



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



Divine

Mercy

Sunday

**SERVICES - Sunday 16th April 2023  
1st Sunday after Easter**

**St. Paul's**

08.45	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
10.30am	Morning Worship	Sue Morgans

**St Tim's**

No Service

Please pray for our Clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 16th April. Stephen is at Bath Road 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.**

<b>SERVICES— Sunday 23rd April 2023 Second Sunday after Easter</b>		
<b>St Paul's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
4.00pm	Messy Church	
<b>St Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Messy Church	

<b>What's On This Week</b>		
<b>Monday 17th April</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	4.30pm—6.30pm	Standing Committee (Small Hall)
<b>Tuesday 18th April</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	09.00am—11.30am	CID's Too Coffee Morning
St Paul's	10.30am—12.00pm	CID's Coffee Morning
St Tim's	2.00pm—3.30pm	Prayer Meeting
St Tim's	6.00pm—9.00pm	Homegroup
St Paul's	7.45pm—9.45pm	Bible Study and Prayer Group
<b>Wednesday 19th April</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Paul's	10.00am—10.45am	Morning Prayers
St Paul's	1.00pm—3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Tim's	1.00pm—3.00pm	Tiny Tots
St Paul's	6.30pm—7.30pm	Blaze for school year 2-6
St Paul's	7.30pm—9.00pm	Youth Club for school year 7+
<b>Friday 21st April</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
St Tim's	10.00am—12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

## Parish Safeguarding Team – Jenny Poole stepping down

After seven years serving us so well as our overall Parish Safeguarding Officer, as well as Recruitment Officer, Jenny is stepping down. However, she will remain as the Safeguarding Concerns Officer, receiving and documenting any concerns as the first point of contact, before handing over to others to be taken forward.

Jenny has done a great job at overseeing our safeguarding responsibilities and processes and we would not have been able to offer the ministries and mission that we do without her.

When Jenny took on these roles, we restructured our Safeguarding responsibilities to work on a team basis, and it has worked well – with Dianne Lane as our training officer, Sue Morgan as our DBS officer and Maggie Johnson providing administrative support.

We are thankful to Sue, Dianne and Maggie for their teamwork with Jenny and their offer of keeping in these roles, especially as we consider how we might approach safeguarding going forward.

The team have undertaken their roles amazingly and both myself and Stephen have been confident that our responsibilities as a church have been in safe hands. Over the next few weeks, we need to consider how we move forward as a church - Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all as well as ECC, so please do keep this in your prayers.

In the meantime, a MASSIVE thank you to Jenny for her ministry and support in this area – it has been simply outstanding. Jenny - you step down with our gratitude and thanks for all that you have done. With love from your church family.

*Trudie*

## ECO Tip

If your toilet cistern holds more than 6 litres of water (likely if it was installed before 2001) put a Hippo Water Saving device (or a brick) in it to save water each time you flush (e.g. <http://www.hippo-the-watersaver.co.uk/>)

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date of our Annual General Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> April and end on Friday 28<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 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.

## **Coffee Morning**

**At Sherston Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 19th** between 10 am and 12 noon, there will be a Coffee morning.

It is a Community event to give thanks for the life and history of Sherston and Luckington Chapels. If you have had a connection with either fellowship then feel welcome to drop in for some refreshments and a chat, between 10 am and 12 (noon).

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

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

**Tracy Gase:** It is with sadness we share that Tracy died on Palm Sunday at the GWH, surrounded by friends. She had only very recently been diagnosed with cancer. Her funeral will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1:30pm at St Paul's, 3pm committal at Kingsdown, with refreshments afterwards – details TBC.

**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. Connie's funeral is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm at West Berkshire Crematorium, Bath Road, Thatcham, RG19 4LD. Refreshments afterwards at The Berkshire Arms.

Connie requested that any donations in her memory be sent to Cancer Research UK

We thank God for the faith of Tracy and Connie 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.

## **St Paul's working party Saturday 15th April**

There will be a working party at St Paul's this Saturday 15th April from 9.00am to 12.30pm. We plan to give the church and other internal areas a thorough clean, and hopefully weather permitting tidy the outside areas as well.

If you are able to help please come along. Any domestic cleaning and gardening implements will be useful

Many thanks     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  
SFC Administrator

## 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



### Answers to last week quiz

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

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

### This week's quiz

#### Must see destinations

1. On which Pacific island would you find the legendary carved heads
2. In which year did the Berlin wall come down. 1988, 1989, 1999
3. Which famous scientist visited the Galapagos islands in 1835?
4. The stones from Stonehenge were dragged from which country?
5. Is the Great barrier reef in the North East or South East corner of Australia ?

Good luck

**Just for fun**

### 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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# NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 18th April 2023**

to [notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk)

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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