



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

WITH *God* ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE.
MARK 10:27

SERVICES - 10th October 2021

St. Paul's

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

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Paul Tayler |
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Today Stephen Roe is at Stratton Methodist Church

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/stpaulsstimothysswindon/>

**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 - 17th October 2021 | | |
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| St. Paul's | | |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Rev. Trudie Wigley |
| St. Tim's | | |
| 10.30am | No Service | |

Instead of the advertised 8:45 and 10:30am services at St Paul's, this will now be one combined service at 10:30am (i.e. no 8:45am).
Thank you for your understanding

| What's on this Week | | |
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| Wednesday 13th Oct | 1-3 pm | Tiny Tots at St. Paul's |
| | 1.15 - 2.45pm | Tiny Tots at St. Tim's |
| | 7.30pm | Men's Fellowship - St. Paul's Snug |

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 its an opportunity to have a men's time to chat and get to know each other.

Paul

Harvest last week

A massive thank you to everyone for their Harvest offerings. Both the Food Collective and Women's Aid were delighted with our gifts which were what they needed to help those in need. There is still the opportunity to give financially to these two charities and this will then be passed to them. Thank you!

Covingham Park School Harvest Festival

Covingham Park Primary School will be visiting St Paul's for their Harvest Celebration again this year, but due to Covid restrictions, it will just be one service from approximately 9.30-10.15 on Tuesday 19th October, and no parents will be present. This means that they will not need refreshments this year.

However, it would be lovely to see some of the congregation there, especially (but not only) those who usually help with refreshments, but to comply with Safeguarding requirements please can you let me know if you hope to attend.

Thank you, *Stephen*

From the Finance Sub Committee

Below are the major amounts from the Church's 2021 accounts to 5th. October 2021. Although income from hall lettings is low we have been able to obtain some grants to help offset this. The accounts also benefit from receiving the Gift Aid Tax from the nine months of 2021. While the accounts are in reasonable shape 2022 is still uncertain. The Church needs to put aside sufficient designated funds for the eventual repairs to St. Paul's leaky roof and the replacement of St. Tim's aged boiler. We also have outstanding loan repayments of £10,500 which we took out to help the cash flow when paying for St. Paul's new boilers.

The committee requests your prayers as we work on preparing a budget for 2022

| Income | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Giving | 54,019.56 |
| Tax Recovered | 11,135.49 |
| Lettings | 12,715.12 |
| Grants | 22,372.53 |
| Other | 5,689.43 |
| Total | 105,932.03 |

| Expenditure | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Expenses | 2,460.48 |
| Parish Share | 38,250.00 |
| Methodist Assessment | 16,100.00 |
| Heat & Light | 3,940.84 |
| Admin. | 1,925.74 |
| Maintenance | 4,962.28 |
| Small Hall Floor | 3,984.67 |
| Boiler Loan Repayments | 2,525.00 |
| Other | 25,906.10 |
| Total | 100,055.11 |

Tony Prichard (Treasurer)

**Deanery Synod – Open meeting
Thursday 14th October 7 for 7:30pm
at Pattern Church, Penzance Drive.**

All are welcome and the theme will be Transforming Church. Together. We are joined by Archdeacon Christopher Bryan and will be looking at the step which have been taken following the engagement earlier this year. Do you remember those questions that we looked at in ECC, our small groups and individually back in February? They have now been collated and we will be looking at the vision and values which have emerged, exploring those further and starting to look at how they might inform our priorities going forward in the diocese and Swindon.

This is an opportunity to shape our mission and ministry in Swindon going forward and your voice needs to be heard. This is an open meeting so do come and invite others as well!

Trudie



**Coffee Morning
@ St Paul's Church
Tuesday Mornings
from 10.30 – 12 noon**

Come and support this
community outreach initiative.

**- TEA – COFFEE – CAKE - BISCUITS - JUICE
On Your Own? Like some company?
Come and get to know us !**

*Cid's Café is a Church in Dorcan
initiative serving the community*

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.

John Davidson, Church Warden

ECC secretary:

If you're thinking of exploring whether you could be our new ECC secretary and want to find out what it's about, then the diocese is providing a "find out more" Zoom session on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 11.00am. Sally Moody, Head of Governance and Property, will explore and unpack some of the key responsibilities of the role of PCC Secretary, she will provide a bit of an A-Z of the Church of England, exploring what some of the more intriguing and puzzling terms and practices might be! There will be a bit of time for Q&A so come with your burning questions for her.

If you would like the link please let Trudie know.

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.

Message from our Churchwarden – church notices and God’s church in Dorcan

The last set of Church notices that Anna will be collating will be for Sunday 24th October which is in 2 weeks’ time. Sadly, if we are unable to find someone to take on this important task, then, this will be the last notices until we do and communication will therefore be more of a challenge. Please would you consider whether this is something you might be able to undertake, to support the mission and ministry of this church? Anna will be first to say that it doesn’t have to be done the way she has done it, so it can be approached in any way that helps you, were you to consider taking this on. It may be that you prefer a simple sheet of notices – great! - or you might like playing around with fancy graphics and images – equally great! – it is a matter of what works for you. Please do consider if this is something you might be able to take forward. Thank you.

Please speak with John Davidson or Nathalie if this is something you’d like to explore.

I am conscious that we are constantly asking for help with all sorts of tasks, but we are a busy church, and we are the people God has tasked to be his church here in Dorcan, we need to be a team and help one another, none of us can do it all. I have said before there is no cavalry going to come and rescue us, it is here already,” you and me” , so please prayerfully consider whether you might be able to fill some of the vacancies that we have, Church Administrator (paid post) Church Council Secretary (voluntary) Church Notice collator/ administrator (voluntary). It is a fact that some things in the Church will stop or be paused until we have suitable people in place to fulfil these roles.

John Davidson

Gift for Jackie – our Administrator:

On Friday 22nd October Jackie will be retiring and leaving us. We will miss her greatly and she has supported us enormously over the last 6 years, streamlining our administration and supporting us in our mission and ministry.

We would like to give her a warm send off and if you would like to make a donation towards a gift then there is a basket today at St Paul's, or transfer electronically to the usual bank account with the reference "Jackie" or pop through Tony's door (1 Poltondale).

Thank you!

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 27th of November from 11am until 1.30pm with setting up from 6pm on the Friday evening. Donations of bottles, toiletries, cakes and books would be gratefully recieved and any offers of help on the day would be most welcome.

Angela

AND -I'm collecting soft toys ready for the Christmas Fayre, it's always a popular stall for young people. Please contact me if you have any that you would like to donate.

Brenda Fisher, 07799 393845.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As at October 2021

Thursday 14th October 2021

7.30pm Deanery Synod

21 October 2021

Engaging with Living in Love and Faith
Courses/discussion groups will take place across Swindon Deanery
including for 6 weeks from 21 October at 7.30pm at St Paul's.

Sunday 21st November 2021

4pm Ecumenical confirmation at Holy Trinity, Shaw Sunday

Saturday 11th December 2021

6.30pm St. Paul's Church

It's Panto time.....oh no its not.....oh yes it is

JACK & THE BEANSTALK

Tickets available soon £5 per person

8th May 2022

4pm Confirmations at the Dorcan Church St Paul's at 4pm

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 13th October** Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

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