

A Journey into Easter – Stopping at Stations in Swindon

Swindon Churches Together's creative partnership with schools, colleges and other groups has now come together to present the story of Easter in a unique and imaginative way.

From Palm Sunday to Easter Monday (Holy Week 17-25 April) a series of 'Stations' based on passages from the gospels will be on display at public venues across the town. These include shopping centres (West Swindon and The Brunel Plaza), leisure facilities (Oasis, The Link), libraries (Central, North Swindon) and STEAM.

Six secondary schools, six primary schools, the two colleges and two other groups have been involved, covering 16 different events and using a variety of artistic media such as paintings, murals, construction, sculpture, and photography.

We hope that families and individuals will want to follow the Easter journey and visit all the Stations. Please pray for interest to be generated that God uses beyond our expectations. (More details on the website www.swindonchurches.org)

	Title	Station Site
1	Jesus enters Jerusalem	Brunel Plaza
2	Jesus clears the Temple	STEAM
3	Judas agrees to betray Jesus	Oasis
4	The Last Supper	Central Library
5	Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethemane	Wyvern Theatre
6	Jesus is arrested	North Swindon library
7	Peter disowns Jesus	Blaylocks, Old Town
8	Jesus is tried by the religious leaders	Wyvern Theatre
9	Jesus is sentenced to be crucified	Brunel Plaza
10	Jesus is abused by the soldiers	The Link Centre
11	Simon of Cyrene is forced to carry Jesus' cross	Wyvern Theatre
12	Jesus is crucified	The Link Centre
13	The death of Jesus	Lydiard Park
14	Jesus is buried	Central library
15	The tomb is empty	North Swindon library
16	The joy of Jesus' resurrection	STEAM

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 21st April
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(please let me know if you would like notices by email)



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
17th April, 2011

Staff Team: Rev. Tony Knapp Tel: 525130
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*Tony & Beth both have Fridays off - please avoid contacting them if possible.
Wendy is not available Monday daytime and Saturdays.*

SERVICES - 10th April - Palm Sunday

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

St Tim's

10.30am	Baptism	Tony Knapp
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We welcome the family and friends of Isabella Saffron Leith who is coming for Baptism at St Tim's this morning

Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
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Refreshments served after the 10.30am services - please stay if you can

Confirmation on Easter Eve at St Paul's Everyone is welcome to this year's Confirmation at St Paul's, 6.30pm on Saturday 23rd April. Bishop Lee and Rev Tony Barnes from Queen's Drive Methodist Church will be confirming our 5 candidates, all from the Dorcan Church. I do hope you can come to support them: Darren Burns, June Dossantos, Alison Merrett, Stan Morse and Cyril Williams. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare to take this significant step in their Christian lives.

Lectionary	Matthew 21: 1-11	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Readings - 17th April		

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.

NEXT WEEK - HOLY WEEK		
The small groups have now completed the Lent Course. Please check with group leaders whether they will be meeting during Holy Week.		
Mon. 18th April	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study - Thorne Road
Tues. 19th April	1.30pm 7.30pm	NO Tiny Tots at St. Paul's- starts again 3rd May Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Cov.
Wed. 20th April	10.00am 1.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's - Beth NO Tiny Tots at St. Tim's - starts again 4th May
Maundy Thursday 21st April	10.00am 10-11.30 3.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's - Tony Knapp Lent Course - Passmore Close, Covingham Holy Communion at Wick House Holy Communion at St. Tim's Cell Group - Austen Cres. Liden
Good Friday 22nd April	10-11.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm 7.00pm	Workshop and Worship for all ages at St. Paul's Meditation at St. Paul's Meditation at St. Tim's Stations of the Cross - Holy Family Church
Easter Eve 23rd Apr.	6.30pm	Confirmation at St. Paul's
SERVICES - 24th April - Easter Day		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	Holy Communion for all ages	Tony Knapp
<i>Welcome: Jenny & Colleen, Teas: Margaret & Ray, Crèche: Cathy Knapp</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
Eldene		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Wendy Tucker
AGM Thanks It was a great encouragement to see so many of you taking part in our AGM last Sunday. I would specially like to thank all those who have agreed to take on or continue the various jobs in the Dorcan Church. We are all important parts of the life of our church, in whatever way we contribute to it. Thank you.		
Rota June - August Due to an extended holiday the new rota will not be printed until the first week in June. If you know dates in June-August when you cannot cover duties could you let me know asap. Thank you, Sandra.		

Good Friday There will be an All Age service on Good Friday morning from 10-11.30 at St. Paul's. It will begin with a workshop, exploring Good Friday through different activities and finish with an act of worship from 11.00. All welcome to the whole morning, or just to the worship at 11.00. (children please bring a carer with you). There will be drinks and hot cross buns served after the service.

HELPERS - thank you for offering to help with the Good Friday workshop. Please arrive at St Paul's at 09.15 when the four different crafts (Easter Story Spinners / Palm Sunday Models; Easter Egg Nests; Marbled Crosses; Easter Gardens) will be explained & allocated

Quiet Day Saturday 21st May

Would you like some space and a chance to get away from it all for a few hours? Beth Lamb will be leading a Quiet Day for our church, with some worship, time for quiet and reflection, a wander outside if the weather is kind, and company to share it with. It will be from 10.00am to 3.30pm. When details of the venue have been confirmed we will let you know the full details including a small cost. Please contact Cathy on 525130 if you are interested.

Prayer Initiative. For the next few weeks we will be prayer for the residents of mitanbrook and Cole Close. Please also remember them in your private prayers.

Come and celebrate Will & Kate's wedding Dorcan style -29th April 4-7pm - St. Paul's - Bring & Share tea, drinks provided, donations to help cover costs. Fun and games for all the family - ladies, wear a wedding hat, children come as a prince/princess, anyone dress as a pearly king and queen (not compulsory), or just come as you are and have some good old fashioned fun.

The Biblefresh Festival in Bristol based around the Cathedral and College Green on May 22nd 2011 is being planned by an ecumenical team with support from the Connexion, the Bible Society and others - 2.00pm start - Worship 5.30pm in the Cathedral.

There is a great need for stewards at this event - please contact me if you would like to offer as such. On the day you will need to be in Bristol for 11.00am

There is a request for churches who are able to set up and run activity stalls or tables. Face painting, hair plaiting, art or ceramics etc. Please let me know if you can offer. You will need to be in Bristol for 12.00pm.

If you are intending to attend the celebration on 22nd May, please can you tell your minister who can then inform me and we can see if it makes more sense to try to hire a coach rather than take a number of cars.

We need to know in the next two weeks if we are to have a chance of booking a coach.
Rev. Mark Barrett, Superintendent Minister of the Swindon & Marlborough Circuit.

Computer Desk (one careful lady owner!) seeks new home. Free to collector. Please contact Beth (826444).