



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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

NOW  
*Faith* IS BEING SURE  
OF WHAT WE *HOPE* FOR  
*and* WE **CERTAIN** OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE  
HEBREWS 11:1

## SERVICES

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November** 10.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent

Rev'd Trudie Wigley

The service will be posted as live on the Facebook page "Dorcan Church Notice Board" which you can find at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssttimothyswindon/>

At 11:30am we will be hosting after service coffee and chat on Zoom. Link will be posted on the closed Facebook group.

**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.**

NEXT SUNDAY

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am**

Christ the King

Revd Stuart Fisher

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Heavenly Lord,  
You long for the World's salvation:  
Stir us from apathy,  
Restrain us from excess  
And revive in us new hope  
That all creation will one day be healed  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

***Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November***

**Private Prayer at St Paul's Church.**

St Paul's chapel will be open for Private prayers on Thursday mornings from 9.45 to 11.30 am and will continue until Christmas.

**Link to hope.** The final number of boxes is -:

Dorcan Church St Paul's & St Timothy's	55
Christ Church Children's Sunday Club	40
Other Receipts From Gloucester	8
Total Boxes	<u>103</u>
Monetary Donations	£ 26.80
	£ 312.00
Total Money sent	<u>£ 338.80</u>

May I again say thank you all for this grand total  
Especially during this Covid situation.

**Paul Tayler.**

**Prayer for the nation – 6pm each night:**

A separate email has been sent detailing an invitation to be part of a wave of prayer at 6pm each night, praying for this nation during this second lockdown. This is a call to prayer from the Archbishops in the church of England who remind us that our primary vocation as the Church of Jesus Christ is to pray and to serve. Look out for the separate email which includes more background and some resources with daily themes to support us as we pray. Will you join me as we pray for this nation?

## **This second period of Lockdown:**

The announcement of another period of lock-down is hard, very hard indeed, even though many of us can appreciate why it is necessary. We may be feeling anxious, angry, sad, scared, and a range of other emotions which is not surprising. Of great sadness is that the government has asked for places of worship to close except under exceptional circumstances.

In this current time, therefore, the Sunday of 5<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November we will therefore be meeting "on-line" and worship will be streamed at 10:30am on our Dorcan Church Notice Board Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssttimothysswindon/> ).

If you are able to, do join with us as we continue to worship God, remembering that he holds us and strengthens us. Just like the last lockdown, we still remain God's church, shining as lights of hope in our community, and looking after one another in love.

Please do watch out on the Facebook page, email distribution list and, if off-line, for the papers through your door, for more information and developments as there is more to share.

In the meantime, my prayers are with you and please do contact your links, me, Stuart or Andrew, and any of the ministry team if you need to talk or would like support. With my love, as always.

**Trudie**

**Church Link Team:**

**Thank you!** A big thank you to all of you who are part of the Church Link team. Your love and support in keeping in contact with those you are linked with is invaluable in these strange times, especially in this second lock down. This is church living out its life in fellowship and love with others. THANK YOU!

**Could you be a link?** We are conscious that there are some people who currently do not have a link, and also the lists for some of our link people are getting rather long! Please would you consider whether you might be a link person? If so then Barbara Wilcox, our link co-ordinator, would love to hear from you and can share more about the role. This is an important part of our care as a church family so please do give this your thought and prayer, and contact Barbara with any questions – and offers!

## **Church Rotas**

We hope to be in a position soon(after lockdown) to produce a church Rota, to try and restore a little reality, in these challenging times.

If you are willing and able to do a reading or the Prayers of Intercession at the normal 10.30 Service at St Paul's, would you please contact Sandra by email [smarshall28@ntlworld.com](mailto:smarshall28@ntlworld.com). and if you are willing and able to help with church cleaning email Colleen [colleensmay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colleensmay@yahoo.co.uk)

John Davidson

## **Local Ecumenical Partnership Listening Process – your views are requested!**

Last month we received correspondence from ecumenical officers and senior staff on behalf of the URC, Methodist, Baptist and Anglican churches inviting us to take part in a listening process for all Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnerships (SCLEPs) across the Bristol-Swindon area. Dorcan Church is an SCLEP as neither of the two churches are designated or authorised as only Methodist or only Anglican, and instead we hold Methodist and Anglican services in either church which makes us a Single Congregation LEP.

The correspondence shares that over the years, resources, commitment and understanding of ecumenical work has reduced and sometimes the sponsoring denominations have not been good at listening to the experience of LEPs. This is repeated across the country and this listening process is therefore to try and discern a shared vision and path forward for LEPs, including exploring the resources, structures and commitment necessary to enable them to thrive.

The listening process comprises a number of questions and as a church we are being encouraged to consult as widely as possible. We are asking you, as the church and congregation at Dorcan, to be a part of this listening process as your views and perspectives are important. Attached with this newsheet are questions which we are asked. Whilst there are 28 questions to the process, we don't need to answer them all. Maybe pick out the ones that speak to you and on which you have things to share. I would be very grateful if you might engage in this please and take a look at the attached questions and send any thoughts and responses to Jackie Hancock, our administrator ([dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)). Our deadline is the end of the month so by the 25th November would be helpful please.

If you have any queries then please do phone me and I can share more. For your information, other groups also being

asked to contribute include the ECC collectively, clergy individually, house groups, ministry team and certain church officers. This is our opportunity to feedback on our experience, to shape resources and understanding of future LEPs and to consider what might be helpful for us in our future as an LEP.

With my thanks. *Trudie (326128)*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Tel: 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you.  
Please let me know if you know of anyone else who would like to receive notices by email.