



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



Services Sunday 5th November 2017 - All Saints Day

St. Paul's

10.30am United Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Including dedication of "Linked to Hope" shoe boxes

Welcome: *Amy & Rosemary*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*, Creche: *Jan & Anna*

Sunday Club: *Mary & Alison, Cathy & Hazel, Ignite: Deb & Trudie, Clare & Amber*

1.00pm Baptism of Findley James Stuart Rev'd Rob Smith

4.00pm Tea and Praise Rev'd Andrew Wigley

This morning Neil Marshall is supporting the wider Methodist circuit

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**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.**

What's on this week -

Monday 6th November	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 7th November	9.00am 1-2pm	Morning Prayer, St Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy
Wednesday 8th November	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! St Tim's First Birthday Celebrations ! Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 9th November	9.30am Am 9-19pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Clergy Chapter Dorcan church football night, Dorcan Academy
Saturday 11th November	All day	Diocesan Synod, Bradley Stoke

Services - Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion, Rev'd Trudie Wigley
 All Age Worship Neil Marshall

Welcome: *Joy and Dennis*, Teas: *Janice & Jan*
Sunday Club: *All Age*, Ignite: *All Age*, Creche: *None*

4.00pm Living with Loss Rev'd Trudie & Andrew Wigley
 Followed by refreshments And Rev'd Stuart Fisher

St. Tim's

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

We will be observing a 2 minutes Silence in all morning services

Many of you will remember **Jo Hirsch** who came to St Paul's some time ago with her girls. Sadly she passed away on the 16th October. There will be a service to celebrate her life on the 13th November, at 1pm at Christchurch followed by tea and cakes at Richard Jefferies museum Marlborough road. All Welcome.

Helen Newman

Living with loss –

NEXT WEEK - Sunday 12th November 4pm St Pauls:

We will be holding our annual “*Living with Loss*” service on Sunday 12th November at 4pm at St Pauls. This service is to remember anyone whom we have loved and lost – whether recent or a number of years ago.

All are welcome, and ***please do consider who you might personally invite who has been bereaved.*** Invitations are available at both centres for you to take to give to others.

Turning Point – visiting us on 4th February 2018!

The new UK mission partners for Turning Point are Emily and Moses Obiti and they are coming to visit us in February and sharing during our united morning service. In the meantime you'll find some copies of the latest *Viewpoint* at <https://tptrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Viewpoint-Oct-2017.pdf> and there are also a few copies printed at each centre. The website has lots of up-to-date news and can be found at <https://tptrust.org/>

There are also some great ideas for Christmas presents to help support Turning Point!

Advanced notice for Christmas

I'm hoping that you see this notice before you begin to write out this year's Christmas cards, and I'm wondering if you would consider sending only ONE Christmas card to your friends at church, and donating what you save to a favourite charity? Of course, this is only a suggestion, and you may wish to follow your usual Christmas routine. However, for the past few years an increasing number of people have done just this, and will continue to do so this year. The cards will be displayed in church... on the wire cross at St. Pauls, and somewhere appropriate at St. Tim's.

Wishing you God's peace as the build-up for Christmas begins. Barbara W.

Missional Giving – an update

Thank you to everyone involved in helping us decide where our budgeted missional giving should be offered for 2017. Our annual budget, which is approved by ECC each year, includes giving away £2,000 of our income, and we would hope to increase this in the years to come. It was where this money should go which we have been considering these last few weeks. This £2,000 is in addition to funds we raise for other causes during the year, such Children's Aid and Action for Children (from our Christingle services), Swindon Youth for Christ (from our carol service), and other charities that we support through coffee mornings, giving of gifts such as food or personally.

In March this year, ECC were delighted that our children and young people offered to help us as a church decide where our £2,000 should be gifted to, making this a focus at Harvest. At the beginning of September we were asked as a church via the notices and during some of the services, to suggest charities to support which the children would then research. Six charities were suggested by us all and these were researched and presented by our young people at the all age service at Harvest. Following their presentation and our votes, we are pleased to say that the three charities that our £2,000 will be shared between are:

Brighter Futures
Cancer Research
Parkinsons UK

Thank you to everyone who has been involved and engaged in this, and to our young people for researching and presenting our suggested charities.



Dorcan Church Thursday night football!

All abilities and all welcome
9-10pm at Dorcan Academy £5.
For more info see Rob

There will be a **Street Pastor Information Evening** on December 15th, at Freshbrook Church, Worsley Road, from 7.15pm



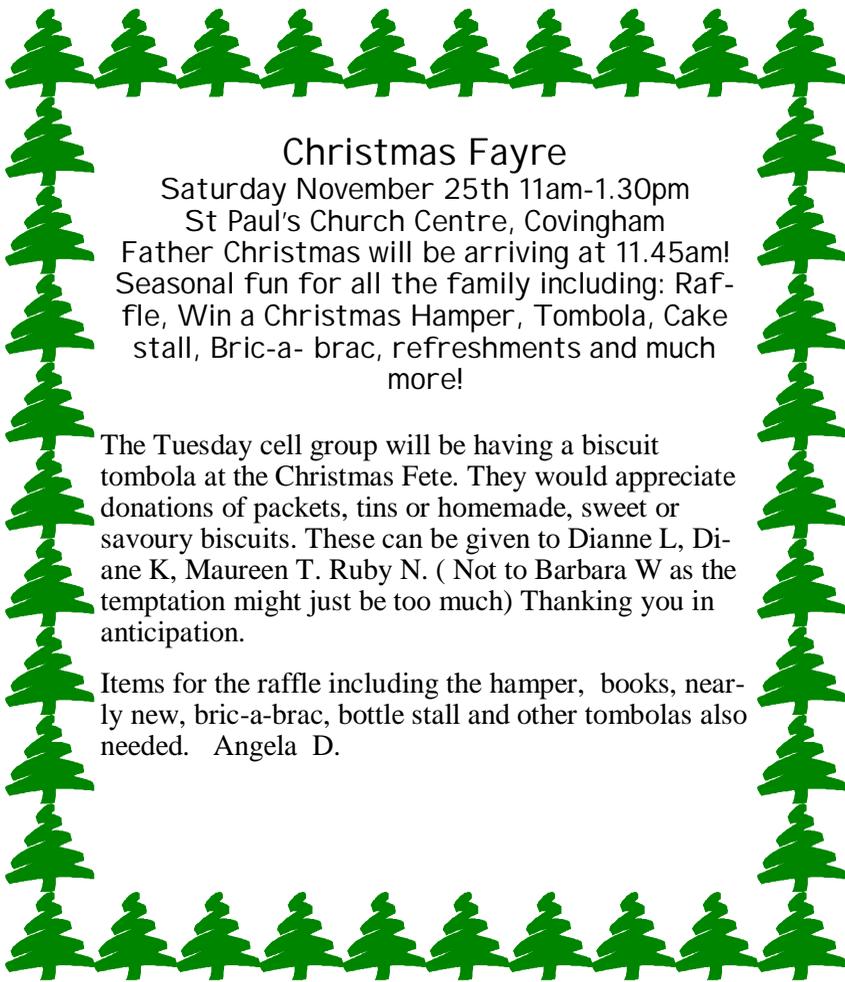
Are you passionate about serving Christ and our community? Street Pastors engage with people on the streets to care for them, listen to them and help them. They work together with other partners in the night-time economy to make communities safe.

Swindon Street Pastors are looking to recruit more local Christians to expand our team. Could you consider committing yourself once a month on a Friday or Saturday night to put God's work into action?

We are holding an information evening to answer any questions that you may have about Swindon Street Pastors. Come and find out more on how we serve Christ on the streets of Swindon!

For more information and an Application Pack contact - Nancy Williams, Swindon Street Pastor Co-ordinator (07825202005)

Or email: swindon@streetpastors.org.uk



Christmas Fayre

Saturday November 25th 11am-1.30pm

St Paul's Church Centre, Covingham

Father Christmas will be arriving at 11.45am!
Seasonal fun for all the family including: Raffle, Win a Christmas Hamper, Tombola, Cake stall, Bric-a- brac, refreshments and much more!

The Tuesday cell group will be having a biscuit tombola at the Christmas Fete. They would appreciate donations of packets, tins or homemade, sweet or savoury biscuits. These can be given to Dianne L, Diane K, Maureen T. Ruby N. (Not to Barbara W as the temptation might just be too much) Thanking you in anticipation.

Items for the raffle including the hamper, books, nearly new, bric-a-brac, bottle stall and other tombolas also needed. Angela D.

Do you enjoy decorating the Christmas tree, would you like to decorate the one in St Pauls??

We are looking for volunteers to decorate the tree in time for Advent, if you are interested please contact me

Diane K. 336420

Future dates for the diary as at November 2017

Tuesday 21st November 2017

ECC meeting at St Timothy's Church

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Aldhelm's Hall
(Adjacent to the Rainbow Bookshop, Swindon centre)

Saturday 25th November

Christmas Fayre

11am-1.30pm, St Pauls, Church Centre

Wednesday 28th February 2018

Deanery Synod, 7pm at Tadpole farm, CEVA School

Sunday 29th April 2018

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 13th May 2018

Archdeacon's visitation to Swindon at St Paul's Church

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Deanery Synod, 7pm at St Paul's
with Linda Culling Principal Deanery Academy

Sunday 9th September 2018

Swindon Half Marathon

Thursday 8th November 2018

Deanery Synod, 7pm, Oliver Tomkins School

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 8th November** - Tel 695698
or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail