



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

Sunday 18th October



SERVICES

Sunday 18th October - 10:30am St Paul's

19th after Trinity Morning Worship. Rev. Andrew Wigley
This service will be live-streamed.

We will immediately follow with the AGM. This will be a short meeting.

Sunday 25th October 10:30am St Paul's

Last Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher.

**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.**

Collect for Today

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Catching up with Rev's Andrew, Stuart and Trudie: We recognise how frustrating it is to not be able to mingle and catch up with each other after our worship services, especially as fellowship is an important part of being church family. Yet thank you for all that you are doing to follow current government guidelines and the example we set to the community as we leave our premises.

Andrew, Stuart and myself are conscious that part of the restrictions mean that it is difficult to have those personal conversations we might have had after worship. Therefore, after services, please do briefly share with us that you'd like a conversation and we can arrange a future time to have a chat. Also, please do not hesitate to phone us during the week. I know it can be frustrating when we can't answer and it goes to answer machine, but please do leave a message and we promise that we will get back to you when we can.

These are strange times that will continue into next year. Whilst we may not be able to meet and chat in the same way we have done in the past, we will find different ways and please do get in touch if you need to talk.

Blessings to you all from Trudie, Stuart and Andrew.

Trudie: 01793 326128 / 07505 652781

Stuart: 01793 497169

Andrew: 01793 523810

Swindon Youth for Christ – intern – Rob Friend!

We are delighted that our very own Rob Friend started as an intern with SYFC with effect from September 2020. And what is even better is that his placement for 10 hours a week will be with us at Dorcan Church! He will be focusing on youth work, including Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, as well as other events such as weekends away etc. This is exciting news and we are so pleased for this opportunity for Rob to develop and be part of SYFC. Rob is a valued member of the church family and it is wonderful that he will still be with us. Please do keep Rob in your prayers.

NHS QR Code for Covid-19 app:

You will see as you come into St Paul's that we have a QR code for the NHS Covid-19 smart phone app. We are required to display this code, yet use of it is voluntary. You may have heard on the news that it is part of the government's approach to reducing the spread of Covid by alerting us if we might have come in contact at a venue with someone who has tested positive.

If you have a smart phone please do consider downloading the app and using the QR codes that you will find as you go about your day-to-day business as it is an important part of keeping this virus at bay.

The Anglican Church: the Independent Enquiry into child abuse:

This report was published this week and you may have seen coverage in the news. To read of failures as to how we, as a collective church, have historically dealt with allegations, victims and perpetrators is uncomfortable reading. The report makes a number of recommendations which in due course will undoubtedly also flow into our practice here at a local level.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all and thank you all for taking it seriously and following our procedures and training which can feel onerous. In both churches there is a notice of our commitment to safeguarding, a Code of Conduct and details of who to contact when you have a concern of something has been disclosed to you. Our responsibility is to listen, make notes of the information shared and refer to our safeguarding team to take forward.

At this time, I would like to thank our safeguarding team for all their work. They do a wonderful job and keep us up to date and informed. On behalf of Dorcan church a big thank you to Jenny Poole, Sue Morgan, Dianne Lane and Jackie Hancock!

Church Action in a Climate Emergency

A Deconstructed Conference happening across October and November.

In March this year our planned *Church Action in a Climate Emergency* conference was postponed, as it fell into the beginning of lockdown. But now it's moving online as a 'deconstructed' conference with sessions held throughout late October & early November. Some fantastic speakers are lined up to lead inspiring hour-long sessions on topics ranging from incorporating climate change into worship and teaching, to Christian activism and church divestment. We hope you'll leave the workshops feeling encouraged and equipped to take your church on the next steps towards a cleaner future.

Book your space: <https://forms.gle/sBU6DPkPcnUaxnsZ6>

Workshop 1: 'Why should Christians act, and why now?'

Monday, 19th October 7.30pm

Q&A with Ruth Valerio, author, environmentalist, and Global Advocacy Director at Tearfund

Workshop 2: 'Making Creation Visible: Incorporating the Climate Emergency into worship, prayer and teaching'

Tuesday, 20th October 7.30pm

Led by Deborah Tomkins, Chair of Green Christian & Rev David Stephenson, Vicar of Cotham & St Pauls Clifton

Workshop 3: 'Becoming an Eco Church'

Thursday, 22nd October 7.30pm

Led by Helen Stephens, Eco Church lead at A Rocha UK

Workshop 4: 'Church divestment: how to use your church funds to combat the climate crisis'

Monday, 26th October 7.30pm

Led by James Buchanan, Director of Operation Noah

Workshop 5: 'Provoking one another to love and good deeds: the role of activism in responding to the climate crisis'

Thursday, 29th October 7.30pm

Led by Luke Harman, Campaigns Manager at Christian Aid.

Christmas Unwrapped.

Sadly, due to the corona virus pandemic, we have had to cancel Christmas Unwrapped this year, so we will be unable to invite the Y4 children from the local schools to St. Paul's and St. Tim's for these annual sessions.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who, over the years, has helped in the preparations and presentation of Christmas Unwrapped which the staff and children really enjoy. Your support has been wonderful and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

HOWEVER - Although Christmas Unwrapped has had to be cancelled this year, thanks to the kindness and huge generosity of Sandra Marshall's Cell Group, the Dorcan Church will still have a link with the local schools at Christmas.

Every Y4 child will receive the gift of a book by Bob Hartman telling the story of the Nativity in a modern, catchy rhyme format that will certainly appeal to young children. Thank you so much to Sandra and her group for the idea and the donation.

Andrew has suggested that a book plate is included in the books, so we will be busy sticking those in before we deliver the books to the schools in December.

At the moment, **Easter Cracked Open** will be a case of wait and see!

Jo. Bush.

Link to hope Shoeboxes.

A reminder, to all who are filling shoeboxes that we will be blessing them on Sunday 1st November.

If you can't get your box/s to St Paul's on the Sunday, I will be at St Paul's car park on Friday 6th Nov from 09-00 till 13-00 then 14-00 till 16-30. to receive them.

Tony Prichard (Treasurer) has said that, if you wish you can use the contactless code in the church foyer to pay the three pounds per box, instead of taping the coins to the box. It would be helpful. If you use this method could you please indicate on the coin area of the leaflet that you used the code and how many boxes you filled.

I have knitted hats and gloves, if you need any for your box/s please contact me by phone 01793 538842 or by

Email paultayler1@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you for your support again this year

Paul

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Wednesday 21st October.
Tel: 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.
Please let me know if you know of anyone else who would like to receive notices by email.