



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



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

St. Paul's

10:30am	No morning service	
6:00pm	Outside carol service <i>Please bring a torch and a deck chair., although some chairs will be available. Please park at the mini mart</i>	Revd Trudie Wigley Deacon Stephen Roe

St. Tim's

10.30am	Carols and Communion	Revd Trudie Wigley Deacon Stephen Roe
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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.**

SERVICES		
St. Paul's		
Friday 24th Christmas Eve		
3:00pm / 4:30pm	Christingle Celebration (Please book for either service)	Revd Trudie Wigley Revd Stuart Fisher
11:30pm	Midnight Mass	Revd Stuart Fisher
Saturday 25th Christmas Day 10:00am (Please note the time)	All-age Christmas Communion	Revd Trudie Wigley
Sunday 26th December	First Sunday of Christmas	
10:30am	Christmas Communion Reflecting on Loss and Hope	Revd Stuart Fisher
Sunday 2nd January 2022	United Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
10:30am		
St Tim's	No Services	

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.

There is also an opportunity to give electronically to these causes through our usual church account, with the "Christmas offering". Thank you for your generosity as we support the ministry and mission of these two charities.

What's on this week.

**Tuesday 21st
December**

St Tim's

Prayer Group Meeting
10am - 12am

**Will resume on
Wednesday 5th
January 2022**

St Paul's

Tiny Tots 1pm –3pm

St Tim's

Tiny Tots 1.15pm—
2:45pm

Covid Measures – Plan B – update on practice at Dorcan Church

We all share the ongoing frustrations and concerns over Covid, and the latest news this week regarding the new variant and the implementation of Plan B were not welcome. Standing Committee met this past week and reviewed our procedures and Christmas services and as we were already being prudent in our practice there are only a few changes. Standing committee would like to highlight and share the following:

Practicalities when gathering

The wearing of masks is now a legal requirement unless exempt per government guidelines. Please do therefore wear masks, including when singing;

Doors to the outside will be open in both centres for ventilation as good air flow is a significant mitigator in the transmission of covid. We do realise that this means that heated warm air will flow out of our building and it may be a little more breezy, therefore you may wish to bring an extra jumper and your favourite blanket for your knees!

At St Paul's the screens will be opened once more and rows of chairs spaced out into the hall. The printed x and O signs will be available for you to place next to you to indicate whether you are happy or not for people to sit next to you;

At St Tim's, some chairs will be removed to aid distancing, with a maximum of 40 people in the chapel;

In both centres signing in and/or QR codes will continue to be used

Christmas services

We are continuing with our planned services. We are able to do this as we were already being prudent in moving our carol service outside and offering two, number limited, Christingle services.

Our employees – Jenny and Maggie

Maggie, our Church administrator, will continue to be in the office for her usual hours. Jenny, our centre manager, will be working elsewhere for some of the week and there will no longer be any overlap where they are both in the office. If you come into the centre to see them, we ask that you wear a mask, knock on the office door and wait to be either invited in, or asked by them to meet in a more open space.

Thank you for your understanding as we look to take more precautions to keep us all safe. This is an unwelcome move, yet one that we take in our calling to be responsible to one another and to love one another. Thank you church family.

(See next page for Church office hours)

Church Office Hours over the Christmas and New Year Period.

Wednesday 15 th December:	09.00 - 13.00	Maggie Johnson, Church Administrator
Thursday 16 th December:	10.30 - 12.00	Jenny Hatter, Centre Operations Manager.
Friday 17 th December:	09.00 - 13.00	Maggie Johnson, Church Administrator.
Monday 20 th December:	09.30 - 12.30	Jenny Hatter,
Tuesday 21 st December:	09.00 - 13.00	Maggie Johnson,
Wednesday 22 nd December:	09.00 - 13.00	Maggie Johnson,
Thursday 23 rd December until Monday 3 rd January: Office Closed.		
Tuesday 4 th January:	09.00 - 13.00	Maggie Johnson,
Wednesday 5 th January:	09.00 - 13.00	Maggie Johnson,
Thursday 6 th January:	10.30 - 12.00	Jenny Hatter,
Friday 7 th January:	09.00 - 13.00	Maggie Johnson,

Outside of these hours:

Please contact Maggie by emailing dorcan.church.office@gmail.com or by leaving a voice-mail on 01793 435987.

Please contact Jenny by emailing hall.bookings@dorcanchurch.org.uk or by leaving a voice-mail on 07939 939893.

Please note: Jenny is able to complete some of her work remotely, so she works some additional hours to the above, either elsewhere or from home. However, Maggie, of necessity, is currently continuing to work all her hours in the office.

(Notice from Pete Mulcock)

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 Roe

Christmas Booklets

Thank you so much to Jenny/Coleen's Monday cell group for the Christmas booklets for the Y4 children. This was such a kind gesture again in lieu of Christmas Unwrapped not taking place again this year. They have now been delivered to all the Primary schools in the parish.

Please pray that they will be received and read by the children and parents and help them understand the real meaning of Christmas.

Sue Morgans and Jo Bush

Live Streaming of Services

Please note: There will be no Live streaming of services on the following dates:

Sunday 19th December

Friday 24th December—Midnight Mass

Sunday 26th December—First Sunday of Christmas

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There will be no notices week commencing 27th December. Can I ask that you send your notices in for the next two weeks by Tuesday 21st December 2021

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 Tel: 01793 346507.

ECO Tip 4

Advent 4/Christmas –

It's almost feasting time! Feasts generally mean leftovers so now would be a good time to eat down the random stuff in your freezer to make space for the leftovers. Ice cream and frozen peas anyone?! You can actually use jam jars to freeze stuff in if you need – just don't fill them more than 2/3rds full and leave the lid off until frozen.

Cid's Café

will not be open on the 21st or 28th December as we are closed for the Christmas period and will open again on 4th January 2022 at 10.30am. (See page 10)

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 did Mary and Joseph live before Jesus was born
2. What was Joseph's job?
3. Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to the city of David?
4. Why did Mary and Joseph have to stay at the stable?

Answers at the bottom of page 10

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*

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NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 21st 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.