



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



SERVICES - Sunday 3rd April 2022

St. Paul's

10:30am – 11:50am	Breakfast Club	Deb Mulcock and Team
10:30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott

St Tim's

No Service

**Welcome to the Dorcan Church.
If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.**

This week Stephen is at Stratton Methodist

**SERVICES— Sunday 10th April
Palm Sunday**

St Paul's		
8:45am	Communion	Revd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All-Age	Neil Marshall
St Tim's		
10:30am	Morning worship	Revd Trudie Wigley

What's on this week.

April 2022		
Tuesday 5th 10.30—12pm	St Paul's	Coffee morning @ Cid's Café
1.00pm—2.15pm	St Paul's	Lent lunch with Rev Stuart Fisher
Wednesday 6th 1pm– 3pm	St Paul's	Tiny Tots
1:15pm—2:45pm	St Tim's	Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots

Please be aware that both groups (St Paul's and St Tim's) Tiny Tots will NOT be meeting on 13th and 20th April, due to Easter holidays

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8th May 2022

4pm Confirmations
at the Dorcan Church St Paul's

Sunday 15th May 2022

Annual_General_Meeting_ will be held after our 10:30am
service at St Paul's

Jubilee Celebrations at Dorcan Church:

We are delighted to share that Diane Killick and Angela Davidson have kindly offered to co-ordinate an event to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is great news and thank you so much to them both. So watch this space and hear from them as to how we can all get involved! Thank you!

Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral Thursday 14th April 10:30 (Maundy Thursday):

Traditionally this service is when we share in the blessing of oils which are used in Christian initiation (e.g. baptism) and healing. However, this service is also a unique opportunity for us all to come and pray together, share in the Lord's supper and for each of us to renew our commitment to the various ministries to which we have been called to. Some from Dorcan are going and if you would like to come too, then please contact Maggie by Friday 1st April so she can let the cathedral know numbers and also perhaps link people up with car lifts.

Thank you. *Trudie*

Ukraine

Angela and I have registered for the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme to offer space to refugees. It is crucial that guests arriving here, and their hosts, have a community to support them, and that they are not left to try and cope alone. We would be grateful if you could let us know:

1. If you, or anyone you know, has registered for the scheme, as it would be very helpful to us to make contact with them.

2. If you are prepared to help us care for any refugees who we may be 'matched' with. Precisely what support may be needed is hard to say at this stage, but it would be good to have a group of people who we know we can call on for support when necessary.

Thank you.
Stephen

Annual General Meeting – situations vacant:

At this time of year we look to revising our electoral role and electing/appointing to various roles. More details will follow, however please could you prayerfully consider if you might be able to serve as a steward, ECC member or member of one of our committees – all roles which enable the smooth running of the mission and ministry of the church.

We also share that John Davidson is stepping down as Church Warden. He kindly took on the role for a year for which we are very grateful, and his support, wisdom and work, especially as we have emerged from Covid, has been outstanding. Thank you John! Is this something you might feel prompted to consider? If so, please do have a chat with him and explore. Thank you.

Tea and Toast - St Timothy's.

Starting on Tuesday mornings!

We are delighted that we have a team of lovely people to be able to re-start Tea and Toast. Hurray! A massive thank you to them. There has been delight from the community to this news and we are likely to start sometime after Easter.

Whilst we have the absolute minimum number in the team to be able to restart, we have no slack at all and would welcome a couple more people to join the team, perhaps every 2-3 weeks.

Are you able to help please?

If so please grab Trudie or Stephen.
With thanks.

Trudie

Small Hall Improvements

The next stage is to fit curtains to the big windows. Fire resistant curtains with robust fittings have been ordered. These are in Kingfisher Blue which together with net curtains gives flexibility for privacy.

If you can help with the £1,500 cost then please make a donation marked 'Curtains'.

Either:

- Donate by BACS to Lloyds Bank - The Dorcan Church: 08-92-99: 65312775: Reference Curtains or
- Put your donation in an envelope marked 'Curtains'. In the Sunday Offering

Tony Prichard (treasurer)

Have you thought of being confirmed?

On 8th May at 4pm we have the privilege of hosting the Ecumenical Confirmations at St Paul's. Confirmation is a significant moment in our Christian journey and can take on differing significances for us – for some it is an affirmation of our faith following baptism as a child when others made promises on our behalf; for others it is part of our adult baptism; for some it is when we chose to take our first communion; and it can also mark membership of the church and a particular denomination.

If you haven't yet been confirmed, is this something you might like to consider as part of your Christian journey? Or do you know someone you would like to encourage to think about taking this next step? Please do think and pray about the possibility of confirmation, and if you would like to find out more and what it's all about then please do speak with Trudie, Stephen or Stuart – we would love to talk with you in confidence and explore further.

Trudie

Beth Lamb - Licensed Lay Minister Emeritus:

At the service last week we celebrated Beth's 27 years of ministry amongst us and, in the words of +Lee's letter, we marked the occasion of her "hanging up her spurs" and moving to LLM Emeritus. Beth shared with us her journey of calling, the highlights and privileges in her ministry and why she felt it was time to pause. We prayed for her and thanked her for her ministry here and in the wider community, and she steps down with our love and understanding – and Beth does of course remains part of the church family! Thank you Beth for your faithful ministry and for who you are.

With love from your church family.

ECO Tip

As the weather hopefully starts to improve, now is the time to get the bicycles out of the shed, brushed off and back in use. Check out <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/getting-around/cycling/> for access to local cycling maps. And if anyone wants some company for a confidence boosting cycle please do let me know. Don't forget a good quality lock if you are going to a public area, and lights if it's liable to be dark.

Date of our Annual General Meeting – Sunday 15th May 2022:

We have now set the date of our AGM which will be held after our 10:30am service at St Paul's. This will be a short meeting to receive the annual report and to elect officers and tend to our legal business.

Please do pop this date in your diary.

Easter CDs

The Methodist Church has produced an Easter CD 'Resurrection Faith'. Copies are available at St Tim's and St Paul's. Please take one and give it to your family, friends, neighbours, or Church members who are unable to attend.

Stephen



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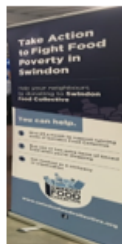
OUR FOOD BANK INITIATIVE

In the near future we are looking to start operating a Food Bank Distribution Centre at St Tim's on one day a week. This initiative will be in partnership with the Swindon Food Collective with the aim of helping people gain access to basic food for either themselves or their families when they are facing a crisis.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED

A team of volunteers will service the distribution centre and meet and greet the beneficiaries. Paul Tayler has agreed to be the team leader and a deputy will be appointed to manage the service. Other team members are needed to help pack bags with the food for distribution, chat and signpost people to other services for more help and offer refreshments (when permitted).

Volunteers are needed once a week for at least 3 hours (on a rota basis if there are enough). This time will include the pre-opening/set up duties, distribution/opening time of 2 hours and the close down/clean up time at the end of the session. It is currently proposed that the distribution centre will be held at St Tim's on a Friday morning from 9.00am - 12noon.



Please speak to the Trudie, Stephen, Stuart or Paul for more information or to apply to be considered for the team. All are welcome to apply. Your contact details will then be forwarded to the Swindon Food Collective and an application form will be sent to you for completion and return to their administration officer.

For more information about the Swindon Food Collective and their work as a food bank please visit their web site at www.swindonfoodcollective.org

Prayer Board

As you may know, there is a Prayer Board at St Paul's (on the wall to the left as you enter the Worship area), and you are invited to put requests for prayers on it.

There is also a prayer board at St Tim's (on the table in the hall),. it will remain for a month because usually there are no weekly services.

Please ensure you have the appropriate permission before putting up any requests, in particular if you mention anyone's name. Please also include your name and the date you put up the request.

Prayers will be left for two weeks before being removed in order to keep the board up to date, if prayer is still needed please use another piece of paper and repeat the request.

General prayers will be offered in worship for the specific prayers on the board, but names will not be mentioned at the moment as the worship is live streamed and then available on the web.

And don't forget, there is also a board for answers to prayer, please us this too.

Stephen

LICC 40 Cities Tour

Imagine if every Christian lived their whole life as Jesus would. Just think about the difference that would make in the spaces and places where they show up. It would change cities. It would change the UK. It would change the world.

LICC, (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity), have spent 40 years working on this mission.

They say:

It's 40 years since we were founded, and the whole-life disciple making mission is as important as ever.

So in the year ahead, as we emerge out of the pandemic, we're on tour. We'll be in a city near you, and we'd love you to join us one evening to hear more about how this whole-life vision can transform the way we see our daily lives and work – and how we might partner together to make a difference at this pivotal moment in our culture.

The evening events will begin with refreshments. After that we'll share stories, research, videos and music that capture the essence of what we do and how we might get alongside you as you seek to be an authentic disciple of Jesus in everyday life.

They are starting to publish dates on their website, but you can register NOW to join myself and Neil at the Swindon one, 12 May | 7:30pm - 9:00pm at the Pattern Church.

There will also probably be a car going to the Bristol one in September. More dates and more information can be found on their website - <https://licc.org.uk/events/40-cities-tour/>

Nathalie Marshall

Stratton Methodist Church

**You are invited to join us
on
Saturday 9th April for**

Afternoon Tea

From 3.00 pm

**Also, some stalls of crafts,
gifts and 'Fair Trade' items
will be available.**

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NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 5th April 2022** 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](#)



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