



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 30th July 2023
8th Sunday after Trinity**

St. Paul's

08.45am Morning Worship

Deacon Stephen Roe

10.30am Holy Communion

Rev Trudie Wigley

St Tim's

No Service

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 30th July, 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 6th August 2023 9th Sunday after Trinity - Transfiguration		
St Paul's		
10.30am	United Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
St Tim's		
	No Service	

What's On This Week		
Tuesday 1st August	Time	Event
St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
Friday 4th August	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

Summer services

Last year, we continued our usual monthly service pattern and timings across the summer weeks, and this year we are doing the same. Therefore the mid-morning service at both St Paul's and (when held) at St Tim's will be at 10:30am, together with two 8:45am services at St Paul's on 30th July and 20th August.

Services will be under an hour so that we can all get out and enjoy the fine and sunny weather – when (if?) it arrives! We wish you a blessed and joyful summer, and a time of rest and restoration of souls and bodies. Peace be with you until we are all together again.

A message from Stephen and Trudie

Tuesday August 1st meeting:

This week ECC met with Methodist Superintendent Revd. David Gray and Archdeacon Venerable Christopher Bryan to explore and discern how God may be leading us in expressing our ecumenical partnership going forward given some of the challenges we are facing.

We had an open, constructive and honest initial conversation and would like to invite all the church family to a meeting with David and Christopher as part of our ongoing discernment and discussion. You are therefore warmly invited to gather at St Paul's on **Tuesday 1st August from 7:30-9:15pm** and we very much hope that you will be able to join us.

We appreciate the range of emotions and questions that this invitation may raise, yet hope that you will bring these to the meeting to be shared amongst us as brothers and sisters in Christ,

We look forward to seeing you and in the meantime we hold each other, and this meeting, in prayer.

Yours in Christ the Cornerstone.

Venerable Christopher Bryan
Revd. David Gray

Deacon Stephen Roe
Revd. Trudie Wigley

Bible Study & Prayer Group

Tuesday Bible study and prayer group will not be meeting throughout August. That is from 1st August until 29th August. inclusive.

Thank you
Dianne

Receiving Communion - changes to our pattern

In May we changed how we come to the table to receive communion following feedback that, with different practices for receiving the wine (intinct/dipping or common cup), it meant that people around us would come and go at different times which was disruptive in this special, quiet time. Whilst our changed practice helped with this, it has introduced other challenges such as the time waiting at the table and the wish to use the front of the dais. Therefore, following a preachers' meeting this week we are looking to try a different way that is helpful to as many as possible and we will first try it this coming Sunday at St Paul's:

A steward will continue to invite you to come forward to help the flow and please come to either the rails or the area in front of the dais, avoiding bunching at the corners. We will distribute communion clockwise as you look at the table and in the normal way please nod if you'd like the wafer dipped, and raise your hands to receive the chalice if you would like the common cup. However, please could we ask that you do not leave to return to your seats until the next but one person has started to receive their communion. This enables a quiet and personal time to those around us without undue movement. We will continue to use two cups, with one specifically for intinction to respect those who do not wish, or feel uncomfortable, receiving from the common cup.

We will explain it again over the next few weeks and then review whether this is helpful to the ambience and practicalities of communion. Please do give us feedback so that we are aware of your thoughts and thank you for trying it out.

Trudie, Stuart and Stephen

ECO Tip

If you are in your car show love and respect to pedestrians. Park on the road, not on their pavement - think pushchairs and disability scooters. Their walking mile has a carbon footprint of 1g compared to your small car of 280g CO₂e a mile.

Swindon Food collective

Please note that they currently have plentiful supplies of cereal, pasta, tinned soup and baked beans. This year they are asking for a mixture of food items and household goods/toiletries and list the following in particular: Cleaning cloths/anti bac wipes, household cleaners, laundry pods/power/liquid/conditioner, Wash & Go 2in1 Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant (male & female), toothpaste & toothbrushes, toilet rolls, toiletries (male & female), biscuits, tinned fruit, small jars of coffee, tinned potatoes; tinned meat; tinned puddings; small bags of sugar; biscuits.

Harvest Celebration – 24th September 2023

We will be celebrating Harvest in September and offering our gifts for those in need. We will, again, be supporting Food Collective and Women's Aid. Both these charities are grateful for our support and in particular are asking for items as detailed below which include fresh food, packet/tinned foods and household goods. Additionally, if you would like to make a financial donation to either/both of these charities, there will be a basket and envelopes for you to do so at each centre. Thank you for your giving to others as we give thanks for all that God has given us.

Women's Aid:

The refuge is in great need of fresh fruit and veg. They do not receive much fresh produce yet the children always ask for fruit and veg. They were very grateful for our gifts last year.

Wednesday Morning Prayers

There will be no Wednesday morning prayers for the month of August.

Many thanks
Pam.

Tiny Tots at St Timothy's – grateful thanks to Jo and Sarah

As Tiny Tots at St Timothy's came to a close this term, we said a fond farewell to Jo Bush as she stepped down from coordinating and leading this ministry at St Timothy's. Her passion and love for the little ones and their parents and carers is evident to all, and she has led this ministry so well the last few years. Thank you Jo for all that you have done – your time, energy, creativity, and above all your love for the families who come. You will be missed, yet you step down with our love and thanks.

Also, after many years of supporting Tiny Tots, Sarah Paterson is stepping down. Sarah has been a constant help, and was often found in the kitchen preparing copious refreshments and then tidying up spilt drinks, sticky fruit and cake crumbs afterwards! Thank you Sarah for your support and being a fantastic member of the team over what has been many years.

Tiny Tots will be back in September at both centres, but first a well-earned break. Thank you to all the team at both St Timothy's and St Paul's, and please do pray for them as they rest and start preparations for next term for this important ministry.

Thank you from all The Dorcan Church family

For 'Link to Hope' Shoebox appeal

We ask people to join in with our Shoebox Appeal 2023 and fill a Shoebox for a family – not just a child. The leaflet contains items for all family members and includes different items. These range from shower gel/shampoo, family games, stationary items, gift for mum and dad as well as sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc. Your shoeboxes will go to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

There are shoebox leaflets at both churches. Your completed shoeboxes will need to be given in, approx.in 12 weeks' time on Saturday 4th November in the car park at St Paul's on from 10.00am until 13.00pm, and again from 14.00pm until 16.00pm for a blessing on Sunday 5th November.

The £3.00 for each shoebox, if it is in coins, please do not tape them to the form. Give me the money separate. If you can, it will save me a lot of time and effort. £ notes can be handed to me. Cheques can be made payable to The Dorcan church.

Thank you. For all you support, especially at this present time.

Many thanks.
Paul.

Great Response to our Gift Day Appeal

The total as at Tuesday evening, 18th July, stands at an amazing **£7,620**

We are so grateful to God who has touched people's hearts to give and also to everyone of you who has contributed so generously to this appeal. Thank you, so much.

(We will let you know a final figure once we believe all the donations have been received)

Pete Mulcock & Tony Prichard, Finance Committee.

Sachibondu, Zambia

Stratton Methodist Church has close links with Richard and Christine Burston whose son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Becks, and their children, Grace and Isaac, went to Sachibondu in Northern Zambia about 6 years ago as they felt the call from God to go to serve the community there.

Stratton first got involved when they were making an appeal for money to buy a cow for the village so that the children could have a drink of milk at the school, and this led on to them supporting them for other aspects of the village life, fundraising for equipment for the school and hospital and also towards a generator.

Jon has got involved in the leadership of the church, working particularly with the young men, and Becks has worked a lot with the teenage girls. She also used her nursing experience to help in the hospital and then took over the admin side of it, which she has now handed over to someone else. They both have a passion to share God's love with all, and have had some challenging times combating the influence and fear people have of witch doctors.

There is very little support from the government for any infrastructure and social needs, as there has been a lot of corruption at all levels of governance.

Jon and Becks will shortly be coming back to the UK, for a month, to see family and friends and have a holiday. You are invited to hear about the work that is going on in the church, the hospital, the school and the community in Sachibondu on **Wednesday 2 August at 7:30pm at Stratton Methodist Church, Ermin St SN3 4NL.**

Thank you, best wishes
Stephen

Weekly Notices

There will be no Notices during the month of August. Normal service will resume in September.

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Answers to last week's quiz

Connection (what connects the four answers is the answer to question 5)

1. Which singer topped the charts for the second time with "My sweet Lord" = **George Harrison**
2. Who played the "Man from Atlantis" = **Patrick Duffy**
3. What is the capital of Mississippi and named after a US President? = **Andrew Jackson**
4. Who was the first England footballer to score in 3 world cups? = **David Beckham**
5. **What is the connection? Patron Saints**

This week's quiz

Driving regulations (Road Traffic Act 1988)

1. Some traffic signs are triangle, red outer and white background with the apex at the top. This sign has the apex facing downwards . Some with an exclamation mark. What is it
2. What colour are the signs for tourist attractions
3. What does the minimum speed limit sign look like
4. What animal is on the warning sign for wild animals
5. On the UK motorway, can you legally overtake a vehicle on the left

Good luck

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 29th August 2023**

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Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee