



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



**SUNDAY
 AFTER THE
 ASCENSION**

"Jesus will
 come in the
 same way as
 you saw him
 go into
 heaven."

SERVICES **Sunday 12th May 2024**
Sunday after Ascension

St. Paul's

10.30am	AGM & United Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
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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 12th May 2024, Paul is at St Margaret's 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 19th May 2024 Pentecost		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
St Tim's		
10.00am	Messy Church with breakfast	Messy Team

What's On This Week		
Monday 13th May	Time	Event
St Tim's	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Knit and Chat
Tuesday 14th 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 Tim's	2.00pm - 3.15pm	Prayer Group
St Tim's	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Cell Group
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Bible Study - Small Hall
Wednesday 15th May	Time	Event
St Paul's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Tim's	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Paul's	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Blaze for School Year 2 - 6
St Paul's	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Youth Club for School Year 7+
Friday 17th May	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

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.

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.**

Good News everyone

We have nearly reached £12,000 towards the church roof.



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.

Forthcoming 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 Killick, Clare Rose, Chris Rose, Barbara Wilcox, Dianne Lane, Claire G, Colin Parsons, Tony Pritchard, Angela Davidson or Herman Boston.

See events below:

Friday 10th May Quiz night—

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

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.



Answers to last week's quiz

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

This week's Quiz

General Knowledge.

1. Traditionally, what gift should be given on a 1st wedding anniversary
2. Manchego is the most famous cheese from which country?
3. Which is the only body part that is fully grown from birth?
4. In which year was the horse Shergar kidnapped. Was it 1981, 1983 or 1985?
5. Mutton is from a sheep at what age?

Good Luck

ECO Tip

Think twice before you book a cruise: the environmental impact is greater than a flight with CO₂e emissions of 640g per person per mile.

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 14th May 2024**

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

Tony Prichard and the Finance Sub Committee