



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 October 2022  
4th Sunday before Advent**

**St. Paul's**

08.45am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

**St Tim's**

No Service

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 30th October.. Alex is at St Andrews and Stephen is at Aldbourne at 10.30am and then Trinity CLE at 2.30pm 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 November 2022.  
3rd Sunday before Advent**

<b>St Paul's</b>		
10.30 am	United Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley & Paul Tayler
<b>St Tim's</b>		
	No Service	

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 6th November. Stephen is at Trinity GTS supporting the wider Circuit.

**What's On This Week**

<b>Tuesday 1st</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	09.00am—11.30am	Cid's too Coffee morning (New Group)
St Paul's	10.30am—12.00pm	Cid's Coffee morning
St Tim's	2.00pm	Prayer group
St Paul's	7.45pm—9.30pm	Bible Study and Prayer Group
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	10.00am –10.45am	Morning Prayer in the small hall (old library)
St Paul's	1pm—3pm	Tiny Tots
St Tim's	1pm—3pm	Tiny Tots
St Paul's	6.30pm—7.30pm	Blaze for school year 2-6
St Paul's	7.30pm—9pm	Youth Club for school year 7+
<b>Friday 4th</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	10am—12pm	Food Collective



# Prayer at the Dorcan Church

## WEEKLY

Wednesdays 10am-10.45am Morning prayers  
at St Paul's

## FORTNIGHTLY

Tuesdays 2pm-3.30pm Prayers St Timothy's

## PRAYER MINISTRY

1st Sunday in the month after the morning  
service

## PRAYER BOARDS

St Paul's on the wall to the left as you enter the  
worship area  
St Timothy's on the table in the hall

## PRAYER CHAIN

For the practical needs among our people  
Run by Cathy Scott  
catherinescott160@gmail.com

Prayer strengthens our faith and trust in God.  
Prayer has the ability to help bring other people  
closer to God. It allows us to intercede on behalf  
of another person and can show others  
the way to Christ



## Planning for CHRISTMAS!

We have now started looking ahead to our Christmas services and activities and what we might offer and when. Whilst we are still planning and with an eye to our overall capacity, at this stage there are some key things that we'd love to do, however, they will need some help and support. Are you able to help with any of the following please?

### ***Christmas Cards – distribution coordinator:***

In 2020 we delivered a whopping 7,000 Christmas cards into our communities. This was a record and whilst we may not be able to do quite so many going forward, we'd love to send cards to as many as possible. However, to make it happen, we are looking for someone to coordinate the distribution with the wonderful church family team who offer to deliver door-to-door. We have a full list of all the roads in the parish and quantities needed, so we need someone to manage the distribution list, be present for people to pick up their deliveries (at your convenience) and receive any queries. Is this you please? If so, please let Trudie, Stephen or Stuart know. Thank you

### ***Christingles – makers and helpers on the day – St Paul's and St Timothy's***

We are looking to continue our 4pm Christmas Eve Christingle service at St Paul's, and this year are wishing to offer another at 4pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at St Timothy's. Sandra Marshall and Brenda Robinson are kindly coordinating the Christingle preparation, yet need helpers to support putting the bags of materials together, making the Christingles and helping on the day. If you are able to help to enable these popular services to happen, then please contact Sandra or Brenda, or let Maggie know in the church office (01793 435987 or [dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)) Thank you!

### **ECO Tip**

Check you know what can be recycled in your area, if you're not sure check the council website.

## Real Advent Calendar

Christmas is coming!! The Real Advent Calendar has a Fairtrade Milk Chocolate and a line of the Christmas Story behind each window, and a 24-page Christmas story-activity book is also included. There is a sign-up sheet in St Paul's and St Tim's, please add your name and the number you want by **Sunday 30 October**. Alternatively email me with your order to [stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk](mailto:stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk) They cost £4.50 each and we would ask you to pay into the Church account, preferably by bank transfer, and making sure to reference your payment with Real Advent Calendar. If you don't do on-line banking, please give your payment to Tony in an envelope marked with 'Real Advent Calendar'.  
Stephen

## ADVENT KNITALONG

Some of you will remember the Lent Knitalong well there's going to be an Advent Knitalong

This is from the Vic Methodist Bristol Lent Knitalong Facebook Group: Who's up for more knitting?! A lot of people have asked if we're doing something for Christmas, so we have come up with a (smaller!) project for an Advent mystery Knitalong. The amount of daily knitting will be less this time (compared to the Lent Knitalong) as December is often the busiest time of year, and the format will differ slightly in that you'll receive the entire pattern and reflections in one go so you can work at your own pace (but a suggested daily schedule will be given, for those who like these things!) More details to follow\* in November, and the pattern will be released on Sunday 27th November. \*If you are already signed up to receive emails on future knitalongs you'll get this directly to your inbox. If you'd like to be added to this list, email Helen on [learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk](mailto:learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk).

I hope some more people will join me on this Mystery Knitalong, If you'd like to join in but are not on the internet, let me know and I'll print out the pattern and reflections for you.

Angela Roe

## **“Warm and welcome” spaces at St Paul's and St Timothy's – can you help?**

Many of our current activities provide a "warm and welcome" place for people in our community to come together, receive a great welcome and to be warm. This winter Swindon Borough Council will be compiling a list of places for people to come to and many of our existing activities will be included.

The need for warm and welcoming places is likely to be significant this winter and we are exploring whether we are able to open our two centres at other times, particularly before or after other groups so we can maximize use of the cost of heating. Are there times you might be free to provide a warm and welcome place to others?

Some of the initially more obvious times are:

- at St Paul's - before the various early evening meetings in the small meeting room at St Paul's;
- at St. Tim's – after Tiny Tots on Wednesdays and Food Collective on Fridays.

There are other times too and each session can be as long or short as you feel you can offer – the most important thing is that we are welcoming and engage with those who come – and drinks and cakes are always popular! If this is something you feel called to offer, please let Trudie or Stephen know and we can see if there are times we might be able to make this happen.

Thank you

## **Double Issue of Notices**

Due to holidays, there will be double notices sent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November to cover the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that all notices are sent in by **1st November**.

**'Lead characters wanted,**

**please see Rev Stu to audition'.**

*11th December; St Paul's at 10:30am  
an all-age nativity service*

*This year prior to the evening  
Christingle service, everyone - All ages -  
are invited to our Nativity.*



You are invited to come dressed as a character from The Christmas Story; Joseph, Mary, Angels, Shepherds, a sheep, a donkey, a cattle, if its in the Bible, take your pick

A crib service with Carols—and lots more. Invite your neighbours, friends and family, to our Morning Worship with Christmas Nativity Service

## **Bring a Bulb Saturday**

5th November 10am-12pm  
St Paul's Church

We are going to be planting bulbs to encouraging pollinating insects for the spring and to brighten up the front of the church and we would love for you to come and help. Bring a trowel, bulb planter and gloves if you have them. If you are able to contribute some bulbs that would be greatly appreciated. For, example Bluebells, Alliums, Snowdrops, Winter Aconites, Crocus, Early Bulbous Iris, Grape Hyacinth/ Muscari, and some varieties of Daffodil. Please make sure the bulbs are marked as pollinator friendly as not all bulbs are.

Tea, Coffee and lemon drizzle cake will be served

## **Stars**

This year we will be making stars to put around the 4 estates at Christmas. As like last year's hearts these can be made from any medium. For further details please see Deb or Heather.



## **Advent Quiet day**

Harnhill Christian healing centre  
Harnhil Manor, Harnhill, Cirencester GL7 5PX  
10 am to 4pm  
Tuesday 6th December 2022  
£35 including lunch  
£25 take own lunch

Thank you  
Sue Morgans



## **CID'S Café Too – Starting at St Timothy's!**

Following the success of CID's café at St Paul's, we are launching "CID'S Café Too" at St Timothy's from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. CID's Too will be incorporate the previous Tuesday "Tea and Toast" gathering and stay open for longer – from 9-11:30am. The other café's in Liden centre are no longer open, so this will offer a needed focus of gathering in the community for company and refreshments, and a warm space as we enter the colder months.

Please pray for this ministry and for the months ahead as it grows in strength - and if you live in Liden, do invite your neighbours and friends! We thank God for CID's café at St Paul's and the connections we are making with our local community, and our prayer is for the same at St Timothy's in the Liden community

*Trudie Wigley*



**Coffee Morning**  
**St Timothy's Church, Liden**

**Tuesdays**  
**9:00 am – 11:30 am**  
**Starts 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Come together as a community  
for chat, company, drinks and cake.  
And it's free.**

**Tea – Coffee – Juice**  
**Toast – Cake – Biscuits**

**Cid's Café is a Dorcan Church initiative,  
serving the community through  
St Paul's, Covingham and St Tim's, Liden**

## **Link to Hope Christmas Shoeboxes**



Please be aware that shoeboxes for Link to Hope need to be in by the end of OCTOBER this year! Please pick up a leaflet in church or see <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2022/> for more information.

Any questions please contact Paul Tayler.

## **Link to Hope Shoeboxes collection.**

I will be at St Paul's church next Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October to receive shoeboxes, from 10.00am till 13.00,

Then 14.00 till 16.00.

You will still be able to bring them to church on the Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>.

But this is an opportunity to bring them, and ease any stress

On Sunday Morning.

Thank you for your Support again this year.

Paul Tayler

## **Flannels for Link to Hope boxes**

If you need some flannels for the Link to Hope boxes, there are some homemade ones at St Paul's under the table in the church. Please help yourself. Judy Newman

## Stratton Methodist Church

**Saturday 19 November**  
**Tearfund Big Quiz**

You are invited to the annual Tearfund BIG QUIZ on Saturday 19th November at Stratton Methodist Church. Teams of up to 6 people and all ages are welcome. As in previous years, we will start with food at 6pm and then the quiz at 7.30pm.

Again as usual we will not be charging for food or entry to quiz, but rely on your generous donations for the evening, and hopefully we will be able to send a huge amount to Tearfund for their work across the world to relieve poverty.

Please let Keith Harmer know if you are joining in the evening of food, fun and fellowship, email: [keithharmer3@gmail.com](mailto:keithharmer3@gmail.com) or text: 07813000385.

Stephen

## Saturday 26 November

Coffee morning & Christmas Fayre  
From 10.00am to 1.30 pm  
Refreshments, gifts, cakes & crafts  
[www.strattonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.strattonmethodist.org.uk)

Many thanks  
Stephen

**Dorcan Church**  
**St Paul's Church Centre**

# **Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 3rd December**

**11.00am—1.30pm**

**Raffles**

**Tombola**

**Refreshments**

**Special performance by**

**Swindon Community**

**Concert Band**

**Please come and join us**

**All are welcome**



# Swindon Male Voice Choir

Directed by Kirstie Smith

With Special Guests

## Ten in a Bar

Directed by Jill Hodge

**St Paul's Church & Community Centre**

St Paul's Drive, Dorcan, Swindon SN3 5BY

**Saturday 19th November 2022 7.30pm**

**Supporting: 105.5 Community Radio Station**



**Tickets £10**



SMVC Ticket Point: **01793 822495**

Email: [swindonmalevoicechoir@msn.com](mailto:swindonmalevoicechoir@msn.com)

**SMVC Choir members**

**Call to reserve for door collection**

# SWINDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



## CONCERT

- Brahms** Academic Festival Overture op.80  
**Mozart** Violin Concerto No 4 in D Major K218 (soloist Sara Stagg)  
**Rachmaninoff** Symphony No 2 in E minor op.27

Conductor **Malcolm Webb**

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**Sunday 27 November 2022**

7:30pm – 9:30pm

St Joseph's Catholic College,  
Ocotol Way, Swindon SN3 3LR

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## TICKETS

Available from:

[www.swindonsymphonyorchestra.org.uk](http://www.swindonsymphonyorchestra.org.uk) / Swindon Central Library

or direct from orchestra members

£10, under 18s £5, accompanied children free

THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION IN AID OF SWINDON MUSIC TRUST



### Answers to last week's quiz

1. Which writer made a name for himself in 1984 with his breakout novel, 'The hunt for Red October' = **Tom Clancy**
2. 2 The Red sea laps the shores of three of these Middle Eastern countries, except for which one: Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Syria = **Syria**
3. UB40 may have had a hit in 1983 with 'Red Red wine' but who wrote and recorded the original in 1967 = **Neil Diamond**
4. Which of the planets in our solar system is known for having a Great red spot = **Jupiter**
5. One of the original six NHL hockey teams 'The Red wings' make their hometown in which North American city = **Detroit**

### This week's quiz

1. What is the name of the iron-containing biomolecule that makes a red blood cell red?
2. The Red Rose tea brand was founded in 1894 in which country?
3. The flags of three of these countries have no red at all, but which one is over 50% red: Nigeria, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Estonia
4. Moulin Rouge was a hit movie in 2001 and you may know that rouge is French for red, but what is moulin?
5. You probably know that the Taj Mahal is in the country of India, but do you know which city

Good luck

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 1st November 2022** to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
Thank you.

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