



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

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

Anyone who will
not receive the
kingdom of God like
a little child will
never enter it.

Mark 10:15



SERVICES - 3rd October 2021

St. Paul's

10.30am	United Harvest Service	Rev. Trudie Wigley With Deacon Stephen Roe
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St. Tim's

10.30am	No Service	
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We will be live-streaming St. Paul's Service on the Facebook Page
"Dorcan Church Notice Board"
which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindow/>

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 - 10th October 2021

St. Paul's

10.30am	All Age Worship	Neil Marshall
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St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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Men's Fellowship will restart on Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm at St Paul's in the snug, and again on the 27th October, so we meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month until the end of the year.

This is an open invitation to all gentlemen of the Dorcan church to come and join us, we are a free and easy group, and it's an opportunity to have a men's time to chat and get to know each other.

Paul Tayler

Part Time Administrator - Dorcan Church and Area Dean, East Swindon:

We are looking for a warm and friendly person with great administrative and computer skills and who can also help us develop our on-line media presence.

The role is based at St. Paul's, Covingham, and supports the day to day running of The Dorcan Church Office in East Swindon, and also the Area Dean team across Swindon.

The position is 15 hours per week (12 permanent contract; 3 fixed term), over 3-4 mornings with Friday a requirement, £10.50ph.

For more information and how to apply, please either visit www.dorcan.org.uk, look on our Facebook page (Dorcan Church Notice Board).

Or contact Revd. Trudie Wigley rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk. Tel: 07505 652781.

Harvest - 3rd October 2021

We shall be celebrating Harvest as a church together on Sunday 3rd October in our united service, 10:30am St Paul's. This year we are suggesting our offering go to two places, each with a different need as below:

Swindon Collective: The Food Collective express that they are always

grateful to accept food donations, however at the current time they are fortunate enough to receive extra donation from supermarkets which is meeting the present need for food. There is therefore a change in emphasis in what they are requesting this Harvest as they are asking for support with household products and toiletries etc.

Many of the families they support find these items too expensive to purchase, yet they are important things to keep families safe and well. They are particularly looking for the following cleaning cloths, anti-bacterial wipes, laundry pods/power/liquid, household cleaners, surface cleaners, laundry Conditioner, Wash & Go 2in shampoo/conditioner, soap, shower gel (male & female), deodorant (male & female), toilet rolls, toothpaste & toothbrushes

Women's Aid: They have expressed that they are always in need of fresh veg and fruit, and the children who are with their mums in the refuge regularly ask for them. Donations focused on veg and fruit would make a vast difference to maintaining a balanced and healthy diet whilst families are building a new start with the support of the refuge.

As we give thanks to God for all that he has given us, we express this gratitude in our generosity to others so thank you for your offering that will support the work for these two charities. There will also be the opportunity to make a monetary offering which will be shared between them.

Trudie

Engaging with Living in Love and Faith.



**LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH**

**** Courses starting soon,
including at St Paul's, Dorcan Church****

Living in Love and Faith sets out to inspire people to think more deeply about what it means to be human and to live in love and faith with one another. It tackles the tough questions and the divisions among Christians about what it means to be holy in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality and marriage continue to change. It seeks to help all members of the Church of England engage with these issues and hear God's voice speaking into society today. The feedback from engagement across the church this year will inform discussions next year on whether or not to change the Church of England's stance on marriage and human sexuality.

Will you be part of the conversation?

During the Autumn there will be discussion groups running across Swindon Deanery to allow you to explore these issues in greater depth with Christians from other Church of England congregations. If you sign up to a course you can expect:

- To meet together with a facilitator and about 4 other people for 90 minutes each session weekly over 6 weeks.
- To discuss issues including identity, relationships and sex from a variety of Biblical and contemporary perspectives using Bible passages and videos.
- To have your voice heard and your opinions, after the course, fed back into the national church's deliberations
- To be expected to be open-minded and willing to engage respectfully with those who may hold different opinions to you. To have access to a chaplain should you want to discuss matters further and in confidence.
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Day	Time	Venue	Start Date
Monday	7.30-9pm	St John's Haydon Wick	4th October
Wednesday	1.30 - 3pm	St Peter's Penhill	6th October
Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Wroughton and Wichelstowe Church Hall	12th October
Wednesday	7.30 – 9pm	On zoom	13th October
Thursday	7.30 - 9pm	St.Pauls, Dorcan (Small hall)	21st October
Friday	10- 11.30am	On zoom	22nd October
Monday	1.30-3pm	St John's Parks & Walcot	25th October

To sign up for a course please contact David Caine (TwelveTwentyFive@msn.com or 07774 150426) and tell him your name, church, and 1st and 2nd preference courses. Also let him know if you would like to join a course in the new year instead.

Our thanks for two amazing people

A MASSIVE thank you to Anna Newman!

After 17 years of collating and producing our weekly newsheet, Anna has now decided that it is time to pass on the baton into a new season and her last newsletter will be for Sunday 24th October. Each week Anna has faithfully and wonderfully drawn together our various news items, produced our newsletter and made sure it is circulated as widely as possible. My calculation suggests that she has done this over 800 times - Wow! Our newsletter is key in instilling a sense of connectiveness as a church family and vital for good communication, so a big thank you Anna for your ministry, your dedication and your faithfulness over the years (and your graciousness when we haven't been as timely with our contributions as we might have been!). With our love and thanks from everyone at the Dorcan church.

Trudie

Retirement of Jackie Hancock, our wonderful Church administrator

Jackie has been with us for over 6 years and has decided that the time has come for her to retire and enjoy some more time with her family. She will therefore be leaving us on Friday 22nd October. Over the years Jackie has made a huge difference to our administration which has increased considerably with the growing requirements on churches from legislation and also our two denominations. She has supported us in getting our paperwork in order, streamlined and held centrally, as well as improving communications. In addition she has provided support to others in the church, enabling them to be released for their calling in mission and ministry, and this is evidenced in how we have grown in many ways over the time she has been with us. She will be greatly missed and we thank her for all that she has done. Our love and thanks from everyone in the Dorcan church.

Trudie

Situations Vacant

“Administration” - God’s Church needs your Gifts

Church Notices: Anna Newman has administered our Church Notices for a very long time and feels now is the right time to pass that baton on. We are extremely grateful for all that Anna has done over the years, and wish her well.

Is this something that you feel called to? It takes around 2-3 hours per week, please prayerfully consider if you have the gifts, or could learn. Do speak with Anna to know more.

Church Administrator: Jackie Hancock our Church Administrator has submitted her resignation, having decided to retire, and spend more time with family. We are immensely grateful to Jackie, for all she has done over the last 6 years and wish her well in her retirement. We will be taking steps to fill the vacancy, and it will be advertised immediately as we seek a replacement. However, in recognition of our current financial position, we will be recruiting for fewer hours which will impact on our administrative efficiency and ability.

ECC Secretary: Jackie has also covered the role of ECC Secretary, as we have been unable to fill this with a volunteer appointment. We now need to urgently seek to fill the role of ECC Secretary. This is a crucial, fulfilling role, and more than just a minute taker, being involved in preparing papers for ECC, and Annual General Meetings. In the past when we haven’t been able to cover this role in its entirety most of this burden has fallen on the incumbents, and this cannot be allowed to continue as it is a gross misuse of Ministers’ time and talents.

Do you have the organisational and administrative skills this role requires, (or some of them, and be willing to learn the rest). Please prayerfully consider whether this could be you, and speak to Jackie or Trudie if you would like to know more. We have a Job Description which can be shared to help you explore. In the meantime, ECC agreed last night that, after October when Jackie leaves us, ECC will no longer be meeting until there is administrative support for ECC, with urgent and pressing business transacted by Standing Committee.

Please do pray as to whether you might be able to support the mission and ministry of God’s church in Dorcan in any, or part of these roles. Please do speak with myself (John), Nathalie, Stephen, Trudie, Stuart and any of ECC if you would like to know more. And please pray.

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John Davidson - Church Waarden



**The First Coffee Morning @ Cid's Café
Tuesday 5th October 10.30 – 12.00**

The first (un)Official Coffee Morning (rehearsal) will be on Tuesday 5th October 2021 starting at 10.00 am.

Anyone interested in helping with the coffee morning, please attend at this time as we 'find our feet' and look at how it will operate in the coming weeks.

If you are unable to attend this week, but would still like to help in future, please let Stuart know by phone or email.

Although it is an informal rehearsal, we will still have drinks and refreshments, cake (until it disappears) and chat, time to catch up with others and have a 'lazy' morning.

Please come and support this initiative, which we will open to the community once we know what we are doing and can suitable advertise it more widely.

Cids Café is a Church in Dorcan initiative



SUPPORT THE FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021



Church Family - it's that time of year again
The Link to Hope appeal has started.

There is a box with pamphlets bin the rack by the Notice Board at St. Paul's;; there will also be some knitted hats and gloves under the table at St. Paul's, and I have been given a donation of 3dozen children's tooth brushes. If you need any for your box, please let me know. The closing date this year is 6th November; I will publish details nearer the time. Thank you for all your past involvement - lets hope for another good year. Thank you.

Paul Tayler



**"coming soon to
a Church near you"**

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 6th October** Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email