



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



SERVICES **Sunday 5th May 2024**
Easter 6

St. Paul's

08.45am	Holy Communion	Rev Moira Slack
10.30am	Tea and Praise	Rev Trudie Wigley

St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	LLM Paul Tayler
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 5th May 2024, Alex is at Chiseldon and Stephen is at Stratton 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 May 2024 Sunday after Ascension		
St Paul's		
10.30am	AGM & United Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's		
	No Service	

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 12th May 2024, Paul is at St Margaret's supporting the wider Circuit.

What's On This Week		
Tuesday 7th May	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Café Too
St Paul's	10.00am - 12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Bible Study - Small Hall
Wednesday 8th May	Time	Event
St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Tim's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Friday 10th May	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul
St Paul's	7.00pm - 10.00pm	Quiz Nite

Dates for your Diary

As of 1st May 2024

Friday 10th May 2024 - Quiz Nite @ St Paul's Church, Covingham
7.00pm - 9.30pm

Saturday 11th May - Everyday Faith @ Pattern Church, Swindon
Exploring how churches can equip people to live as disciples.

Saturday 18th May 2024. Reflection and Quiet day 10.00am -
4.00pm at Liddington Village Hall

Sunday 9th June - Cream Tea @ St Paul's Church - (details to follow)

Sunday 23rd June Bishop Neil Warwick, the Bishop of Swindon, will be worshipping with us 10:30am at St Paul's.

Friday 28th June Ladies Evening @ St Paul's. More details to follow

Saturday 6th July North Swindon Big Band, 7:30-10:30. St. Paul's Church Centre

Saturday 13th July - We're in this together @ St Paul's, Chippenham

An opportunity to reflect together on how we can create networks of support and communities.

Saturday 13th July—Farewell and retirement of Reverend Doctor Jonathon Pye from 3pm at Kingswood School Chapel, Bath BS1 6RA

Saturday 14th September - Creating Pathways into Faith - St Michael's Church Centre, Stoke Gifford

Building or identifying communities around our churches and thinking together about how we can create clear pathways.

Saturday 28th September – Swindon Male Voice Choir (More details to follow)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10:30am Sunday 12th May 2024

We are gathering for our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12th May and, in a change this year, we are holding this before our regular worship service. The AGM will be short and will focus on the business we are required to address under charity law and our parent denominations' processes. The service which follows will include a celebration and thanksgiving for all that has been over the last year. We will begin with tea, coffee and refreshments available from 10:10am, our AGM will start at 10:30am and our worship will be finished by 12noon.

Everyone has a part to play. On Friday 19th May 2024 an email was circulated of how we can all play a part in the life and mission of God's church here at Dorcan. Hard copies are still available in both churches. Please do read this and consider how you might be able to help and support, including standing for some of our elected positions.

Written annual report and accounts:

These have been circulated electronically and hard copies are available in both churches this Sunday. The report is a wonderful celebration of who we are and our ministry and is an encouraging read – so please do read it and be uplifted!

See you at the AGM and for the worship which follows.

Electoral Roll – now closed

Copies of the electoral roll are now displayed in both churches.

Please do check that your name is on it if you think it should be - and also if your name appears and it shouldn't!

If any amendments are required, please do speak with Barbara Wilcox our Electoral roll officer, or the steward on duty, or our church administrator, Maggie, on 01793 435987 or by email on docan.church.office@gmail.com.

Thank you!

North Swindon Big Band, Saturday 6th July 7:30-10:30. St. Paul's Church Centre

If you enjoy live music this event is for you, listen and dance to songs from the 1930's to present day. Tickets £10pp, from the office, refreshments available or bring your own. This is a big fundraiser for the roof so please support us and tell your friends and family.

**Many thanks,
Brenda Fisher and the Roofers.**

Anyone currently receiving the newsletter at church on a Sunday, and are now able to receive an email copy, please send your email address to Herman on notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk . and you will be added to the mailing list.

“The Rock on which we build” Reflective Day – Saturday 18th May – 10:30am-3pm Liddington Village Hall

It is confirmed that we will be going ahead with our reflection day.
The sign-up sheets are still out in both churches so please do add your name if you are coming so we know for refreshments.

We are invited to gather together as church family for this time of reflection and sharing. We will be led by Rev Moira Slack and this will be a chance to be together in worship and thought as we reflect on God as our rock and the foundation on which we build. We are meeting at Liddington Village Hall, only 10minutes drive away and, weather permitting, gives the opportunity for local walks. Please bring your own packed lunch, and tea and coffee will be provided.

Our various times together have been special in their own ways, and we pray that we might be able to gather once again to learn, reflect and just enjoy God, and one another.

Trudie

Save the Date!

Cream tea will be held at St Paul's on 9th June in the afternoon.

More details to follow - in aid of the Roof fund





Christian Aid Week. As many of you know, Christian Aid is a charity working in 29 countries across many areas of the world. As well as bringing relief in times of emergency, it also maintains an ongoing work of combating poverty and seeking to establish dignity, equality and justice for all.

We, as a church have again decided to support the special fund-raising 'Christian Aid Week' (12th - 18th May) and we are asking our congregation, please, to consider donating, if you are able, to this important work. However, because our annual meeting is on 12th May, we are also promoting this a week earlier, on Sunday, 5th May.

If you are willing, there are three ways in which you can donate:

1. A gift can be put in one of the Christian Aid envelopes, available at both St Paul's and St Tim's. Envelopes containing donations should be placed in the normal weekly collection baskets (by Sunday 19th May, please).

By transfer to the Church bank account (Account Name: The Dorcan Church R/C 1143702 Sort Code: 089299 Account: 65312775).

Please put 'Christian Aid' as the reference.

By donating directly to Christian Aid through its website:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Please consider if you are able to support this appeal, either by giving or in prayer, and if you want to learn more about Christian Aid, its aims, its beliefs and its work, then please visit <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

Any questions about this, please contact Pete Mulcock or Tony Prichard.

Forth coming events

The fundraising committee to be hereby known as 'The Roofers' have a number of social events planned for this year. If you would like to get involved in any small or big way, then please make yourself known to either Diane K, Clare and Chris R, Barbara W, Dianne L, Claire G, Colin P, Tony P, Angela D or Herman.

See events below:

Friday 10th May Quiz night— **See attached poster**

Sunday 9th June Cream Tea (Details to follow)

Friday 28 June Ladies Evening

Saturday 6th July North Swindon Big Band—tickets from the office

Saturday 28th September Male Voice Choir

If there are any other ideas, please let us know.

Date for the Diary – 23rd June 2024. Visit from +Neil

At 10:30am at St Paul's 23rd June + Neil will be joining us. Neil Warwick is the new bishop of Swindon and we look forward to warmly welcoming him and getting to know him. There will be refreshments and a celebratory cake to share after the service.

'Thank You' from Finance Committee

As we approach the Church Annual Meeting, we are wanting to thank all of you who kindly give in any way to this Church. Your contributions whether these be financial, or of your time and effort, or of something else, are all greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Regarding financial giving:

We have produced a letter for those of you known to us through one of the regular giving schemes (i.e. Parish Giving, the Envelope Scheme, or you give by Standing Order). Please collect your letter from St Paul's or St Tim's. If you believe that you should be receiving one of these, but can't locate it, please do let us know.

We also say a big 'Thank you' to you' too, if you donate anonymously and are not known to us. Your gifts are very important to us as well. However, if you'd like to find out more about any of the regular giving schemes mentioned above, please do contact us. Speak to Tony Prichard (Treasurer) or Pete Mulcock, or email treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk

And finally...

We also thank those of you who give in ways that are not financial. Gifts of time, talents, energy and effort are all vital to the mission and ministry of this Church. So another big 'Thank you' to those of you who contribute in these ways.

Pete Mulcock on behalf of Finance Committee

**Don't forget the AGM
Sunday 12th May 2024 @ 10.30am followed
by United Holy Communion**



Answers to last week's quiz

1. Transylvania is a region in which country? = **Romania**
2. In 2014, which film became the highest grossing animated film? = **Frozen**
3. The Great dividing range is a mountain range in which country. = **Australia**
4. Rabat is the second largest city in which country? = **Morocco**
5. What is another name for Uluru? = **Ayers Rock**

This week's Quiz

General Knowledge.

1. In which decade was the United Nations founded. 1940s or 1950s?
2. What flower gives the vanilla pod?
3. The island of Madagascar lies in which ocean?
4. What was the first South American country to win the Men's football world cup?
5. As the crow flies, which city is closer to London. San Paulo or Bangkok?

Good Luck

ECO Tip

Have a "staycation" or use public transport to travel abroad. A return flight to Greece emits 1 tonne CO₂e – your whole 2019 reduction target!

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 7th May 2024**

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](#)



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

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

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee



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Friday 10th May
In the hall

Doors open 7pm for
7.30pm start.

£3.00 per person (teams of
2 to 6 people)

Bring your
own drink



St Paul's Church, Covingham
Fundraising

Quiz Night



For further information and to
reserve a table

Call: 07920 649 440

Or email:

notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk