



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



"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting
'Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is the King of Israel'
(John 12:13)

Services 14th April 2019 - Palm Sunday

St.Pauls

9.15am Continental Breakfast

10.00am A short time of worship at St. Paul's, then a walk to Covingham Square where we will continue in worship, coming back to St. Paul's at . . .

11.00am Sharing in communion and hearing the story of The Passion

This will be a special time together as we start Holy week and follow our Lord's journey to the cross and glorious resurrection. We hope you can make it and if you have any green branches/pampas grasses etc. from the garden then do please bring them for our walk!

4.00pm Messy Church

The Team !

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 next week -		
Monday 15th April	9.00am	Morning prayers at St. Paul's
Tuesday 16th April	9.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul's Morning prayers at St. Tim's Lent Group at Blakeney Ave Men's Fellowship Group - Hatherley Road
Wednesday 17th April	9.00am	Morning prayers at St. Paul's N.B. Easter break for Tea & Toast, Tiny Tots and Mid-week children's clubs
Thursday 18th April	10.30am 10.30pm 7.30pm	NO Midweek Communion this week. Diocesan Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral Holy Communion at St. Tim's
Friday 19th April	8.30am 10.00am 2.00pm	Breakfast at St. Paul's with crafts followed by . . . All-Age Reflection at St. Paul's - see below "Hour at the Cross" at St. Paul's



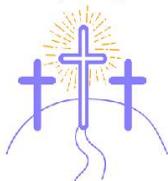
THE DORCAN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast, Craft and an all-age Act Of
Worship- all free!

**April 19, 2019 | Join us from
8:30am, Worship at 10am
@St Paul's Church**

Open to everyone- all ages welcome



For Catering
purposes could
you please let
Deb know if you
are coming!

This is open to
everyone not just
children!!

Palm Sunday walk – We have procured some large Palm Leaves this year to wave as we walk and to ‘dress’ the church with after the walk. If you are walking the short distance with us to Covingham square and back to the church, and if you have a Hi-Vis (yellow jacket), please bring it with you.
 Many thanks, the Ministry Team.

Services - Holy Week		
Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April		
St. Paul’s		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Clergy Team
18th April - Maundy Thursday		
St. Timothy’s		
7.30pm	Holy Communion	Rev’d Rob Smith
19th April - Good Friday		
St. Paul’s		
8.30am	Breakfast & Crafts	Deb Mulcock Team followed by
10.00am	All-Age reflection	Rev’d Trudie Wigley
2.00pm	The Last Hour	Rev’d Stuart Fisher
21st April - Easter Sunday		
St. Paul’s		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev’ds Trudie Wigley and Rob Smith
St. Timothy’s		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev’d Stuart Fisher

Holy week and Easter services Flyers:

Please do take a flyer for yourself and also for someone else who you might invite to join us to hear about the wonder and love of the Easter story.

Please pray for God to prompt you who to ask, and pray for that person too!

Last week's Annual General Meeting:

Thank you to everyone who joined us in worship last week and stayed to the AGM. The draft minutes will be available shortly and in the meantime the leadership report is available today for those who couldn't be with us. Please do read and consider how you might respond.

After the first ECC in May, a full list of members and their roles will be shared, but in the meantime the following were elected. We thank them for standing and the responsibilities which they take on and please pray for them.

- Churchwarden: Diane Killick
- ECC members: John Davidson, Tony Prichard, Jan Prichard
- Stewards: Viv Craig, Sarah Paterson, Diane Mills, Chris Rose, Clare Rose, Josh Mulcock, John Davidson.

Confirmations: new date in the Autumn:

Due to the number of youngsters looking to be confirmed from Dorcan church, +Viv has offered another time for a confirmation service, with St Paul's hosting and we are looking at the Autumn. This is great news and we give thanks for this possibility.

This will be a youth confirmation service, the first in the diocese and Methodist district, so is a particularly exciting time as our young people will be able to take a significant part in shaping the service themselves.

Please pray for all our youngsters in their faith journey and especially those thinking of making this next step, as well as their leaders who have nurtured them in their Christian faith.

The knitted angels were a huge success at Christmas
and much appreciated by the community.

Due to popular demand we are doing them again this year. and the earlier we start knitting the more we'll be able to distribute. It's amazing what a small gesture can mean and local people were delighted with this gift from The Dorcan Church. If you would like to join in please ask Diane L., Maureen or Deb for a pattern if you need one. Happy knitting.



“Forging Connections”: 9th May 7-9:30pm, Trinity Centre (Gateway Church), Stonehill Green (SN5 7AR): This is an opportunity to network with Christian organisations which provide services across Swindon, including NightShelter, SYFC, Willows etc. There will be a number of organizations there and this meeting – the first of Forging Connections – is to raise the profile and opportunities for Christians to volunteer, support each other and for churches to work more closely together.

If you are considering how your Christian faith might support charities in playing their part in sharing the Good News of Jesus then come along. There will be opportunities to talk to the various organizations about their work and connect with others across Swindon. For more information, please see poster.

Easter Eggs to support our friends in Parks and Walcot – for this sunday:

Rev Linda Fletcher and the team are holding an Easter Egg hunt in their community – to connect and show love and care amongst whom they live and serve. For the hunt they need some Easter eggs (obvs!), yet have limited means. It would be good to bless Linda and the team so if you are able to support them in giving Easter Eggs please could you bring an egg or two next Sunday (Palm Sunday) and/or a donation? This will mean a lot to the team so thank you for

SAVE THE DATE!:

Dorcan Church
Holiday Club this year is
from **Tuesday 30th July - Friday
2nd August**
for children in school years 1-6 and it is called
Mission Rescue!



Please save the date! we need lots of helpers and kids!
I promise you it will be great fun! -

more info - see *Rev Rob*

The cyclone in Africa

Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Over 3 million people have been affected by Cyclone Idai. Tearfund is already working on the ground, in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, with our local church partner organisations and we are assessing the needs of people affected. Together, our church partners will be providing help wherever there is the most desperate need.

Despite challenging conditions, we are distributing essentials like food, clean drinking water, soap, mosquito nets and shelter in some of the most remote and hard to reach regions. But the situation is critical and the needs of survivors are vast.

In Zimbabwe, flash floods have destroyed crops and livelihoods, with around 200 people injured. 'The hardest hit areas are in Chimanimani and Chipinge districts,' said Earnest Maswera, Tearfund's Country Director in Zimbabwe. 'The situation is dire, the damage to infrastructure is beyond comprehension, the need is enormous. The prayers and material support of the global church will go a long way in bringing relief to the hurting in Zimbabwe.'

Around 400,000 people have lost their homes and desperately need emergency shelter. There is a serious risk of waterborne diseases including Cholera. The cyclone has destroyed the harvests of millions of people. They need food urgently and fresh seeds to plant for the next harvest.

Please pray for all those whose lives have been devastated by Cyclone Idai, and for everybody who is working tirelessly to reach people in the greatest need – often in hazardous circumstances

Please pray and support when you can. Thank you

Christne Parsons

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 17th April** Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email