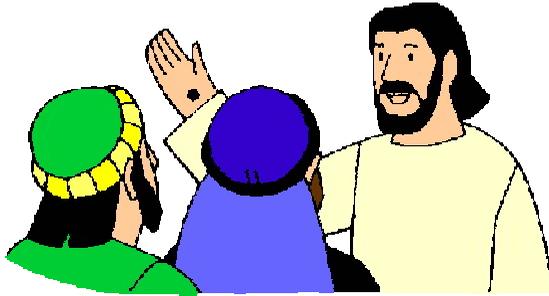




St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

3rd April, 2016

*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

John 20:20-21

SERVICES 3rdApril

St. Paul's

10.30am

United Holy Communion

Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Today we warmly welcome Noah James Rogers and his family, as he receives his candle following his recent baptism.

This morning Paul Tayler is at Stanton supporting the Swindon deanery.

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.

What's on this week - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 4th April	4.00pm	Centre Management Committee, St Pauls
Tuesday 5th April	7.30pm	Ministry team, 11 Merlin Way
Wednesday 6th April	6.00pm	NO Tiny Tots Diocesan finance
Thursday 7th April	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's

Prayers

Your prayers, for:

- For our community, that all may come to know Jesus
- For ourselves, that we may rise to the challenge of being 'sent'
- For all Christians who are unable to worship freely and are persecuted for their faith
- For those who are unwell, and their families and carers and the recently bereaved
- For all who are facing uncertainty over financial worries or jobs, debt and health problems

SERVICES 10th April

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
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10.30am	All Age Worship	Neil Marshall
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Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*, Sunday Club: *All Age*

4.-00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley Rev'd John Monaghan
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St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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Have you thought of being confirmed?

In July, we shall be joining our friends in Parks and Walcot for our ecumenical confirmations. Is confirmation 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 any member of the ministry team.

We'd love to talk with you in confidence and explore further.

Faith and politics - what is our response to the EU referendum?

The debate and conversations are gaining momentum as we come to the referendum in June. It can be a little confusing to pin-point the main issues, so the following websites may help as you consider and pray what your vote might be. The BBC provides a helpful "What you need to know" and can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-32810887>

There is also another website which aims to create a space for Christian debate on this issue, with arguments on both sides. This can be found at www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk. We pray for all our nation's leaders and ourselves as we come to this important vote.

Life Path is being put on again at Malmesbury Abbey, arranged this Year by Abi Corry. It's a day for School aged children going through the life of a Monk. It's being held Monday June 27th and Tuesday 28th 9.30 -- 3pm. As at least one of our Schools, - Covingham, is taking part it would be good if a few of the School Team could take part. It means also attending on the Sunday 26th 4pm -- 9pm for Tea and training. Ray, Pam and I are going on the Monday and we have a spare seat in our car if someone would like to join us. Please let me know ASAP for more info. Margaret tel:532849

Calling all Messy Church teams!

We would like to invite everyone involved in Messy Church to a gathering of Messy Church teams from across the Swindon area at St John's, Parks on Wednesday 14th April from 7pm-8:45pm.

We hope to support and encourage one another, pray together, share ideas and discuss challenges. We would also like to talk about whether we might like to arrange a training session and if so, what we would like the training to cover and when would be the best time to arrange it. We have secured a small pot of money to pay the expenses of inviting a Messy Church trainer to Swindon.

This time we would especially love to know:-

- *What has excited/encouraged you about your Messy Church in the last six months?*
- *What are your biggest challenges?*
- *What themes have gone well? – please bring any particularly good sessions for others to take away and maybe some examples of the crafts?*
- *What food crafts have gone well? Any particular winners for Easter? Can you bring some to share?!*

No need to book, just come along – the more the merrier!

From Becky Lafford (Pinehurst) and Linda Fletcher (Parks and Walcot)

Annual Congregational Meeting – 24th April 2016:

Our annual congregational meeting is on Sunday 24th April and will be held at 11:15 am, after our United Service with Holy Communion at St Paul's, which starts at the earlier time of 10 am. Please do make every effort to attend this important meeting as we give thanks for the life of our church during 2015, and look forward to the year ahead.

Papers are currently being drawn up, so **if you have been approached to contribute a report please could you return this by tomorrow** so we can produce our report in good time. Many thanks.

Tracey would like to thank everyone who has contributed to her MS Collection Tin. She has raised £20.28 recently. Her thank-you letter from the Swindon Therapy Centre says “Thank you for helping people with Multiple Sclerosis and other neurological conditions to keep living, laughing and loving life.”

**Future Dates for the diary
As at April 2016**

Wednesday 14th April

A gathering of Messy Church teams from across the Swindon area,
at St John's, Parks, *from 7pm-8:45pm*

Friday 15th April

Flame FM a 'Question Time' style debate 7pm
at The Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill, Swindon

Tuesday 19th April

An evening with Stuart Townend, (Performance, chat & Worship)
7pm, St. Joseph's College, Ocotal Way, Swindon

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Sunday 24th April 2016

Dorcan Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7th May 2016

Bristol Diocese Synod

Saturday 16th May 2016

Safeguarding Leadership Training (SG2) at St Paul's 10-4pm
For Churchwardens, LLMs, supervisors/leaders of children & young people's work
or work with vulnerable adults. Booking via Diocesan office essential.

Wednesday 6th July 2016

Ecumenical Confirmations, St Johns, Parks & Walcot

Friday 16th-Sunday 18th September 2016

Dorcan church 50th anniversary weekend! Hold the date.

Saturday 10th September 2016

Methodist Representative Synod

Saturday 24th September

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November

3Generate2016 - fun, faith and friendship for children & young people

3rd December 2016

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th January 2017

Lay Ministers conference at Brunel Manor in Torquay.

FLAME FM

FLAME Grilled

Friday 15th April at 7pm
The Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill, Swindon
A 'Question Time' style debate

Panellists to include:

Robert Buckland MP

Jim Grant, Leader, Swindon Labour Group

Rt. Rev'd Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon

Chaired by - Jonathan Morrell, BBC Radio Wiltshire Presenter

Free - but book your ticket - limited spaces!
Questions to be submitted by 5pm on 13th April

The event will end no later than 8.30pm
and will be recorded for broadcast in May on Flame FM

Tickets and further information: Vernon Griffiths 01793 534923
v.griffiths815@btinternet.com 2 Brecon Close, Lawn, SN3 1JT -
please include a stamped, addressed envelope if applying by post.

(Swindon Churches Together)

Flame FM Duty Managers :

FLAME FM Duty Managers needed. Providing support for the presenter by way of having a keen listening ear to what's being broadcast. Also taking and making telephone calls as needed, meeting and greeting visitors, and making copious teas and coffees during the month of May.

Training for Duty managers will be on Saturdays 23rd and 30th April, 10am-11.30am. You don't need to come to both! Days and times during May will be to suit your diary. For more information or to offer your services do get in touch and chat to Barbara 01793 536815, or email Barbara@flamefm.co.uk .

Dave Jones



What's it all about? An opportunity to ask questions and learn about the Christian faith

We are looking to run some short and informal sessions in late April/early May to explore the Christian faith and give an opportunity to ask questions.

As a way of playing your part in the vision of Building God's house, **please do prayerfully consider who you might encourage to join these sessions**, and don't forget to ask them! Invitations are available at the back of the church with more information.

Electoral Roll revision – CLOSES TODAY!

Each year we are required to open the electoral roll to revision before our Annual Meeting which is on Sunday 24th April 2016. The window for revision closes today and the revised roll will be displayed in both churches for 14 days from Sunday 10th April. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be, or are not sure, please do speak with Barbara W. our Electoral roll officer who will be able to help you (538695).

By being on the electoral roll it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan church, stand for ECC and speak at the annual meeting, as well as being an important way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church. Do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.



Leaflets and flyers for your information and to share with others, Facebook and Twitter!



Have you seen the increasing range of publicity available on the life and activities of this church? We have a host of new leaflets on all kinds of things: activities for children and families (Tiny Tots, Messy Church, all age worship), handy flyers on the month's services, the upcoming enquirer's course etc. These are here for you, and to give to others so please do take some to give away. We also have a new Facebook page "Dorcan church notice board" which shares details of services and church-related information, so do go on there and like the page! And coming soon is Twitter. This is all good stuff and is part of improving our publicity which we said we would do as part of our vision of "Building God's house".

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 7th April
Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)