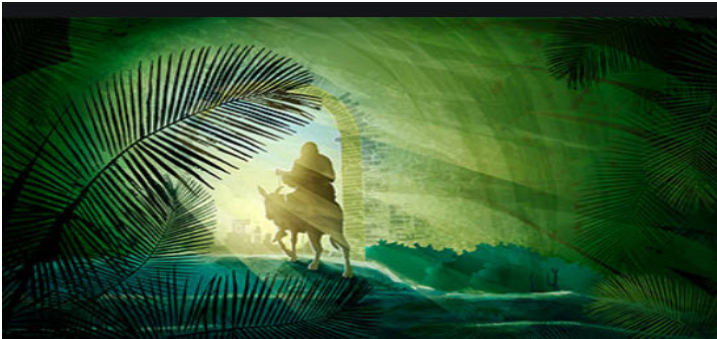




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*Transforming lives and communities  
 Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**SERVICES - Sunday 10th April 2022 Palm Sunday**

**St. Paul's**

8:45am	Holy Communion	Revd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All-Age	Neil Marshall

**St Tim's**

10:30am	Morning Worship	Revd Trudie Wigley
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**Welcome to the Dorcan Church.  
 If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.**

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family  
 today 10 April.

Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider Circuit

## SERVICES— Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday

<b>St Paul's</b>		
10.30am	Easter Communion	Revd Trudie Wigley & Deacon Stephen Roe
<b>St Tim's</b>		
10:30am	Easter Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher

## What's on this week. Services and Notices

<p><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Pauls 09.00am</p>	Morning Prayer	Paul Tayler
<p><b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Pauls 09.00am</p>	Morning Prayer	
<p><b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Pauls 09.00am</p>	Morning Prayer	
<p><b>Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Timothy's 19.00pm</p>	Holy Communion	
<p><b>Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Pauls 14.00pm</p>	Hour at the Cross	
<p><b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>St Pauls</b> 7.30pm-9.30pm</p>		Bible Study and Prayer Group Dianne Lane
<p><b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> 7.30-9.30pm</p>		Men's Fellowship

## **Date of our Annual General Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Electoral Role - notice of revision**

The revision of the electoral role will begin on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April and end on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 centers. 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**. Please do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.

## **Easter Services:**

Flyers are available today detailing the services planned for our journey through Holy Week and to our celebrations on Easter Day. Please do take one and think about who you might ask to come along with you to hear the good news of Jesus and the life in all fullness which he offers each one of us. Who could you invite?

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## 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

## Platinum Jubilee

The Bible Society are organising an event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of their patron, Her Majesty the Queen. Follow the link for more information. [Join us in Swindon or in London](#) for an evening exploring the faith behind a lifetime of inspiring public service.

**CiDs café** is now closed for the Easter break. Thank you to everyone who has come and enjoyed fellowship with us over a cuppa and a slice of cake our next one will be on 26 April.

## Schools Work/Assemblies

If you are doing any schools work/assemblies please let Maggie know ([dorcan.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:dorcan.church.office@gmail.com)) and we'll endeavour to get you on the weekly notices for prayers.

## Donations for Ukraine

Thank you for all the donations you have given which have been taken to the warehouse for transporting to Poland. They now have a lot of clothes and blankets, so don't need more of those, but are still looking for food (tinned food that can be opened without a can opener, cup-a-soup and energy bars). They are also needing nappies. Please leave any donations at Church, either St Paul's or St Tim's, I will collect them from there.

Stephen

## **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

## **ECO Tip**

We all know how much better it is to dry our clothes on the line, and lets face it the clothes smell so much nicer too, but what do you wash them with? Most standard washing liquids and powders have plenty of nasties in them. Look out for various eco brands in the supermarkets, or various options available online such as Splosh, BioD, EcoEggs, SoapNuts and more.

## **Christine**

Many of you will be aware that Christine was taken ill recently with a stroke while we were on holiday at Saundersfoot near Tenby in South Wales. She is recovering quite well, but there are still some issues regarding talking, eating and drinking for which she is receiving treatment.

We both thank you for your prayers and concern for our family and give thanks to our heavenly Father, because things could have been so much worse.

Thank you again all of you.

Colin Parsons



## 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



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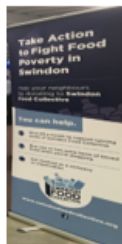
## OUR FOOD BANK INITIATIVE

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](http://www.swindonfoodcollective.org)

# **Stratton Methodist Church**

**You are invited to join us  
on  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April for**

## **Afternoon Tea**

**From 3.00 pm**

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

**[www.strattonmethodist.org.uk](http://www.strattonmethodist.org.uk)**

# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 12th April 2022** to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
Thank you.

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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 instead.