



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 17th April 2022
Easter Sunday**

St. Paul's

10.30am	Easter Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley & Deacon Stephen Roe
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St Tim's

10.30am	Easter Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
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**Welcome to the Dorcan Church.
If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.**

SERVICES— Sunday April 24th 2022— 2nd Sunday of Easter

St Paul's		
08.45 am	Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Eric Hewitt
16.00pm	Messy Church	Deb Mulcock & Team
St Tim's		
	No service	

What's on this week.

April 2022



Dates for your Diary
As at 1st April 2022

15TH APRIL - 29TH APRIL 2022
Electoral Role – Notice of revision

MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022
ECC Meeting St Timothy's 7.30pm

Sunday 8th May 2022
4pm Confirmations
at the Dorcan Church St Paul's

Sunday 15th May 2022
Annual_General_Meeting_ will be held after our 10:30am
service at St Paul's

Thursday 3rd November 2022
7pm ECO Church St Timothy's

Date of our Annual General Meeting – 15th 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 legal business. Please do pop this date in your diary.

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.

Electoral Role - notice of revision

The revision of the electoral role will begin on Friday 15th April and end on Friday 29th 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.

A lovely Easter gift for us all – thank you!

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

Tea and Toast – starting 26th April:

We are starting up again on Tuesday 26th April and looking forward to it! Please do pray - for those in the community who will come, and for the new team! 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

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

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.

ECO Tip

Train travel may be more eco friendly but often seems out of reach financially – it's so expensive! If you are traveling outside of Swindon though, why not have a look at National Express. Did you know that they stop just by Coate Water Roundabout which is really convenient for our area (just by the petrol station with the M&S).

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

Schools Work/Assemblies

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

Quiz Nite

Would members of the church, their family and friends be interested in a quiz nite at the church to raise money for Church funds. All proceeds going to church funds

The intention is to hold one twice yearly (April and October) avoiding the holiday season. The quiz would be for all ages and consists of teams of 6 people. There would be a small fee per team and a raffle.

If you are interested, please send an email to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk if we get a fair number of people we will look at staging the first one in October this year

The Notices team



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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

Prayer Board

As you may know, there is a Prayer Board at St Paul's (on the wall to the left as you enter the Worship area), and you are invited to put requests for prayers on it.

There is also a prayer board at St Tim's (on the table in the hall),. it will remain for a month because usually there are no weekly services.

Please ensure you have the appropriate permission before putting up any requests, in particular if you mention anyone's name. Please also include your name and the date you put up the request.

Prayers will be left for two weeks before being removed in order to keep the board up to date, if prayer is still needed please use another piece of paper and repeat the request.

General prayers will be offered in worship for the specific prayers on the board, but names will not be mentioned at the moment as the worship is live streamed and then available on the web.

And don't forget, there is also a board for answers to prayer, please us this too.

Stephen



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



Easter Quiz

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after they abandoned the Lord?
7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?

Answers

1. Passover (Luke 22:1)
2. A young donkey (Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:28-35; John 12:12-15). In eastern tradition it was customary for a king going to war to ride a horse. Yet when the king was at peace he would ride a donkey. The symbolism is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, was coming for purposes of peace between God and man.
3. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion week, the people welcomed Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; John 12:12, 13).
4. Peter (John 18:10)
5. Malchus (John 18:10)
6. Three times (Luke 22:54-57; Mark 14:69, 70; Matthew 26:73-75; John 18:13-27)
7. 30 (Matthew 26:15)
8. By giving Him a kiss (Matthew 26:47-49)
9. Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)
10. Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried (Matthew 27:6-8).

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 19th April 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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