




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

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you



**SERVICES - Sunday 23rd April 2023
3rd Sunday after Easter**

St. Paul's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Stuart Fisher
4.00pm	Messy Church	

St Tim's

10.30am	Messy Church
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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 30th April 2023 4th Sunday after Easter		
St Paul's		
08.45am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Trudie Wigley
St Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Moira Slack

Please pray for our clergy as they minister to our wider Church family today 30th April, Stephen is at Stratton supporting the wider Circuit.

What's On This Week		
Monday 24th April	Time	Event
St Paul's	1.30pm	Funeral of Tracy Gase
Tuesday 25th April	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	09.00am —11.30am 10.30am —12.00pm 7.45pm —9.45pm	CID's too Coffee Morning CID's Coffee Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group
Wednesday 26th April	Time	Event
St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	10.00am —10.45am 1.00pm —3.00pm 1.00pm —3.00pm 7.30pm —9.30pm	Morning Prayers Tiny Tots Tiny Tots Men's Fellowship

What's On This Week (Cont'd)

Thursday 27th April	Time	Event
St Tim's	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Preachers Meeting
Friday 28th April	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

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 5th 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date of our Annual General Meeting – 14th 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 14th April and end on Friday 28th 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.

REITA MARSHALL - Funeral details

Please contact Alex Scott if you are intending going to the funeral as Alex need to provide numbers to Reita's son and Daughter (Vince and Marilyn)

Alex can be contacted via email me on alecdoug12@gmail.com or phone on 01793 346507 as soon as possible.

Details are:

May 3rd 2pm is the Commitment at:
Gloucester Crematorium,
Coney Hill Road,
Gloucester
GL4 4PA
(plenty of parking)

Followed by a Celebration Service 3.30pm at:
Minchinhampton Baptist Church,
Tetbury Road,
Minchinhampton,
GL6 9JH
(parking is at The Hub, GL6 9JJ – a short walk away)

Followed by refreshments in the church.

Every Blessing
Alex Scott

The Late Tracy Gase

The Funeral Service for Tracy will be held on Monday 24 April at 1.30pm at St Paul's, followed by Committal at Kingsdown Crematorium at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to go straight from the Church to the Messenger for refreshments, or to join the close family and friends at the Crematorium.

We hold Tracy's family and friends in our prayers at this time.
Stephen

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

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

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

Herman

Live-streaming Sunday services at St Paul's

First of all apologies. We have been experiencing technical difficulties staying connected to the Wi-Fi when live-streaming the services which has been frustrating and disappointing. We know that it is an important resource, and we still want to be able to offer services online for those that are unable to attend in person. At ECC it was decided that services would be recorded and then uploaded to the Facebook page which should stop any disruption of Wi-Fi connection. We have discovered that we require an SD card for the camera to be able to record and upload services. Once this has been obtained, we are hoping that this will resolve the issues. Thank you for bearing with us while we sort out the technical issues.

Nicki & Mac

ECO Tip

Fit a water efficient shower head (if you've got a shower that takes hot water straight from your boiler or hot water tank). This will reduce your hot water usage while retaining the



Answers to last week quiz

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

This week's quiz

1. what is the capital city of United Arab Emirates?
2. At what temperature does water boil in Kelvin?
3. On what continent is the Victoria desert?
4. How many band members were there in Derek and The Dominoes?
5. What is the chemical symbol for platinum?

Good luck

Just for fun

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 25th April 2023**

to notices@dorcanchurch.org.uk

Thank you.

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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