



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



**SERVICES - 17th October 2021**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev. Trudie Wigley
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**St. Tim's**

10.30am	No Service	
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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.

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.**

Today we are joined by Jackie Hancock, our Administrator, to whom we will be saying “goodbye” as she retires and leaves her role with us. We will miss her and this is our opportunity to thank her for her support over the past 6 years.

### SERVICES - 24th October 2021

#### St. Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Stephen Roe
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#### St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Trudie Wigley
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### What's on this week.

<b>Tuesday 19th October</b>	9.30 - 10.15am	Covingham Park Primary School visits St. Paul's for Harvest Celebration
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<b>Wednesday 20th Oct.</b>	1-3pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's
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	1.15 - 2.45	Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
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**Men's Fellowship** has now restarted at 7.30pm at St Paul's in the snug. Next meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> October and thereafter on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Taylor*

*Paul*

## **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*

## **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 received 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.*

**Our thanks for two amazing people.**

**A MASSIVE thank you to Anna Newman!**

After 17 years of collated and produced our weekly newssheet, Anna has now decided that it is time to past 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*

*Gift for Jackie - 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!*

**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, Churchwarden*

**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](http://www.dorcan.org.uk), look on our Facebook page (Dorcan Church Notice Board).

Or contact Revd. Trudie Wigley [rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk](mailto: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*



**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***

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 20th October** Tel 695698  
or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email**