



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



SERVICES -		
St. Paul's Friday 24th December 2021 - Christmas Eve		
3:00pm	Christingle Celebration	Revd Trudie Wigley
4:30pm	Christingle Celebration	Revd Stuart Fisher
11:30pm	Midnight Mass	Revd Stuart Fisher
	Saturday 25th December	Christmas Day
10:00am	All-age Christmas Communion Note the time	Revd Trudie Wigley
26th December 2021—1st Sunday of Christmas		
10.30am	Christmas Communion Reflecting on Loss and Hope	Revd Stuart Fisher

**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— Sunday 2nd January 2022 Epiphany

St. Paul's

10:30am

On-Line ONLY

United Morning Worship

Deacon Stephen Roe

**Sunday 2nd January 2022 –
No gathered service – **live-stream only**:**

With the latest numbers surrounding Omicron as we write, we have been looking ahead to our service on 2nd January. It looks increasingly likely that some restrictions may now be considered after Christmas, but to date we do not know the extent of what they might be. A number of those who need to react to any changes to keep us all as safe as possible, are taking rest between Christmas and new year, and there will inevitably be the usual time lag in guidance for our respective denominations. Therefore for Sunday 2nd January only we are pausing

Live-streaming St. Paul's Service on the Facebook Page
"Dorcan Church Notice Board"
which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindon/>

in person worship. A live service will be streamed from St Paul's on our usual Facebook page

This is not an easy or welcome decision, but it does provide a helpful pause to enable us to re-group and re-charge and look ahead to the following week and beyond. Thank you for your support and for your understanding.

Ministers and Wardens

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.

New dates to follow	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

Christmas greetings from the Ministers

We would like to wish everyone a blessed and Happy
Christmas.

The last two years have not been easy, yet we give thanks for this
Church family.

Thank you for your support, and all that you do in the
Dorcan Church, the community and your work places as we reach
out to others
and share the Good news of Jesus.

Thank you too for your kind cards of good wishes.
Whilst this may be another different Christmas for many of us,
we do pray for a peaceful Christmas for you, your family and
friends,
as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.
Emmanuel – God is with us!
#TheHeartOfChristmas

Happy Christmas!

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 other 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

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 5

New year Epiphany –

How often do we go for the digital version of something to “save the planet”? Email over cards and letters. Streaming music over CD's. Emailed receipts rather than printed. Sadly, even all of this has an environmental cost. We talk about “cloud storage” for our Hotmail, Netflix and Spotify, but that doesn't mean it's all in the ether and impact free. “The cloud” just means the computers holding all the data aren't here, but somewhere else we can't see them. These computers still need power. Lots of power. We can reduce this power requirement by reducing the storage requirement. We all (yes me too!) need to get much better at clearing down our old emails, Google drive, iCloud and all these other online storage locations. Not that they shouldn't be used – not at all – but just that we need to clear the rubbish and throw it away, just like the loft or garage!

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)

Old mobile phones and laptops for Sachibondu

Stratton Methodist Church has some strong links with a mission community in Sachibondu, North West Zambia. Jon & Becks Burston moved there to work in the community about 4 years ago (Jon is Liz Pearce's brother). They have worked with and helped raise funds for the school and hospital as well as supporting the church and helping to spread the good news to members of the community, especially the young people. During a recent presentation at Stratton they said that old mobile phones and laptops would be of huge benefit to the community there, especially for the nurses and staff of the Health Centre. Please see Sue Morgans or Stephen Roe if you have any you can donate.

**We
Wish you
And your family
and all whom you love
A very Merry Christmas and
A Peaceful and Happy New Year**

From the Notices Team



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

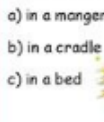
Choose the correct answers.

1 Where did Mary and Joseph have to sleep?



- a) in a house
- b) in a stable
- c) in a castle

2 Where did the baby Jesus sleep?



- a) in a manger
- b) in a cradle
- c) in a bed

3 What did the wise men follow?



- a) a cart
- b) a shepherd
- c) a star

4 What was Joseph's job?



- a) a shepherd
- b) a carpenter
- c) a king

5 What place did Joseph and Mary go to?

- a) Nazareth
- b) Jerusalem
- c) Bethlehem

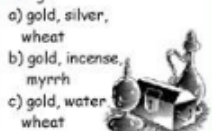


6 Did Joseph and Mary see an angel?



- a) yes
- b) no
- c) maybe

7 What did the wise men bring?



- a) gold, silver, wheat
- b) gold, incense, myrrh
- c) gold, water, wheat

8 What was the evil king's name?



- a) Augustus
- b) Caesar
- c) Herod

9 What colour is Santa's suit?



- a) red
- b) green
- c) white

10 What is Santa's lead reindeer called?



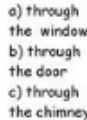
- a) Vixen
- b) Rudolph
- c) Donner

11 What night does Santa come?

- a) 24 December
- b) 25 December
- c) 26 December



12 How does Santa get into the house?



- a) through the window
- b) through the door
- c) through the chimney

13 What does Santa carry the toys in?

- a) in a sack
- b) in a box
- c) in a pocket



14 What do children hang up for Santa to put the toys in?



- a) a coat
- b) a bag
- c) a stocking

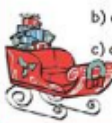
15 Who helps Santa to make toys at the North Pole?

- a) reindeer
- b) elves
- c) witches



16 What do reindeer pull?

- a) a sleigh
- b) a cart
- c) a boat



17 What bird is cooked for Christmas dinner?

- a) duck
- b) chicken
- c) turkey



18 Where are the presents kept before opening them?

- a) in the window
- b) under the tree
- c) behind the door



19 What is hung outside on the door?

- a) a wreath
- b) a bell
- c) a star



20 What kind of songs are sung?

- a) carols
- b) pop songs
- c) gospels



21 Before electricity, these were put on the trees.

- a) lamps
- b) torches
- c) candles



22 What is common four-letter abbreviation of Christmas?

- a) Ymas
- b) Wmas
- c) Xmas



23 What kind of calendar is opened by children leading up to Christmas?

- a) Advent
- b) Year
- c) Month



24 What's a popular Christmas dessert?

- a) chocolate
- b) pancake
- c) pudding





**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*

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. If you haven't 'popped' in yet, why not make it a New Year resolution to come and have fellowship, or, invite a friend to 'come and see' with you - it's a biblical imperative. With many thanks to all who have supported this initiative and to those of you yet to call in; wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas from Stuart and the 'Team'.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 4th January 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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