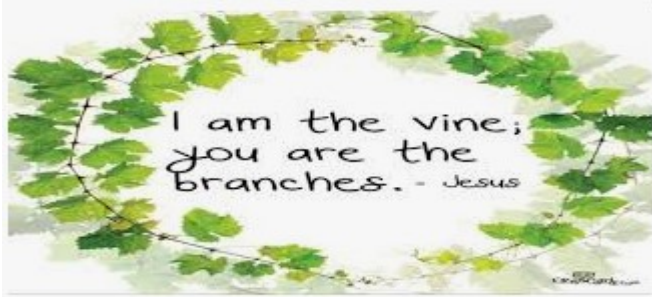




St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**SERVICES - Sunday 7th May 2023
Fifth Sunday after Easter**

St. Paul's

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

	No Service	
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 7th May, Alex 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 14th May 2023 Sixth Sunday after Easter		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Holy Communion Followed by AGM at 11.45am	Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe

What's On This Week		
Monday 8th May	Time	Event
	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 9th May	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's St Paul's	09.00am - 11.30am 10.30am - 12.00pm 10.30am - 12.00pm 7.45pm - 9.45pm	CID's Coffee Morning CIDs Coffee Morning Working Party Bible Study & Prayer Group
Wednesday 10th May	Time	Event
St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	10.00am - 10.45am 1.00pm - 3.00pm 1.00pm - 3.00pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm	Morning Prayers Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Men's Fellowship meeting

What's On This Week (Cont'd)

Thursday 11th May	Time	Event
St Tim's	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Preachers Meeting
23 Sedgebrook	7.30pm - 9.00pm	House Group
Friday 12th May	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

Christian Aid Week.



Christian Aid is a charity working in 29 countries across many areas of the world. It seeks to combat poverty and to establish dignity, equality and justice for all.

We, as a church are again wanting to support the special fundraising 'Christian Aid Week' which this year runs from 14 - 20 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 that are now available at both St Paul's and St Tim's. Envelopes containing donations should then be placed in the normal weekly collection baskets (by Sunday 21st May, please).

By transfer to the Dorcan Church bank account (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 important work, either by giving or by 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.

Revised

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date of our Annual General Meeting – 14th May 2023: Our AGM will be held after our 10:30am service at St Paul's, starting around 11:45am. There will be a shorter service at St Tim's to enable attendance, and the possibility of lifts for those for whom this would be helpful – if you need a lift please contact Maggie at the office on 01793 435987 or dorcan.church.office@gmail.com .

Our meeting will be a maximum of an hour, and we will receive the annual report, elect officers and tend to our legal business. A particular focus this year will be offered from the Finance Committee who will be guiding us through a more in depth review of our finances. Talking about money can be hard and we may not feel confident with “numbers”. However it is important that, as a church, we understand our financial position – both giving thanks for all of God's provision and committing to pray when we are challenged financially. There will be time for questions, so please do come with some! Please do put this AGM date in your diary and come along.

Annual General Meeting – situations vacant: Circulated with these notices are details of the elections and appointments to various roles within Dorcan Church. I would suggest you start with the document that is entitled “READFIRST_AGM” Please do reflect and pray as to where you might be able to help, or where you see gifts in others whom you'd like to encourage. As the body of Christ together we are Christ's church, each with our own gifts, so please do pray for these key appointments.

Electoral roll now closed for revision – our roll has now been revised and is required to be displayed for 14 days before our AGM. In both centres you will find a list of names (only) displayed. If your entry of incorrect or missing, then please do let Barbara Wilcox known our Roll Officer (b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com)

Papers for the AGM – our Annual Report, accounts and Agenda will be circulated later this week, with a few hard copies available in both centres.

Thank you.

Receiving Communion at St Paul's – changes to our pattern

Going forward we will be continuing in our practice of receiving wine by the dipping of the wafer in the wine by the celebrant, or receiving from the silver common cup or, for a small number of people, a non-alcoholic option. However, this practice can mean that the people around us come and go at different times which can be disruptive in this special, quiet time. At a recent preachers' meeting, we agree that we would look to try a different way of coming for communion and we share this with you as follows, and will try it this coming Sunday:

A steward will come to the row where you are sitting and invite you to come forward to receive. Please would you come to one of the two sides around the table where the railings and kneelers are. However, please keep the area at the front of the communion table free where there are no kneelers or rails – this is a change to our current practice. When you have received communion, please remain at the rail until everyone on your side has received and we will then offer a short prayer of dismissal to return to your seats. Those distributing communion will then move across to the other rail, for the same to be repeated.

We will explain it again over the next few weeks and then review whether this is helpful to the ambience and practicalities of communion. Thank you for trying it out and feedback is welcome.

Trudie, Stuart and Stephen

Men's Fellowship Fortnightly Wednesday evening @ St Paul's from 7.30pm

Join the Men's Fellowship movement of men discipling men towards spiritual maturity and reclaiming their lives, families and communities for the Kingdom of God. Men's Fellowship is designed to help YOU maximize your potential as a Kingdom Man for the glory of God and the betterment of others.

For more information, speak to Paul Tayler or just turn up on **Wednesday 10th May**

Cake fit for a King! – cake sale after the service today.

Ben and Grace Wigley will be selling cakes after the service today which they have made to raise funds for some charity work that Ben is undertaking in The Gambia later this month. He is going with the Thriving through Venture scheme and joining 12 other Wiltshire students to visit a school where they will be running IT workshops and computing classes to help the students with their studies and develop IT literacy. They will be taking with them donated equipment from a number of companies and getting it up and running. Ben is looking to raise the remainder of the sponsorship that he has committed to and thought you might like to buy some Cake to celebrate the Coronation!
Thank you for your support.

Working Parties

At St Paul's Tuesday 9th May.

As the centre is so busy on a Saturday, we are going to trial doing some cleaning and maintenance on a Tuesday while CIDS cafe is on, We would like to do some more weeding and gardening, and carry on with cleaning the louvre windows, and possibly some other small tasks.

At St Timothy's on Saturday June 10th

We would like to do some outside and inside maintenance and cleaning, weeding painting / paint preparation, graffiti removal. Willing volunteers very welcome at both.

John Davidson.

Swindon Food Collective

To all Team leaders

I have been asked to update you with the following information as this may affect what you will receive from us over the next couple of weeks.

We have spent over £2,000 on stock replenishment over the past month however, we currently are low / very low on the following:

Sugar; Coffee plus sugar the small bags, and just soup and tins of vegetables and chopped tomatoes. Urgent.

Single boxes prepared this week and possibly next week will not include sugar so this is not a mistake on our part - we just don't have sufficient at present.

No need to reply to this email - this is for your information. Continue to send your stock requests in as normal but please take account of the content of this email when you receive your orders.

We are doing our best!.

Best wishes.
Martina Haugh

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

Quiz Nite @ St Paul's Friday 2nd June 2023



In October last year we held a Family Quiz Nite at St Paul's. It was so successful that we are repeating it again.

- Teams up to 6 persons. If you do not have a team, don't worry, come along and get to know others by joining a team.
- Starts 7.00pm till 9.30pm
- £3.00 per person or £18.00 for table of six.
- There will be raffle prizes and all proceeds will go to the Dorcan church

Herman

Live-streaming Sunday services at St Paul's

First of all apologies. We have been experiencing technical difficulties staying connected to the Wi-Fi when live-streaming the services which has been frustrating and disappointing. We know that it is an important resource, and we still want to be able to offer services online for those that are unable to attend in person. At ECC it was decided that services would be recorded and then uploaded to the Facebook page which should stop any disruption of Wi-Fi connection. We have discovered that we require an SD card for the camera to be able to record and upload services. Once this has been obtained, we are hoping that this will resolve the issues. Thank you for bearing with us while we sort out the technical issues.

Nicki & Mac

ECO Tip

When using a washing machine ensure there is a full load and turn down the temperature. Heating the water to higher temperatures uses more energy.



Answers to last week quiz

1. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus? = Numbers (books of the Bible)
2. 18, 4, 13, 6? = 10 (Numbers on a dartboard)
3. : Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra? = Angola (countries of the world in alphabetical order)
4. Q W E R T Y? = U (top line letters on a standard keyboard)
5. Home, brain, heart? = Courage (sought after by the main characters in the Wizard of Oz)
6. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John? = Acts of the Apostles

This week's quiz

Put these in order:

1. **Anniversaries** - put these in date order of earliest first.
Crystal - Pearl - China
2. **Writers**; put these in date order of earliest first.
Charles Dickens - Mary Shelley - Johnathan Swift
3. **Religions**: put these in date order of oldest first.
Islam - Buddhism - Hinduism
4. **Prime Ministers UK** put these in date order of office earliest first
Neville Chamberlain - Stanley Baldwin - David Lloyd-George
5. **Distance from London** closest first.
Cardiff - Manchester - Plymouth
6. List the following birds in order starting with the smallest:
Cuckoo, House Martin, Blackbird and Starling

Good luck



NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 9th May 2023**

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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.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee