



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



SERVICES - 12th December 2021 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

St. Paul's

8:45 am	Advent Communion	Revd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	All-Age worship (offering of toys)	Deacon Stephen Roe

St. Tim's

10.30am	All-Age worship (offering of toys)	Revd Stuart Fisher
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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/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.**

Thank You

Thank you for your gifts of toys to the Swindon Churches Toy Appeal. They will be taken after the services this morning to Gateway Church who are co-ordinating this appeal across the town. Thank you!

SERVICES - 19th December 2021 - 4th Sunday in Advent

St. Paul's

	No Morning Service	
6:00pm	Outside carol service <i>Bring torches!</i>	Revd Trudie Wigley Deacon Stephen Roe
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Carols and Communion	Revd Trudie Wigley Deacon Stephen Roe

Christmas services: please do take some flyers and give out to neighbours, friends and family inviting them to our services. We are needing to do things a little differently this year to give us some more space and ventilation, therefore we are taking bookings for 2 Christingles this year and having our carol service outside. Please do encourage those in your networks to join with us to hear the message at the heart of Christmas.

Christmas Offerings: At our Carol and Christingle services this year, our offerings will be going to the following two children's charities – The Children's Society and Action for Children. Thank you for your generosity as we support the ministry and mission of these two charities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY As at December 2021

Saturday 11th December 2021

6.30pm St. Paul's Church

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

DICK WHITTINGTON

Tickets available from Diane Killick

£5 per person

Sunday 23rd January 2022

Covenant Sunday

Communion services 10:30am at St Paul's and St Tim's

Sunday 6th March 2022

United morning worship at St Paul's 10:30am

We will be welcoming Deacon Karen McBride, Warden
of the Methodist Diaconate Order and
Deacon Ruth Richey, Deputy warden

Sunday 8th May 2022

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

What's on this week.

Tuesday 14th December	St Tim's	Prayer Group Meeting 10am - 12am
Wednesday 15th December	St Paul's St Tim's	Tiny Tots 1pm –3pm Tiny Tots 1.15pm— 2:45pm

A gift from our church family – thank you!

A member of the church family has been busy being creative and is blessing us with a Christmas gift as we leave our various services today. Their love and encouragement in making these gifts for us is appreciated and we shout out a massive THANK YOU to our secret angel in the Dorcan church!

Trudie's phone and voicemail all up and running! It's all finally sorted...phew! Thanks for your patience.

Christmas Fayre: Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Christmas Fayre, and a massive thank you to Angela and the team for organising it and making it happen!
We raised a wonderful £1267.25 which we are delighted and very much encouraged by.
Above all, it was good to be able to reconnect again with those in the community who came and it was a lovely atmosphere.
Thank you everyone!

Autumn Clean up

Can I say a big thank you to all who assisted last Saturday, clearing up leaves, cleaning gutters, and other maintenance tasks, your help is very much appreciated.

John Davidson

Christmas CDs

The Methodist Church has produced some Christmas CDs of carols, prayers, reflections and readings. They are made particularly with those in mind who will find it difficult to get out to services this year, for whatever reason. They are available in Church so please take one and pass it on to someone you know who would appreciate it.

Stephen



Hearts for the community

Instead of angels this year we are going to make hearts for the community.

The Church of England theme this year is “The Heart of Christmas” so hearts would be very apt. They can be made in any media i.e. knitting, sewing, or natural materials and can be painted or decorated. All that needs to be uniform is that they have ribbon or twine attached to them to be hung on a Christmas tree.

They need to be approximately 6 – 8cm in size and if anyone would like a template Mari has kindly cut some for people to use. They will be available at St Pauls.

The hearts will be put around the Estates on the 19th December so hearts need to be ready by Wednesday 16th December please to allow time for tags to be attached.

If you need any further details, please contact Deb.
debmulcock@gmail.com

Many thanks for your support
Deb

Book Aid

Book Aid is a charity which collects and distributes Christian books to areas of the world where they are in short supply, primarily countries in Africa. There are **collection** points around the UK where the books are kept ready to be transported to warehouses, before being sorted and shipped overseas. The collector in Swindon recently had to stop doing this, and so the charity is looking for a volunteer who is willing to take this on and has a suitable storage space, e.g. an empty garage or a spare room.

Please speak to Deacon Stephen Roe if you would like to know

Toy Service

As you know, our Toy Services is this week, 12 December, at both St Tim's and St Paul's. The toys will be donated to the Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal once again this year, which is being coordinated by the Gateway Church. They would be very grateful indeed for donations of **new toys** which will be delivered to local families in need. Please bring your gifts to Church next Sunday. You are requested not to wrap them, but donations of wrapping paper are welcome. For more details and suggestions of suitable gifts,

See [Christmas Toy Appeal - Gateway Church Swindon](#)

At the end of the services, we need someone to take the toys over to the Gateway Church. Please see Stephen, Trudie or Stuart if you can offer to do this.

Prayer Chain

We have a 'Prayer Chain' in order to pray for particular needs among our people. This is coordinated by Cathy Scott, who receives the requests for prayer and circulates them to those on the Prayer Chain. Please tell Cathy if you would like prayer for a particular situation, but please ensure that anyone named or who might be identified in your request has your permission before sending it to Cathy. Please also let Cathy know if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain and receive requests for prayer. Cathy's contact details are : catherinescott160@gmail.com or 01793 346507.

ECO Tip 4

Vest and blankets– Heating bills aren't far from the news, and prices are going up. Could you turn your thermostat down by 1 or 2 degrees to save some money as well as reducing emissions associated with power generation You may find you don't even notice the change. Heating a small area is more efficient so shutting doors, blankets and not to mention vests can all help! I'm well aware we all know this, but lets face it a reminder is often useful.

Tea light sorting!

We have an assortment of battery operated tea-lights that need checking for whether they are working, and some new ones which need the fiddly little batteries putting in them.

Is there anyone who might be willing to sort them out for us please ready for our Christmas services? If so, please let John know and they can be ready to take away this Sunday for some TLC.

Thank you!

Trudie

On-line Booking system

We are in the final stages of upgrading our on-line booking system for users of St. Paul's and St. Timothy's.

There is a test version available at: [St Paul's Church & Community Centre \(staging-lemonbooking.com\)](http://st-pauls-church-and-community-centre-staging-lemonbooking.com)

Your existing log-in will work on the upgrade site but for the test site you may need to create a new one so please have a look and make a trial booking. (It won't be actioned and will be deleted once the site goes live).

.Any problems or queries the please contact hall.bookings@dorcanchurch.org.uk.

Regards

Tony Prichard

Scout stamps

Scout stamps on sale after the morning services, and by calling 01793 336420.

Cost 30pence, and cards delivered to Swindon and surrounding areas. Post box will be located in the foyer at St Pauls. Last date for posting December 13

Many thanks

Diane

A poem by Revd Cara Smart which was one of ten winning poems in Manchester Cathedral's 600th Anniversary poetry competition

Wasting time with you, God

They tell me not to waste my time but, I dunno, I kinda like wasting time with you, God,
as we sit and listen to one another, lighting a candle for a prayer.
You do more of the listening than I do, but I think that's probably ok,
and we wait awhile, watching until the flame on the candles die out,
watching and waiting as each one represents the life of a loved one,
someone you know more than I do,
but now I get to join in with that holy watching and waiting and grieving,
and I can't really find the words to express what a privilege this is so instead,
instead, I wait with you, praying and watching the flame flicker,
praying for a life that was and the family and friends that are.
For the people who wanted to hide their grief from me, the same way I, of course, hide mine from them.
Though I can't really hide it from you, God, can I, as we sit and waste the morning together.
The flames flicker and slowly, one by one their final prayer rises and so do I.
Thanks for wasting time with me this morning, I'm so glad we did this together,
'cos I can't do this on my own.
But you already know that, don't you.

Christmas Quiz

1. Where exactly was Jesus born
2. According to Luke on the night of Jesus' birth by whom was he visited?
3. The Magi brought gifts for the baby Jesus. These were Gold, Frankincense and what other?
4. How many days after his birth did the Magi visit Jesus?

Answers at the bottom of page 11

Colouring page for
children of all ages





**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*

Date for your diary
Saturday December 11th
St Pauls Church 6.30pm

It's Panto time.....

Jack and the Beanstalk performed at St
Pauls.....

oh no its not.....

IT'S DICK WHITTINGTON

Apologies if you were expecting the giant, and fe fi fo
thumb, but its the Cat and Dick



Tickets available from Diane Killick .
and the church office when open

£5 per person

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 14th December** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

These notices are also available on-line at www.dorcanchurch.org.uk/latest_notices
Previous editions are also available at: [Dorcan Church Weekly Notices](#)



You will have noticed we no longer pass the offering basket round.

Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to make your offering instead.