



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

*"The LORD BLESS you and KEEP you;
the LORD make his face SHINE on you
and be GRACIOUS to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you PEACE."
NUMBERS 6:24-26*

**Sunday 24th January 2021
3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

Online 10.30am. Morning Worship. Mary Boitz

The service will be streamed live from St. Paul's and posted on the Facebook page "Dorcan Church Notice Board" which you can find at:
<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssttimothysswindon/>

Online 11.30am After service coffee on Zoom
Link will be posted on the closed Facebook page

**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.**

Sunday 31st January 2021

Online

10.30am. Morning Worship. Revd Trudie Wigley and Paul Tayler

Web address for all our services

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssttimothysswindon/videos/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 28th

9:30-10:30am St Paul's open for private prayer
10am Clergy Chapter

Friday 29th

9:30am Licensing of Trudie as Area Dean

Pausing of in person services:

Copy of announcement on email and Facebook

Dear Brothers and Sisters

This is to share, that in consultation and with many voices of support from ECC, Standing committee unanimously voted to pause worship in the two centres at the current time. In the meantime we will go back online only, with the minister leading worship taking the decision to either live-stream from the churches with a small tech team, or post pre-recorded material. We will assess this again following the government's review expected the week commencing 15th February – school half term holiday week.

This decision was made with a heavy heart. However, we feel this is the right thing for many reasons, including in recognition of supporting the “stay at home” message which the rest of the country is being lawfully asked to live by, in solidarity with our community and with an eye on the statistics which show East Swindon in a particularly serious situation.

We are however opening St Paul's for private prayer on Thursdays between 9:30-10:30am. There will be one steward and one clergy in attendance at these times. Of course, we will need to abide by strict Covid guidelines and there can be no catching up or chatting with others who also may attend – whether inside or outside the building – yet we pray that this will be a support to those who wish to come and find comfort and strength from being in the worship sanctuary.

Another consequence of this latest lock-down is that, just as bookings were picking up, which enabled us to meet staff wages, our income from hirings has reduced again. It is therefore with sadness that we will be part-time furloughing our three paid staff. This was another difficult decision, particularly as they have been so flexible and supportive, yet we feel that, to safeguard their future jobs as much as possible, we need to take advantage of the Government Job Retention scheme. They will still be working, but on reduced hours to cover the work that will still need doing. Please do keep Cheryl, Jackie and Zoe in your prayers – we thank God for them and all they do and recognise that this is not easy for them either.

Whilst we may feel that “we’re back here again” in this pandemic, there are many things that have changed that give hope. Not least that two vaccines are being rolled out rapidly and the light is beginning to burn stronger. In the meantime, we know that we probably have the toughest time yet ahead of us until the Spring.

May we find comfort and strength in our Lord who is the light of the world, and in the love and kindness of each other.

You are in my prayers, and I hold you in love.

Revd Trudie Wigley

Thank you LINK team: keeping in contact: The work of our link brothers and sisters is invaluable in keeping us all connected, especially as we continue to face Covid. **On behalf of the whole of Dorcan church we send you a big THANK YOU to our church links** for all that you have done, and continue to do, especially in this third lock-down.

In these winter months and in the prolonged journey we are having with Covid, it is more vital than ever to stay connected. Therefore, whether you are a link person or not, do pick up the phone to some of the church family and those we know in our community to touch base and have a natter. Perhaps make contact with someone you wouldn’t usually phone and get to know them? A call can help us not feel so alone, can lift our spirits and is a practical ways of loving others as ourselves.

Thank you for being a caring and loving church. We can’t wait for this to be over, yet we realistically know there is some way to go, yet we go forward together. If you would like to speak with one of the clergy or ministry team then please do phone – we are always here for you. Our details are on our website or phone Trudie on 01793 326128 and we can be in touch.

God bless you all.

Trudie

“Transforming Church”

Transforming Church is the name of the process to discern the next vision and priorities for the Bristol Diocese. We are about to embark on a twelve-month review of our vision and priorities, seeking what Christ is calling us to be and to do in the coming years as his church. Central to this process is wide engagement with those both inside and outside the church, and listening to lots of different people - communities, congregations, clergy, lay ministers and church leaders.

Here at Dorcan we have a part to play in this and more details will be shared of what this might look like in due course. In the meantime, do take a look at +Viv’s video introducing “Transforming Church” and her hopes. You can find it here:

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/visionandpriorities/transformingchurch/>

Please do pray for our senior leaders as they take this focus forward, and for wide engagement with this over the coming year.

Trudie’s Licensing as Area Dean

Thank you for your words and emails of encouragement in my new role which I started at the beginning of this year. This is alongside my ministry at Dorcan and as part of this Jackie is helping me with the administration (there’s always paperwork!) and her additional hours are funded by the diocese. I thank Jackie and everyone at Dorcan who are enabling me to take on this broader role across the town of Swindon.

My formal licensing is not until Friday 29th January at 9:30am. This will be via Zoom and if you would like to join this, please either email me or look out for the link on the closed Dorcan Church Facebook page. With thanks. *Trudie*

From the Finance Sub Committee

Below are some figures extracted from the 2020 accounts for you information. These figures are part of the Finance Sub Committee's commitment to keeping our congregation informed. We plan to provide a monthly update.

Income		Expenditure	
Giving	£94,251	Worship expenses	£2,169
Lettings	£20,610	Parish Share	£51,000
Grants	£22,550	Meth. Assessment	£21,260
Other	£6,926	Heat & Light	£5,352
		Admin	£2,667
		Maintenance	£4,074
		Boiler	£24,703
		Other	£39,277
Totals	£144,337		£150,503

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All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Wednesday 27th January
Tel: 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.
Please let me know if any others would like to receive notices by email.