



**St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)**

*Transforming lives and communities  
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**



## SERVICES

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** 10.30am

Christ the King

Rev. Stuart Fisher

The service will be posted as live on the Facebook page "Dorcan Church Notice Board" which you can find at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindon/>

At 11:30am we will be hosting after service coffee and chat on Zoom. Link will be posted on the closed Facebook group.

**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.**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**November 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30am**

Advent Sunday

Revd Trudie Wigley

**Web addresses for service and reflection posted in the last week:**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November:**

[https://www.facebook.com/199619460387075/videos/849791462227986/? so =channel tab& rv =latest videos card](https://www.facebook.com/199619460387075/videos/849791462227986/?so=channel%20tab&rv=latest%20videos%20card)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November:**

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**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

God the Father,  
Help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
And to follow in his service,  
Whose kingdom has no end;  
For he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, one Glory.

**Amen**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

***Tuesday 24th November***

2pm Start-up team

***Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November***

**Private Prayer at St Paul's Church.**

St Paul's chapel will be open for Private prayers on Thursday mornings from 9.45 to 11.30 am and will continue until Christmas.

## Membership of Ecumenical Church Council (2020-2021)

### Elected Members (elected for 3-year term) (co-opted for 1-year term)

Jenny Poole*	until 2021
until 2021	
Clare Smith	until 2021
until 2021	
John Davidson*	until 2022
Janet Prichard	until 2022
Tony Prichard*	until 2022
Nicki Broom	until 2023
Nicki Clinch	until 2023
Wigley*	
Sam Glennerster	until 2023
Wigley*	
Nathalie Marshall	until 2023
Peter Mulcock*	until 2023
Chris Rose	until 2023

### Co-opted Members

Sue Morgans

Alex Scott

### Ministers

Revd Stuart Fisher

Revd Andrew

Revd Trudie

### Churchwarden (appointed on an annual basis)

*Vacant*

### ECC officers

Revd Trudie Wigley	Chair
Tony Prichard	Treasurer
Jackie Hancock	Acting ECC secretary (non-voting)

### Standing Committee

Names marked \*

### Deanery Synod Representatives (elected for a 3-year term)

Jenny Poole	until 2023
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### Representatives to the Circuit meeting

John Davidson

Nathalie Marshall

Tony Prichard

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**Other Appointments: Church Stewards (appointed on an annual basis)**

**St Paul's**

*(Vacant)* (Senior Church Steward)

Nicki Broom

Angela Davidson

John Davidson

Sandra Marshall

Chris Rose

Colleen Wiseman

**St Timothy's**

*(Vacant)* (Senior Church Steward)

Viv Craig

Dianne Mills

Sarah Paterson

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## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

Christmas is not cancelled - we are just doing things differently this year!

Ahead of our Christmas cards and publicity, we thought you would like to know what is planned for this year. There are some things that will be different, but we are rather excited about our celebrations this year. We are really working hard to open St Timothy's and hoping this will be possible.

Some details are yet to be finalised but we have a pretty good idea of what we are hoping to do. Below are some key dates to note, with some explanation and ideas of how you can help afterwards.

# Services and activities

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> onwards

Two Nativity trails in the community

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

St Paul's 10:30am

Advent Communion

St. Tim's 10:30am (TBC)

Advent Communion

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

St Paul's 10:30am

All-Age Toy Service

Unwrapped toys to be given to a charity (TBC) to distribution to those in need

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

St Paul's 10:30am

Morning worship

St Tim's 10:30am (TBC)

Christmas Communion

St Paul's 4pm\*

Pick up pre-ordered Christingle bags – gazebo outside

St Paul's projected\* 6pm & On-line

Carol Service

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Knitted Advent Angels to appear flying around the community

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

St Paul's projected\* 4pm & On-line

Crib service

St. Paul's 11:30pm

Midnight communion

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

St Paul's 10am

All-Age Christmas  
Celebration

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December

St Paul's 10:30am

Christmas (Communion?)

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

St Paul's 10:30am

Epiphany (Communion?)

\*Requires pre-booking. Details TBA

## Some more details – and where you can help!

### **Carol Service (20<sup>th</sup> December) and Christingle/Crib (24<sup>th</sup> December) – arrangements:**

These are our most popular services and with social distancing restrictions we have decided to go on-line this year for these events. These services will be posted as live on our open Facebook page – Dorcan Church Notice Board (<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssttimothysswindon/>) - in the same way that we have been doing each Sunday. However, there are some in our community who do not have access to the internet, and we will therefore be showing the video on the screen at St Paul's for people to come and watch. Booking will be required.

For the Christingle service, a team led by Sandra Marshall, is preparing a “christingle in a bag” for people to pre-order and pick up which will have all the bits to make at home during the service. It will be a different Christingle this year, yet one where we can still shine the light in our homes.

### **Nativity trails around Covingham/Nythe and Eldene/Liden**

Deb Mulcock and Liz Pearce are organising two Nativity trails which will run concurrently - one covering Nythe and Covingham and one covering Eldene and Liden. This is a great outreach to the community and please do get involved – there is a separate notice in this newsheet. Please do contact Deb and Liz. (see message from Deb below)

**Advent Angels:** These will be flying around the four villages declaring the Good News again this year! Many of you have been busy knitting and please do contact the wonderful organisers to help – they are Dianne Lane and Mo Tayler.

**Carol singing:** Depending on latest Covid guidelines, we are hoping to carol sing at some point near Christmas. If you'd like to be involved then please contact the organiser Nathalie Marshall who would be grateful for your beautiful singing voices!

**Christmas cards:** We are printing Christmas cards to distribute in the community again this year. More than ever, this engagement with the community is important this year and it will include a short message of hope as we pray for comfort and joy this Christmas. We will need people to deliver the cards as we have done in the past, as well as someone to co-ordinate their distribution to willing deliverers! We have a full list of roads in the parish to help. Is anyone willing to co-ordinate the distribution please? If so, please speak to Trudie

## **Church Link Team:**

***Thank you!*** A big thank you to all of you who are part of the Church Link team. Your love and support in keeping in contact with those you are linked with is invaluable in these strange times, especially in this second lock down. This is church living out its life in fellowship and love with others. THANK YOU!

***Could you be a link?*** We are conscious that there are some people who currently do not have a link, and also the lists for some of our link people are getting rather long! Please would you consider whether you might be a link person? If so then Barbara Wilcox, our link co-ordinator, would love to hear from you and can share more about the role. This is an important part of our care as a church family so please do give this your thought and prayer, and contact Barbara with any questions – and offers!

## **Prayer for the nation – 6pm each night:**

A separate email has been sent detailing an invitation to be part of a wave of prayer at 6pm each night, praying for this nation during this second lockdown. This is a call to prayer from the Archbishops in the church of England who remind us that our primary vocation as the Church of Jesus Christ is to pray and to serve. Look out for the separate email which includes more background and some resources with daily themes to support us as we pray. Will you join me as we pray for this nation?

## **Local Ecumenical Partnership Listening Process – your views are requested!**

Last month we received correspondence from ecumenical officers and senior staff on behalf of the URC, Methodist, Baptist and Anglican churches inviting us to take part in a listening process for all Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnerships (SCLEPs) across the Bristol-Swindon area. Dorcan Church is an SCLEP as neither of the two churches are designated or authorised as only Methodist or only Anglican, and instead we hold Methodist and Anglican services in either church which makes us a Single Congregation LEP.

The correspondence shares that over the years, resources, commitment and understanding of ecumenical work has reduced and sometimes the sponsoring denominations have not been good at listening to the experience of LEPs. This is repeated across the country and this listening process is therefore to try and discern a shared vision and path forward for LEPs, including exploring the resources, structures and commitment necessary to enable them to thrive.

The listening process comprises a number of questions and as a church we are being encouraged to consult as widely as possible. We are asking you, as the church and congregation at Dorcan, to be a part of this listening process as your views and perspectives are important. Attached with this newsheet are questions which we are asked. Whilst there are 28 questions to the process, we don't need to answer them all. Maybe pick out the ones that speak to you and on which you have things to share. I would be very grateful if you might engage in this please and take a look at the attached questions and send any thoughts and responses to Jackie Hancock, our administrator ([dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)). Our deadline is the end of the month so by the 25th November would be helpful please.



If you have any queries then please do phone me and I can share more. For your information, other groups also being asked to contribute include the ECC collectively, clergy individually, house groups, ministry team and certain church officers. This is our opportunity to feedback on our experience, to shape resources and understanding of future LEPs and to consider what might be helpful for us in our future as an LEP.

With my thanks. *Trudie (326128)*

Hello all. Liz Pearce and I are organising a **Nativity trail** and hope that you will be able to join in. There will be two trails running consecutively one covering Nythe and Covingham and one covering Eldene and Liden.

We would like people to decorate their front window(s) with a scene from the Nativity story (we will let you know which one!). Each window will also need the word Hope on it and a letter. The idea is that people view the windows in a particular order to follow the Nativity story. Fairy lights around your display will also be a good idea.

The letters will make up a word/phrase and people who do it will win a small prize. If you live out of those areas but would like to make a display that someone else could put in their window that would also be great and of course anyone willing to have a display in their window but feel they can't make one that would be fab too!! The trail will take place from Saturday 5th Dec (needs to be up the night before) until Sunday Eve 13th Dec.

This will be a great outreach to our community and if you feel able to offer any of the above can you please reply to this post in the first instance and we will get in touch. Your display can be as simple or as detailed as you like (its about telling the story - not about who can produce the best display!!)

I do hope we can make these trails really worth while so please consider supporting this!!! Many thanks Deb

## **Are you planning any Church activities or events for 2021?**

Cheryl Pottinger, our Community Centre Development Manager, has started to plan (Covid permitting, etc.) for the use of our church buildings in 2021.

**Church activities need to be included on the Booking System. So, if you are planning either a regular or one-off activity in 2021 that needs to use part, or all, of the St Paul's or St Tim's buildings (including the chapels), then please would you let us know about it. (The only exception to this is if the activity will take place on a Sunday morning, when both St Paul's and St Tim's will be 100% reserved for church use).**

Please let us know, either by dropping an email containing the detail of: (1) what the activity is, (2) which area(s) of the building are required and (3) dates and times, to [hall.bookings@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:hall.bookings@dorcanchurch.org.uk), or, alternatively, by directly creating a request in the Centre booking system at <https://www.book-online.co.uk/st-pauls-covingham/>.

This information is being requested to ensure that all relevant reservations are recorded on the Centre booking system. If a church activity is not recorded accurately, then there is a significant risk that a conflicting booking will be accepted (be it from somebody else in the church or from a hirer). Sadly, there are recent examples of this!

If you would like to talk to somebody about this, please contact Cheryl on 07939 939893 or 01793 435987, or you can contact me, Pete Mulcock on 07958 448249 (I'm now Cheryl's line manager so I'm supporting her with this planning activity).

**Matthew Cammish Sermons.** (Notice from Pete Mulcock).

Matthew Cammish was a long-lived Methodist Local Preacher who took services in the Swindon area, (and before he lived here, elsewhere) for many years. He passed away in 2018, aged 98.

The texts of his sermons are now in the possession of somebody who is keen to share them with others. I recently picked up a call on a church phone from this person (who turned out to be somebody known to me) to ask if I would be willing to receive a copy of a sermon that was preached here at St Paul's in 1995.

I agreed to this, but also now find that I am on a regular distribution list for these sermons, receiving one a week, each Sunday. My friend's idea is that the people to whom he sends these sermons make them available across the churches in which they worship.

So if anybody is interested in receiving copies of some (e.g. the one preached at St Paul's) or all of these sermons, please let me know and I will willingly forward copies on to you.

Please contact me by email [pmulcock1@gmail.com](mailto:pmulcock1@gmail.com), or on my mobile 07958 448249.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Tel: 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you.  
Please let me know if you know of anyone else  
who would like to receive notices by email.

