website.

Our parent Churches the Methodist Church and the Church of England have made clear commitments to ensure the church plays its part in helping to protect the environment and encouraging other people to do. They aim to reach net zero by 2030.

The Dorcan Ecumenical Church Council has agreed to commit to work towards Net Zero and helping to protect the environment and has joined a scheme called Eco Church to help us

Eco Church is designed to help churches improve their environmental impact. It helps us look at different areas of our Church life to see what we are already doing, then consider what else needs doing and to act accordingly.

The survey covers all areas of church life:

- Worship and Teaching
- Management of Church Buildings
- Management of Land
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle.

It challenges churches about all parts of our life from the songs we sing and the food we serve; How much energy we use and of the ethics of our investments; how we use our land and about the water that flushes our loos; and so on.

As we complete the survey, we collect points towards an Eco Church Award. There are three levels of Eco Church Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. As we do actions in each of the areas, we amass more points and can gain a higher award. Our aim is not to achieve a Gold Award but to do everything we can to protect God's world and encourage inspire each other and our community to as well.

Neil Marshall is our Eco Champion (He didn't choose the title) and Deacon Stephen Roe is leading on behalf of the Ministry Team.

ECO Tip 6

It always amazes me what people throw away. I'm sure I'm not alone! There are loads of ways of getting rid of things you don't want any more. We all know about charity shops, but did you know that some will come and collect from you? Prospect will certainly (vanbookings@prospect-hospice.net with your name, contact number, full address and postcode), as will the British Heart Foundation (<https://www.bhf.org.uk/shop/donating-goods/book-furniture-collection-near-me>).

Church Links

One of the important pastoral roles in the church is that of Church Links, who often act as a first point of contact for members of the congregation. In brief, each Church Link has a list of people, and their role is to keep in touch with those on their list, often informally at church, but also make contact by phone or email if they do not see them for a while, passing on any concerns as appropriate.

We are extremely grateful to those who undertake this role so faithfully, but needs some others to assist in this vital work. If you feel that God may be calling you to this, or would like to know more, please get in touch with either me or Barbara Wilcox, and we would be pleased to have a chat with you about it.

Stephen Roe

Children and Young People's work is back— many thanks to all involved

If anyone else would like to help out please talk to Deb

Sundays

Week 1 of the month **Breakfast Club**—this is for ages 4 – 13..

Breakfast will be served at 10am followed by Bible stories, crafts, games and quizzes. Finished approx. 11.50am

Vybe for ages 14+ 6.30pm –Bible study, discussion, games, quizzes etc.

Week 2 All age service—open to all

Week 3—Ignite/Sparks for all youngsters aged 4 1- - Bible stories, quizzes games etc. 10.30am—11.30am

Vybe 6.30pm—8.30pm as week 1

Week 4—Messy Church 4pm—6pm open to everyone young—old. Teas (food and drink) is provided and activities for all to join in whilst discovering more about the Christian faith.

Masks will need to be worn by all ages 11+ except those who are exempt and please can all **Vybe** members please LFT before they come?

(Please note Jan has 5 Sundays but there will be no Children's work on that day but all are welcome to the 10.30am Church service)

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Wednesdays

Week 1 and 3 of the month—**Blaze** for ages 7-11 (year 2—6) 6pm—7.30pm—games, crafts activities and hot chocolate!! Tuck shop will not yet be open but please bring £1 for subs and 50p for sweets etc. which will be given to the youngsters in a Covid safety way

Youth Club for year 7+ activities and tuck shop etc. as above. Subs £1 and 50p for tuck. Time 7.30pm—9pm

All activities will be hosted at St Paul's centre

Prayer Board

As you may know, there is a Prayer Board at St Paul's (on the wall to the left as you enter the Worship area), and you are invited to put requests for prayers on it.

Please ensure you have the appropriate permission before putting up any requests, in particular if you mention anyone's name. Please also include your name and the date you put up the request.

Prayers will be left for two weeks before being removed in order to keep the board up to date, if prayer is still needed please use another piece of paper and repeat the request.

General prayers will be offered in worship for the specific prayers on the board, but names will not be mentioned at the moment as the worship is live streamed and then available on the web.

And don't forget, there is also a board for answers to prayer, please us this too.

Stephen

Prayer Chain

We have a 'Prayer Chain' in order to pray for particular needs among our people. This is coordinated by Cathy Scott, who receives the requests for prayer and circulates them to those on the Prayer Chain. Please tell Cathy if you would like prayer for a particular situation, but please ensure that anyone named or who might be identified in your request has your permission before sending it to Cathy. Please also let Cathy know if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain and receive requests for prayer. Cathy's contact details are : catherinescott160@gmail.com or Tel: 01793 346507.

Safeguarding and DBS Update

Just to make you aware the rules have changed and from now DBS's have to be renewed every 3 years (and not 5)

This means I will be in touch with many of you over the next few weeks to renew.

If circumstances have changed and you no longer volunteer please let me know when you receive the email

Thank you

St Paul's and St Tim's Tiny Tots

St. Paul's Tiny Tots are looking for occasional volunteers to help out when we need to cover absences and holidays. If this is something you are interested in please contact Brenda Fisher, 07799 393845, or pop in any Wednesday afternoon from 12:45-2:45. This is an important part of our Christian outreach and supports young families.

Please keep the St. Tim's and St. Paul's Tiny Tots groups in your prayers.

Thanks you,
Brenda Fisher.

Thank You

We have received a thank you letter from the 2021 Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal, a copy of the full letter is on our notice board.

Due to the kindness of many schools, churches, businesses, and individuals, from across Swindon and surrounding areas 373 referred families that's 923 children had gifts in time for Christmas. Each child was given a complete gift sack, including 3 main presents, a book, soft toy (ages 0-5) and 2 stocking fillers.

They'll be announcing their plans for the 2022 Toy Appeal later this year via their Facebook page, Swindontoyappeal, please follow them if you'd like to get involved. If you have any questions or feedback from the referred families, they'd love to hear from you. You can email them at: toyappeal@gcswindon.org.uk

Maggie

An Inspirational woman

Janet Martin, a long time member of the Dorcan church has written a book 'An Inspirational woman—is being published soon with Olympia publishers, London. It is a true life story and challenges of living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

Janet would like her details be given out to church members. Anyone who would like to call or drop her a line can do so.

Mrs Janet Martin, at The Timers, 23 Plas Gwyn Road, Penygroes, Carmarthenshire SA14 7RY.

Another Panto Opportunity!

Starring Isla Marshall, and Linus and Mike Davies.



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THE SNOW QUEEN

BY ALAN P FRAYN

RWB MEMORIAL HALL

28TH - 30TH JANUARY

FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENING: 7.30PM

SATURDAY MATINEE: 2PM SUNDAY: 4PM

DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE PERFORMANCE

TICKETS FROM RWB POST OFFICE OR WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WBLOS

WWW.WBLOS.ORG.UK @WBLOS

Tickets are £10 (Concessions £9)



**Coffee Morning
@ St Paul's Church
Tuesday Mornings
from 10.30 – 12 noon**

Come and support this
community outreach initiative.

**- TEA – COFFEE – CAKE - BISCUITS - JUICE
On Your Own? Like some company?
Come and get to know us !**

*Cid's Café is a Church in Dorcan
initiative serving the community*

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 1st February 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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Previous editions are also available at: [Dorcan Church Weekly Notices](#)



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