



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

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

HE who
promised
IS
faithful

Hebrews 10:23

Web edition due to Covid-19 6th. September 2020

SERVICES 6th. September 2020

St. Paul's

10.30 am Morning Service
Please note new time
Remember to register with Diane (Churchwarden) before attending. Rev. A. Wigley

[All our previous live streamed services can be found here on Facebook:](#)

St. Timothy's

10.30am NO service

St. Paul's

Thur. Private Prayer Pre-booking is no longer required.
09.30 am

**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.**

This Week - 6th. September

Our Morning Services at St. Paul's revert to the normal time of 10.30 am.

Hi all,

Well the leaves are starting to turn and autumn is just round the corner, and our Sunday services will now start at 10.30. Its been and continues to be a very interesting experience, thanks are extended to everyone who has led worship and all who have helped with welcoming. As we continue in the same vein, could you offer to assist with welcome please

You are still required to register for a service, please do email, or text me, you can always do a block booking. The reason for this are two fold, names have to be kept for 21 days as per government instructions, and if we go over 30 I need to open the screen, and it helps to be prepared.

Stay safe, God Bless

Diane

Diane.killick@hotmail.co.uk 07591763910

2020 Ride & Stride

I trust that this finds you safe and well, in these times that we face.

The organisers have decided that this years, Ride+Stride, will go ahead as planned on Saturday 12th September 2020, whilst observing applicable social distancing and hygiene precautions.

After some careful consideration, I have decided to participate again in this years event, and will visit as many churches as I can, (whilst observing Covid 19 protocols) as all charities have faced increased challenges for fundraising during Covid 19 restrictions.

Not everyone's circumstances will enable them to support events like this, and I fully understand some individuals will be facing their own challenges, but if you are in a position, to support me, and would like to, you can donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Davidson17>.

If you prefer not to use Just Giving then cheques made payable to Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, can be sent to 8 Hadrians Close, Swindon, SN3 4BE, if you choose to use this option then please clearly indicate whether you are able to gift aid your donation, and include your name initials, address and post code.

Sponsor declaration: If I have agreed to allow the box 'Gift Aid? v' to be ticked, I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

By giving my name and address I agree to the Ride+Stride Administrator holding this data. It will not be passed to any third party. I understand that a Privacy Notice is available on the WHCT website.

Thank you, and take care

John Davidson

Guidelines for entering the chapel for worship and private prayer.

As originally shared in the letter from Rev Stuart on 12th July 2020

Booking: Please do book your place for Sunday mornings with Diane Killick (07591 763910) so we can make sure that chairs are arranged appropriately, adhering to social distancing rules. We are still looking at 2m distancing where possible. Family units will be seated together

Entering the building: We need to register details of people who enter the building, so please do sign in as you arrive – there is a table just inside the door. These details are used under the government's track and trace system and will be destroyed if not needed after three weeks.

One-way system: please use the one-way system, as directed by a steward, which starts and ends at the main glass entrance door. You will be shown to a seat.

Toilets: the only toilet open will be the accessible access, non-gendered, facility. Please follow the one-way system to get to it! If children need to use the toilet, please would a parent accompany them.

Hand sanitisers: We have loads of the stuff! Please use it entering and leaving the building. If you use the toilet, please also use the sanitiser as you leave the chapel and as you re-enter the chapel.

Masks: we request that face coverings are worn in the chapel. The benefit of wearing one is for the protection of others in case we are infected and not showing symptoms, rather than for ourselves. The risk of transmission to another person if we are carrying Covid-19 is substantially reduced when we cover our faces, whether they are wearing a face mask or not. **Wearing a mask is a simple, yet literally lifegiving example of "loving thy neighbour".**

Booklets, bibles etc.: The service will be entirely on the screen, except for a small number of paper copies for those hard of sight which will need to be taken home with you. Please do bring Bibles with you, which should only be shared between family units. After-service refreshments: At this time this is not possible. Singing: At this time this is also not possible. If you have symptoms: if you have suspected symptoms or have had them in the previous 72 hours prior to attending church, please, please, please, do not attend, but let the ministers know. If you develop symptoms within 72 hours after visiting the church you should inform the churchwarden in the first instance so that others who may have attended at the same time, can be contacted. At this point the church building can be decontaminated, deep cleaned and will need to remain vacant for a further 72 hours. If you develop symptoms within 72 hours after visiting the church you should inform the churchwarden in the first instance so that others who may have attended at the same time, can be contacted. At this point the church building can be decontaminated, deep cleaned and will need to remain vacant for a further 72 hours.

Swindon Youth for Christ – intern

We are delighted to share that our very own Rob Friend will be 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.

Children and Young People

A big thank you to everyone for staying connected with our Children and Young people – Tiny Tots, Tea & Toast, Messy Church, Sparkles, Ignite and Vybe, Blaze kidz club, Youth group. Zoom meetings, telephone calls, on-line videos, craft resources and emails have abounded as the Dorcan teams have kept in touch – thank you!

It has been disappointing that the youngsters haven't been able to go on their Spree weekend this summer, yet the highlight of previous weekends has been "*Spree's got talent*" which this year went on-line. And guess what? Our very own James Boitz won! Well done James – amazing piano performance.

Our young people themselves have been doing some awesome things: sending cards to our local care homes and sheltered accommodation, delivering our regular letters to those not on-line, shopping for neighbours, helping us with our on-line services, and loads more. They are awesome and we're proud of them. Thank you!

Schools work

This has continued in a different way. Video assemblies have been recorded and sent, we are in contact with all the heads to support and pray for them. We have delivered "It's your move" through a video to all year 6's in our community, together with each of them receiving their book. The schools have greatly appreciated our support and prayers.

Our employees

Please continue to pray for our employees – Cheryl our centre manager, Jackie our church administrator and Zoe our cleaner. With enquiries beginning for some of our regular bookings who are looking to return, Cheryl will be returning from Furlough part time with effect from this week. Jackie and Zoe will remain on furlough as our financial position is not strong enough to bring them back at this time. Please pray for them.

Gift Day

You all will have received a letter from Finance Committee either by email or letter if you are not on-line. Please do prayerfully consider their letter. We thank you for your generosity and giving, especially during these tough times. On Sunday 26th July we will be celebrating and giving thanks for the Gift Day and our responses.

On-line Alpha course

In September we are looking to launch an on-line Alpha course for enquirers in partnership with Pattern Church. Please do consider who you might approach to invite to join this. With it being on-line some may feel more comfortable engaging in this way rather than in person so please do pray about who you know who may be interested. Perhaps if they are apprehensive you could join the course on-line with them?

This is a super opportunity to share the good news of the faith we have with others in our community. September is not that far away so please do give this your prayers and thoughts.

ECC

Your ECC has met via Zoom recently – our first ever on-line meeting! In the space of three weeks there were a number of important things that arose which needed to be presented to ECC so we took the decision to meet on-line - and it was the best attendance ever! Thank you to those on ECC for the mammoth meeting and this note shares the pertinent topics we discussed.

The pastoral teams – Church links, prayer team, practical help team, everyone!

You have all continued to keep in touch with each other, supporting each other whether practically or spiritually. This has been vital to keep us all feeling connected with each other. Thank you!

For the latest update from the ministry team
please see:

- The Church Website
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
- Church Facebook pages [Dorcan Church Noticeboard](#)

What's on next week.

Due to Covid-19

Most groups have been cancelled.
Contact your group leader for details

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email