



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



## SERVICES - 26th September 2021

### St. Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev. Stuart Fisher
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### St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Trudie Wigley
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This week Stephen is at Stratton.

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/stpaulssttimothysswindon/>

**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.**

<b>SERVICES - 3rd. October 2021</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
10.30am	United Harvest Service	Deacon Stephen Roe With Rev. Trudie Wigley
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	No Service	

**Clare, the cleaner for our Centres, is taking leave** for the next two weeks. If anybody is willing to offer a couple of hours (or more) cleaning during this period, especially in the evening, then please contact Pete Mulcock on pmulcock1@ gmail.com or 07958 448249. He would be delighted to hear from you!

Many Thanks,

*Pete Mulcock*

**What's on this week**

**Tiny Tots -**

Both St. Paul's and Liden Tiny Tots are up and running but will be breaking for half term on 27th October.

**Worship Update**

Dear Friends, after robust discussion, the Dorcan Church Standing Committee have agreed the following:

**Masks**

We would ask you to continue in the wearing of face coverings for the protection of one another please, but realise that this is still a very uncomfortable thing for some people to do for various reasons; so please bear with one another. Also, we will continue to sing behind masks, as we have been doing.

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## **Refreshments**

We are going to restart with refreshments after Sunday services, and this means that we will need volunteers to prepare, serve, and tidy up. In St Paul's, this will also require the moving of chairs into the hall so that we can gather with more space and ventilation. At St Paul's, Colleen Wiseman has volunteered to co-ordinate a rota so please could you give your name to her or John Davidson or Nathalie Marshall if you are willing and able to be on the refreshments team, in any capacity. The more people we have the easier the task will be. Church groups using the buildings are also welcome to share refreshments, but are asked to be mindful of appropriate precautions. At St Tim's please let Sarah or Brenda or Anne know how you can help.

## **Communion**

Whilst in the Church of England we are now able to share the common cup for wine, we are not currently looking to re-commence this practice at Dorcan, and indeed very few churches are doing so. Church of England canon law, under which Trudie and Stuart exercise their ministry, means that it is not currently admissible for the congregation to receive wine in individual cups. However, going forward we are looking at the possibility of offering an intincted wafer (dipped in the wine) so that we may offer communion in both kinds, which is permitted. Provision will be made for those who take gluten-free wafers so that there is no trace of gluten in the wine into which their wafers may be dipped. On the occasions we have a visiting Methodist presbyter, they may be offered the use of the individual cups, which is the usual Methodist practice and has now been allowed to re-commence.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate a way through living with Covid and the requirements of our two denominations, which is a significant part of who we are.

*Standing Committee*

**Engaging with Living in Love and Faith.  
Will you be part of the conversation?**

Living in Love and Faith sets out to inspire people to think more deeply about what it means to be human and to live in love and faith with one another.



**LIVING  
IN LOVE  
& FAITH**

We hope you will be able to sign up to the course and engage in this very important moment in the life of the Church of England. We will be running courses at the following times and places (subject to numbers signing up to each)

Day	Time	Venue	Start Date
Monday	7.30-9pm	St John's Haydon Wick	4th October
Wednesday	1.30 - 3pm	St Peter's Penhill	6th October
Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Wroughton and Wichelstowe Church Hall	12th October
Wednesday	7.30 - 9pm	Via zoom	13th October
Thursday	7.30 - 9pm	St.Pauls, Dorcan (Small hall)	21st October
Friday	10- 11.30am	On zoom	22nd October
Monday	1.30-3pm	St John's Parks & Walcot	25th October

It is expected that you will meet together with a facilitator and about 4 other people for 90 minutes each session weekly over 6 weeks. To join a course please contact David Caine - 07774 150426 or email [TwelveTwentyFive@msn.com](mailto:TwelveTwentyFive@msn.com) and tell him your name, church, and 1st and 2nd preference courses. Also let him know if you would prefer to join a course in the new year instead.

Trained facilitators will lead these courses and Ordained clergy will not, for the most part, be engaging with their own church members on these courses.

## Harvest - 3rd October 2021

We shall be celebrating Harvest as a church together on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in our united service, 10:30am St Paul's. This year we are suggesting our offering go to two places, each with a different need as below:

**Swindon Collective:** The Food Collective express that they are always

grateful to accept food donations, however at the current time they are fortunate enough to receive extra donation from supermarkets which is meeting the present need for food. There is therefore a change in emphasis in what they are requesting this Harvest as they are asking for support with household products and toiletries etc.

Many of the families they support find these items too expensive to purchase, yet they are important things to keep families safe and well. They are particularly looking for the following cleaning cloths, anti-bacterial wipes, laundry pods/power/liquid, household cleaners, surface cleaners, laundry Conditioner, Wash & Go 2in shampoo/conditioner, soap, shower gel (male & female), deodorant (male & female), toilet rolls, toothpaste & toothbrushes

**Women's Aid:** They have expressed that they are always in need of fresh veg and fruit, and the children who are with their mums in the refuge regularly ask for them. Donations focused on veg and fruit would make a vast difference to maintaining a balanced and healthy diet whilst families are building a new start with the support of the refuge.

As we give thanks to God for all that he has given us, we express this gratitude in our generosity to others so thank you for your offering that will support the work for these two charities. There will also be the opportunity to make a monetary offering which will be shared between them.

*Trudie*

## **Our thanks for two amazing people**

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

After 17 years of collating and producing our weekly newsheet, Anna has now decided that it is time to pass on the baton into a new season and her last newsletter will be for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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*

## **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.

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*John Davidson - Church Waarden*

## 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.



**SUPPORT THE FAMILY & ELDERLY  
SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021**



Church Family - it's  
that time of year again

**The Link to Hope  
appeal has started.**

There is a box with pamphlets bin the rack by the Notice Board at St. Paul's; there will also be some knitted hats and gloves under the table at St. Paul's, and I have been given a donation of 3 dozen children's tooth brushes. If you need any for your box, please let me know. The closing date this year is 6th November; I will publish details nearer the time. Thank you for all your past involvement - lets hope for another good year.  
Thank you. Paul Tayler



**"coming soon to  
a Church near you"**

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 29th September** 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**