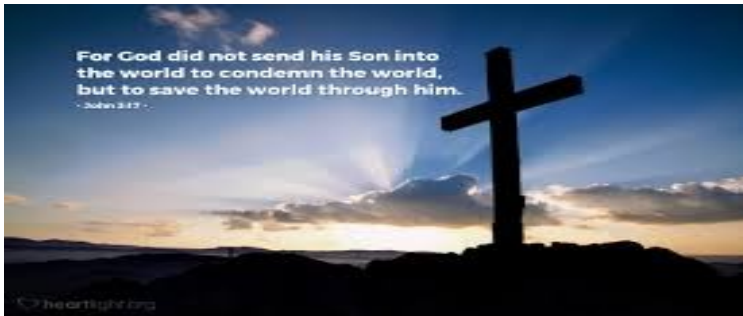




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Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**SERVICES - Sunday 5th March 2023
Lent 2**

St. Paul's

10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
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St Tim's

10.30am	No Service	
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 5th March. Stephen is at Stratton and Alex is at Chiseldon supporting the wider Circuit.

**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 12th March 2023
Lent 3

St Paul's		
08:45 am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Rev Trudie Wigley Neil Marshall
St Tim's		
	No Service	

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 12th March. Stephen is at Central Chippenham supporting the wider Circuit.

Real Easter Eggs

A variety of chocolate Easter Eggs are available from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, each made of Fairtrade chocolate, plastic free, and including an Easter Story Activity Book. There is a sign-up form in St Paul's and St Tim's for you to place your orders, or you can email Stephen and Angela Roe [ste-phen.roe@methodist.org.uk](mailto:stephen.roe@methodist.org.uk) with your requirements. Details of what is available are on the form or at www.realeasteregg.co.uk.

Payment should be made through the Church account in one of two ways:

1. By bank transfer. Please ensure that you put 'Easter Eggs' as your reference.
2. Put your payment in an envelope clearly marked with 'Real Easter Eggs' and your name, and give it to Stephen or Angela Roe, or Tony Prichard.

The closing date for orders is Sunday 5 March, so that we can get free delivery on the order. We will not be able to take any orders after this date.

What's On This Week

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Mon 6th		
Liden School St Tim's St Paul's	09.00am–10.30am 2 - 4pm 2 - 4pm	Morning Assembly Trudie Wigley Knit and Chat Easter Cracked Open Meeting
Tuesday 7th		
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	09.00am-11.30am 10.30am-12.00pm 12.30pm –1.30pm 2.00pm-3.15pm 4.15pm–6.45pm 6:30pm - 9pm 7.45pm-9.45pm	CID's too Coffee Morning CID's Coffee Morning Lent lunch & Study—Stuart Prayer group Centre Management Meeting House Group Debbie Bible Study & Prayer Group
Wed 8th		
St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	10.00am- 10.45am 1.00 –3.00pm 1.00- 3.00pm 7.30pm-9.30pm	Morning Prayers Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Men's Fellowship
Thurs 9th		
23 Sedgbrook, Liden	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Dust + Glory Lent Course—Trudie
Fri 10th		
St Tim's	10.00am—12.00 noon	Food collective— Paul

ECO Tip

Make a list before you go food shopping to help avoid over impulse buying and buying food you will end up throwing away.

Pop up shop

Bargains, Bargains & more Bargains

Pop up Shop on behalf of Swindon
Nightshelter Monday 13th March 1-3pm
St Paul's

All new items, many for £1

Diane



EASTER CRACKED OPEN

We have arranged a training session on Monday March 6th, 2pm until 4pm in the small hall at St Paul's.

We'll have the props etc. there to run through each scene/activity.

If you need a script please let us know and we'll get one to you before March 6th.

Please confirm your attendance with Jo and Sue

THANK YOU

Trudie's Email address

Please note that my email address is rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk

Recently there seems to have been a glitch and some emails have found their way to my personal account which I do not access regularly. Please could you update your address for me and I will then reply as soon as I can – however do follow up time critical emails with me as sometimes things do get missed in the volume received.

Thank you friends!

The retirement of Bishop Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon

After 18 years of service, the Rt Rev Dr Lee Rayfield Bishop of Swindon will retire on Sunday 30th April 2023. Bishop Lee writes:

Liz and I feel grateful and privileged to have shared so many years with you, our friends and colleagues, and to have played a part in all that God has been doing amongst us since 2005. I very much hope that you will be happy for us as we prepare for this next season of life as faithful followers of Jesus.

Bishop Viv and I are committed to ensuring an excellent outcome in the appointment of a new Suffragan Bishop, and we will provide you with details on next steps as soon as we are able.

Writing today inevitably conjures up a mix of emotions. Good-byes are never easy when deep relationships have been formed and we have travelled together as companions for so many years.

God has been so good to us in this journey together. Liz and I look forward to the opportunity to say our farewells in the weeks ahead, giving thanks to God and celebrating our shared story, before we move on from the Diocese.

We pray for +Lee and Liz as they start a new season and in due course a card will be available for us to sign to thank them for their ministry and support. The process has now started for a new Suffragan Bishop and we pray for those involved and the guiding of the Holy Spirit as a new appointment is made in due course.

Mother's Day Runaways

**7:30pm Thursday 16th March
At Rodbourne Methodist Church**

Mothering Sunday can be tricky for a whole host of reasons. Our Mother's Day Runaways service is a chance to reflect and bring to God some of those difficult to talk about topics such as childlessness, infertility, miscarriage, infant death, death of a mother, abuse, estrangement and the many other life stories that impact this date.

The worship will last about 30 minutes and will walk the path of lament and hope as we seek the God who sees us and loves us. To find out more or talk about these or other issues please get in touch with Revd. Rach Collins 01793 529263

rach.collins@methodist.org.uk

SALOS Presents
Godspell

Conceived and Originally Directed by
JOHN MICHAEL TEBELAK
MUSIC & NEW LYRICS BY **STEPHEN SCHWARTZ**
Originally Produced on the New York Stage by
EDGAR LANSBURY / STUART DUNCAN / JOSEPH BERUBI

Friday 31st March 7.30pm
Saturday 1st April 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Performed at
Christ Church, Swindon, SN1 3HG

Tickets -
Adult £15 / Child £10
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This amateur production is
presented by Music Theatre
International All authorised
performance materials are
also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

Bakers at the Ready Fair trade Fortnight

This year to highlight and support Fairtrade Fortnight there will be a bake sale on Sunday 12th March 2023 at St Pauls. The money raised will go towards supporting the Fairtrade Foundation.

Are you practicing being on Bake Off this year or just fancy having a go? Are you able to bake something sweet or savoury for the sale? All that is needed is to include a fair trade ingredient in your delicious confection. For example sugar cocoa, coffee and bananas can all be bought locally fair trade and be included in your recipe.

There will be more information on what is needed at church and on our Facebook page.

Please let Neil or Nathalie know if you plan to make something or fancy having a go but you're not sure what is needed.

St. Paul's Tiny Tots

I am extending an open invitation to anyone to attend a session of Tiny Tots to experience the way this outreach supports local families.

The Wednesday sessions run from 1-3pm during school term times, it's an opportunity to meet the volunteers, have a cuppa and to see what we do. If you would like to come along please let me know, Brenda Fisher, 07799 393845.

Swindon Food Collective

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who have helped local families through a very difficult year.

If you can, please consider donating these items in particular, bottles of squash (1 litre), coffee (100 gms), long life juice (1 litre), sugar (500gs/1kg), tinned fruit, tinned meat and tinned potatoes. Other items that are useful include 2 in 1 shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam and razors, deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry pods, washing up liquid, bleach and surface wipes/sprays



Answers to last week quiz

1. Which Greek god was god of the underworld = **Hades**
2. What is the name of Queen Elizabeth II youngest grandchild = **James Viscount Seven**
3. In which country is Angel falls located **Venezuela**
4. In which year did Emmerdale (farm) first air = **1972**
5. According to the story in Genesis, what kind of wood was used to build Noah's Ark **Gopher wood**

This week's quiz

1. The Biblical story of David and Goliath will be found in which book of the Old Testament
2. A modern pedal or concert harp will have 47 strings and how many pedals
3. Which of the following is not a recognised Nobel Prize category: Chemistry, Mathematics, Literature, Physics
4. What word would you use for the letter 'H' using the NATO phonetic alphabet
5. What do you call a belt for a sword worn over one shoulder and reaching down to the opposite hip

Good luck



NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 7th March 2023** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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You will have noticed we no longer pass the offering basket round.

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

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee