



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 9th April 2023
Easter Sunday**

St. Paul's

10.30am	Easter Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
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St Tim's

10.30am	Easter Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
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Please pray for our Clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 9th April. Stephen is at Aldbourne and Neil is at St Andrews 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 16th April 2023 First Sunday after Easter		
St Paul's		
08.45am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
10.30am	Morning Worship	Sue Morgans
St Tim's		
	No Service	

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What's On This Week		
Tuesday 11th April	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	09.00am—11.30am 10.30am—12.00pm 7.45pm— 9.45pm	CID's too Coffee Morning CID's Coffee Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group
Friday 14th April	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am—12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

This is the Day

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This is the Day

When tears are wiped away,
Shattered hearts are mended,
Fears are replaced with joy.

This is the Day

When the Lord rolls away the stone of fear,
Throws off death's clothes,
Goes ahead of us into God's future.

This is the Day

Death has no fear for us,
Sin has lost its power over us,
God opens the tombs of our hearts
To fill us with life.

This is the Day - Resurrection Day!

Christ is risen
Hallelujah!

A lovely Easter gift for us all – thank you!

A member of our church family has been busy being creative and is blessing us with an Easter gift as we leave our services at both churches today - Easter Sunday. Their love and encouragement in making these gifts for us is appreciated and we shout out a massive THANK YOU to our friend in the Dorcan church!

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. 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. This will be a short meeting to receive the annual report and to elect officers and tend to our legal business. Please do put this date in your diary.

Electoral Role - notice of revision

The revision of the electoral role will begin on Friday 14th April and end on Friday 28th April, after which no amendments can be made until after our AGM. If you are not on the electoral role and would like to be, are not sure or are wondering what this is all about, then please do speak with Barbara Wilcox our Electoral roll officer who will be able to help you (b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com). There are forms available in both centres. By being on the electoral role it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan Church, stand for Ecumenical Church Council and speak at the annual meeting. However, and most importantly, **being on the electoral role is a significant way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church family.** Please do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.

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, member of one of our committees or Churchwarden – all roles which enable the smooth running of the mission and ministry of the church.

Thank you.

A Blessing from the Holy Spirit

In order to inform Church Members that are not aware what happened to me during a service a few weeks ago.

I am Steve Campbell, 74 years old this year, I have suffered with leg and knee pain for over 20 years.

I had full replacement to both knees in 2012/13, I was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia 10 years before that, and I am diabetic, since then I continued to suffer leg pain and until a couple of years ago had improvement in my knees. To cut short detailed medical history, for the past year or two my leg pain has been severe enough for me to need a walking stick.

A few weeks ago I attended a service at St Pauls conducted by Trudy. All things went along as normal, Trudy gave her sermon in which she spoke about confession and forgiveness, during the prayers that followed I prayed for forgiveness for wrong-doings and sinful things I may have done.

The service then continued on to the next Hymn, during which I felt an unusual tingling in my legs, at one point I thought I might fall, after sitting the tingling stopped and I felt free of pain, at first I could not understand what was happening, I felt I had to try walking, I said to Gina (my wife) I need to go to the toilet, I then walked down the passageway toward the toilet and found that I could walk normally, pain free and without my stick.

At this point I did not understand what had happened, it was not until the service ended and we were walking back to our car that I suspected exactly what had happened. I felt that I had to go back and tell somebody, Stewart was at the door and whilst explaining to him what had happened, I became overcome and wept, I think Stewart understood and his words were very much a comfort.

Now, a few weeks later, I am still pain free in my legs, except for a niggle or two from my knees (strangely enough the only man-made part of my legs)

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The point of this letter to the notice board, is that I wish for everyone to know that Jesus is here and among us, I do not claim a "miracle" but I do feel The Holy Spirit has visited me. I give thanks to our Lord Jesus and pray that our church members can also feel the presence of God .

Steve Campbell

Coronation of King Charles III – Book of daily prayer:

A resource has been written comprising a daily reflection and prayer from Easter Day up until the King's coronation on 5th May. We are invited to pray alongside many others for our King and his ministry and service as he is crowned. The prayers can be accessed in a number of ways, including:

Email

Sign up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/coronation/churches>

Church of England app

Smart speaker

Have a chat with your Alexa/Sonos/Homepod etc. and it will find the audio of the daily reflection for you

Phoneline

The Daily Hope phoneline will be providing an audio of the reflections, together with music. Phone on 0800 804 8044

Booklets

We have booklets available at both centres from this Sunday. Please do take one and if you would like, and are able, to make a donation, please make this via the offering.

Thank you

Dear Church Family Members,

I write following the recent approval of our 2022 accounts.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for your time, effort and monetary donations throughout 2022. We are so grateful as a church for your support, especially given these days of double digit inflation and pressure on household budgets. Thank you so much.

This past year, our total income amounted to £133,422. Giving, combined with the Gift Aid tax that we reclaimed on donations, came to £84,361 (63% of our income). So we are extremely grateful for each and every donation received this year.

Our expenditure for the year was £133,305 which left us with a small surplus of just £117. We are grateful to God for this, but were it not for two legacies, we would have accumulated a deficit in excess of £7,900.

Moreover, our 2023 budget forecasts another deficit of £10,900 which means that your donations are needed more than ever if we are to continue to support our community and spread God's word.

If you are able, and do not do so already, would you be willing to give regularly to the Church? This can be done by standing order, by direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme, or through envelopes placed in the offering baskets at our services. If you would like to join one of these schemes, please contact me, Tony Prichard, or Pete Mulcock (Finance Committee Chair). **Continued overleaf**

Also, if you are an income tax payer, and we do not already do this for you, would you be willing for us to reclaim tax on your donations via Gift Aid? If so, you can ask Tony Prichard or Pete Mulcock for more information or you can download and complete a Gift Aid form from the Church website. (<https://rb.gy/ilbhwe>).

Your generosity is key in enabling our church to continue its various outreach activities and in supporting the wider church in its mission.

If you have any questions regarding our finances please feel free to contact Tony Prichard, either by e-mail treasurer@dorcanchurch.org.uk or phone 01793 520734. We look forward to a great year to come. Our sincerest gratitude once again for your generous contributions.

Yours in Christ,

Tony Prichard (Treasurer) and The Finance Committee

Sad family news - may they rest in peace and rise in glory

Tracy Gase - It is with sadness that we share that Tracy died on Palm Sunday at the GWH, surrounded by friends. She had only very recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Connie Lawrence - Connie was a regular at St Tim's for over 30 years and had only recently moved in September to Newbury to be nearer her daughter.

We thank God for their faith and what they both meant to us as our Church family. May we share with them in the resurrection truth of new and eternal life, for He has risen. We pray for their family and friends and may Tracy and Connie rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

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

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Men's Fellowship

There will be **NO** Men's Fellowship meeting on Wednesday 12th April 2023

ECO Tip

Turn off the tap while cleaning your teeth. The clean water that flows out of your tap needs energy in many stages of processing and transport before it gets to the tap. Don't waste it!



Answers to last week quiz

1. Which of these historical figures was born last: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, George Washington, Napoleon Bonaparte, Benjamin Franklin = **Napoleon Bonaparte**
2. What is Rocky's last name in the Rocky movie series by Sylvester Stallone = **Balboa**
3. Based on alphabetical order, the name of which country comes first and which comes last = **Afghanistan / Zimbabwe**
4. The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet are Alpha and Omega, but which is the second last letter = **psi**
5. Which brand had an advertising slogan that told you its product was 'Good to the last drop' = **Maxwell House Coffee**

This week's quiz

Colours. Will either be in the answer or in the question

1. What planet is also known as the Blue planet
2. Which sea lies between China and Korea Peninsula
3. What 1963 film star Peter Sellers as Jacques Cousteau
4. In Cluedo, what colour represented Mrs Peacock
5. What two colours feature on the face of a mandril monkey

Good luck

Just for fun

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 11th April 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.

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee