



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



**SERVICES - Sunday 20th March 2022
 3rd Sunday in Lent**

St. Paul's

08.45am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Stuart Fisher
4.00pm	Messy Church	Deb Mulcock & Team

St Tim's

	No Service	
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Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 20th March.
 Trudie is at Christ Church supporting the wider Deanery.
 Stephen is at St Andrews supporting the wider Circuit.

SERVICES— Sunday 27th March · 4th Sunday in Lent / Mothering Sunday		
St Paul's		
10.30am	Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe

What's on this week.

March 2022		
Tuesday 22nd 10.30—12pm	St Paul's	Coffee morning @ Cid's Cafe
10.30am– 11.45am	St Tim's	Prayer group led by Brenda Phillips
1.00pm—2.15pm	St Paul's	Lent lunch with Rev Stuart Fisher
7.30pm– 9.30pm	St Paul's	Bible study and Prayer group led by Diane Lane
Wednesday 23rd		
1pm– 3pm	St Paul's	Tiny Tots
1.15pm—2.45pm	St Tim's	Tiny Tots
7.30pm—9.30m	St Paul's	Men's Fellowship
Thursday 24th		
7pm—9pm	St Paul's	Unveiled. Ladies Night with a difference. Special guest author Clare Haynes and her son, artist Micah Haynes

Dates for your Diary

As at 1st March 2022

Thursday 24th March 2022

7-9pm, St Paul's

"Unveiled: Women of the Old Testament and the choices they made" Ladies night. All welcome. Please invite friends too!

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

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

Covid procedures:

Following a recent meeting of Standing Committee, we have updated our Covid procedures. These are now attached. Thank you for continuing to think of each other in these early days of the easing of all requirements – it is appreciated.

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 8th 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

Our late friend Viv Craig:

Last year we mourned the loss of Viv. She was a faithful and regular member of our church family and we miss her dearly. Last week we learned from her niece that she left a significant legacy to the Dorcan Church and this week we received that generous gift towards the general life and work of this church. We are grateful for Viv's generosity, her membership of this church family, and for this offering to a church which she loved and which supported her. It will be put to good use in her memory. Thankyou Viv.

ECO Tip 13

– Soap. I often hear people saying that they have switched to liquid soap as it is more hygienic. Actually, this isn't true, and it's also considerably more expensive. Save the cash, save the plastic bottles, and switch back to bars. And with the saved cash, why not look at some small business hand made soaps at craft fairs, online on sites such as Etsy, and in local markets.

Date of our Annual General Meeting – Sunday 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.



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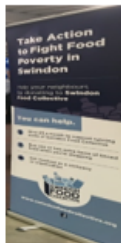
OUR FOOD BANK INITIATIVE

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



SWINDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CONCERT

Mussorgsky Night on the Bare Mountain
Elgar Dream Children Op.43
Elgar Sea Pictures Op.37 (Soloist - Janice Watson)
Janacek Suite from the Cunning Little Vixen (arr. Talich)
Tchaikovsky Fantasy Overture Romeo and Juliet

Conductor Malcolm Webb

Leader Helen Dearnley

Sunday 20 March 2022

7:30pm – 9:30pm

St Joseph's Catholic College,
Ocotal Way, Swindon SN3 3LR

TICKETS (unreserved seating):

Available from:

- www.swindonsymphonyorchestra.org.uk/concerts/
- Swindon Central Library
- direct from orchestra members

£10.00 (accompanied under 18s free)

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.

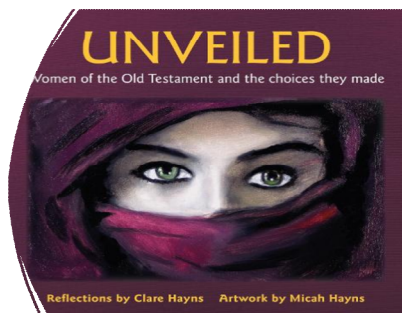
The evening events will begin with refreshments. After that we'll share stories, research, videos and music that capture the essence of what we do and how we might get alongside you as you seek to be an authentic disciple of Jesus in everyday life.

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

LADIES' NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE!



Thursday 24th March 7-9pm
St Paul's Church,
With special guests Author Clare Hayns
and her son, Artist Micah Hayns

Join us for an interesting and enjoyable evening finding out about some of the amazing women of the Old Testament

Whether you're familiar with the Bible or not, this is a relaxed evening, celebrating and learning from women of the past

Micah will be bringing along his drawings from the book, and there is also the option of a sketching lesson from him!

Please bring something for a simple bring and share nibbles table.
Drinks provided

Women and girls of all ages welcome – do feel free to invite a friend to come along with you

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 22nd March 2022** to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk
Thank you.

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Previous editions are also available at: [Dorcan Church Weekly Notices](#)



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