



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



The Good Shepherd

**SERVICES - Sunday 30th April 2023
Fourth Sunday after Easter**

St. Paul's

08.45am Morning Worship

Paul Taylor

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.

**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 7th May 2023 Fifth Sunday after Easter		
St Paul's		
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev Trudie Wigley & Rev Stuart Fisher
St Tim's		
	No Service	

What's On This Week		
Monday 1st May	Time	Event
	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 2nd May	Time	Event
St Tim's St Paul's St Tim's St Paul's	09.00am - 11.30am 10.30am - 12.00pm 2.00pm - 3.15pm 7.45pm - 9.45pm	CID's too Coffee Morning CID's Coffee Morning Prayer Group Bible Study & Prayer Group
Wednesday 3rd May	Time	Event
St Paul's St Paul's St Tim's St Tim's St Paul's St Paul's	10.00am - 10.45am 1.00pm - 3.00pm 1.00pm - 3.00pm 6.00pm - 9.00pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm	Morning Prayers Tiny Tots Tiny Tots House Group Blaze for School year 2— 6 Youth Club for School year 7+

What's On This Week (Cont'd)

Thursday 4th May	Time	Event
St Paul's Liden School	7.00am - 10.00pm 3.30pm - 5.00pm	Local Elections Coronation "Coronation" assembly and fayre - Rev Trudie Wigley
Friday 5th May	Time	Event
St Tim's	10.00am - 12.00pm	Food Collective - Paul

Dates for your Diary

As at 1st May 2023

Thursday 4th May - Local Elections All Day @ St Paul's

Saturday 6th May —Coronation of King Charles III

Tuesday 9th May —St Paul's Working party

10.30am - 12.00pm .

Sunday 14th May - Annual General Meeting @ St Paul's

Friday 2nd June —Family Quiz Nite

7.00pm—9.30pm @ St Paul's Church. All are welcome

Saturday 10th June - St Tim's Working party

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, starting around 11:45am. 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 – if you need a lift please contact Maggie at the office on 01793 435987 or dorcan.church.office@gmail.com .

Our meeting will be a maximum of an hour, and we will receive the annual report, elect officers and tend to our legal business. A particular focus this year will be offered from the Finance Committee who will be guiding us through a more in-depth review of our finances. Talking about money can be hard and we may not feel confident with “numbers”. However, it is important that, as a church, we understand our financial position – both giving thanks for all of God's provision and committing to pray when we are challenged financially. There will be time for questions, so please do come with some! Please do put this AGM date in your diary and come along.

Annual General Meeting – situations vacant: Circulated with these notices are details of the elections and appointments to various roles within Dorcan Church. I would suggest you start with the document that is helpfully(!) entitled “READFIRST_AGM” Please do reflect and pray as to where you might be able to help, or where you see gifts in others whom you'd like to encourage. As the body of Christ together we are Christ's church, each with our own gifts, so please do pray for these key appointments.

Electoral roll now closed for revision – our roll has now been revised and is required to be displayed for 14 days before our AGM. In both centres you will find a list of names (only) displayed. If your entry is incorrect or missing, then please do let Barbara Wilcox (our Roll Officer) know (b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com)

Thank you.

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

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.

Working Parties

At St Paul's Tuesday 9th May.

As the centre is so busy on a Saturday, we are going to trial doing some cleaning and maintenance on a Tuesday while CIDS cafe is on. We would like to do some more weeding and gardening, and carry on with cleaning the louvre windows, and possibly some other small tasks.

At St Timothy's on Saturday June 10th

We would like to do some outside and inside maintenance and cleaning, weeding painting / paint preparation, graffiti removal. Willing volunteers very welcome at both.

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

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

Switch to eco cleaning products which biodegrade in the sewage system and don't damage aquatic life in our rivers and seas. They also contain less harmful chemical for us too.



Answers to last week quiz

1. what is the capital city of United Arab Emirates? = Abu Dhabi
2. At what temperature does water boil in Kelvin? = 373.15
3. On what continent is the Victoria desert? = South Australia
4. How many band members were there in Derek and The Dominoes? = 4
5. What is the chemical symbol for platinum? =Pt

This week's quiz

What comes next?

1. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus? _____
2. 18, 4, 13, 6? _____
3. : Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra? _____
4. Q W E R T Y? _____
5. Home, brain, heart? _____
6. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John? _____

Good luck

Just for fun

NOTICES

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent by **Tuesday 2nd May 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