



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

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

Sunday 21st March 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent



*Create in me a pure heart. O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me."*
Psalm 51:10

Online 10.30am. Morning Worship. Rev. Stuart Fisher
A service of worship will be posted on the Facebook page
"Dorcan Church Notice Board" which you can find at:
<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindon/>

Online 11.30am **After service coffee on Zoom**
Link will be posted on the closed Facebook page

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.

Sunday 28th March 2021 Palm Sunday

St. Paul's. 10.30am. Morning Worship. Rev. Trudie Wigley
& Rev. Stuart Fisher

We rejoice that it is our first Sunday back following this latest lockdown. We understand that there will be those who are unable to join us and we will be live-streaming the service.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd March

7.30pm ECC on Zoom

Electoral Roll – notice of revision:

The opening of revision of the electoral role will start in 14 days' time and closes on Saturday 10th April. If you are not on the electoral role and would like to be, or are not sure, please do speak with Barbara Wilcox our Electoral roll officer who will be able to help you (b.wilcox89@ntlworld.com). There will also be forms available in both centres when we reopen later this month.

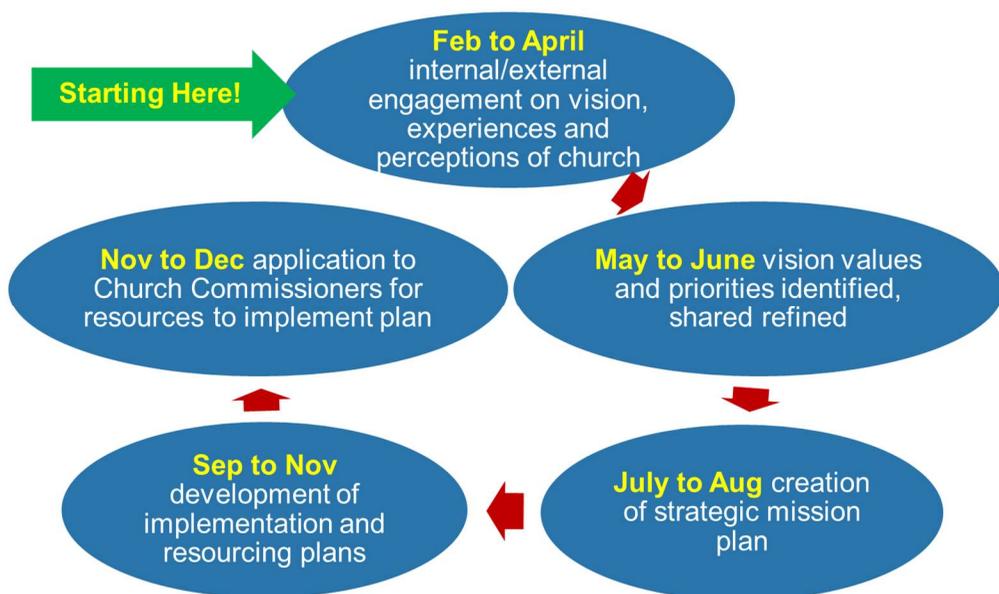
By being on the electoral role it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan church, stand for Ecumenical Church Council and speak at the annual meeting. **However, most importantly, it is a significant way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church.** Do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.

TRANSFORMING CHURCH. TOGETHER.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the engagement opportunities for Transforming Church. There are still a few weeks to be a part of this if you would like to by completing a questionnaire which you can find at <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/transformingchurch/jointheconversation/> Whilst it can be completed personally, why not gather a few other and discuss together?

This is our chance to share what we feel God is saying to us about the future of God's church and how "be" and "do" church for Him. Please do pray for Transforming Church, and that we will be faithful to God and where he may be leading us.

And for those who like to know how our engagements fit in with the whole Diocesan discernment process, here's a nifty chart! Throughout we will give updates of where we are and next steps.



Re-opening from next week! We are delighted that we are looking to re-open St Paul's from Palm Sunday – next week! – with services at both churches on Easter Sunday. This is great news and we look forward to being together again.

We will of course still need to socially distance and continue in our hand sanitising and regular cleaning. Whilst a number of our church family have now received their first vaccine, our age demographic is such that many others haven't and will be waiting a few more months yet. In addition, we must protect our children, some of which are more vulnerable and to whom the vaccine isn't currently offered.

As an act of love and support to each other, please do continue to follow the guidelines when we meet so that the whole church family can all come out of this safely. We have done so well and it won't be too long before we can sing, shake hands and hug (if you're the huggy type) so we continue to remain vigilant as we begin to come out of all that we have faced. Thank you and may God bless you.
Trudie

Holy Week

As we journey through Holy Week together, we can confirm the following times of reflection and worship.

Palm Sunday	United service at St Paul's 10:30am
Monday-Wednesday	Written reflections on Facebook Page
Maundy Thursday	Live Zoom service at 7:30pm
Good Friday	Last moments at the cross 2:30-3pm at St Paul's
Holy Saturday	Written reflection
Easter Sunday	Services at St Timothy's and St Paul's 10:30am

Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral

Thursday 1st April 10:30 2021 (Maundy Thursday):

We have one ticket for the parish – would you like to go?

Traditionally this service is when we share in the blessing of oils which are used in Christian initiation (e.g. baptism) and healing and is also an opportunity to pray together and to renew our commitment to the ministries to which we have each been called to.

The event is being held at the Cathedral this year and will also be live-streamed. However, there is an opportunity to attend in person, although because of social distancing this is limited to one ticket per benefice. If you would like to take up this ticket please could you let Trudie know by Monday 22nd March? Thank you. (rev.trudie@wigley.org.uk)

Local Ecumenical Partnership Listening Process – update

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Return to worship

If you would like to be included on the new rota for readers and prayers, please contact me,

smarshall28@ntlworld.com 01793 638593

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ENVELOPES FOR WEEKLY GIVING **2021/2022**

The envelopes for weekly giving will be at St. Paul's on Sunday 28th March. The St. Tim's envelopes will be at St. Paul's on that day and any not collected by St. Tim's members will be at St. Tim's on Easter Sunday.

Brian Avery

And if you are wondering what to do with your weekly offering envelopes, you may pop them through my door at

1 Poltondale, Covingham, SN3 5BN.

Tony Prichard (Treasurer)

Please see the information below from The Archdeacon of Malmesbury Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust:

This year's Ride+Stride takes place on Saturday 11th September 2021.

"This sponsored event is always much enjoyed by cyclists, walkers and horse-riders of all ages. Half the money raised goes back to your own church, and the other half is used by the Trust to respond as best it can to requests for grants. It is not necessary to be super-fit to take part in Ride+Stride; even a gentle stroll from one church to another constitutes participation. For the more energetic there are cash prizes for the best achieving individuals in three age groups. The Brooke Cup (plus £500), and its equivalent for the under-18 age group, the Junior Group Cup (plus £100), are awarded to the most successful parishes.

Ride+Stride is an important source of funds. As well as boosting your own church's finances for essential repairs and enhancements, Ride+Stride enables Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to assist churches with grants. In the last five years the Trust has made grants to Wiltshire churches and chapels of all denominations totalling £429,000". **Christopher Bryan, Archdeacon of Malmesbury**

John Davidson usually takes place in this event and we have also been fortunate to have received funds from the trust, so it would be good this year to open our Churches on September 11th.

If this is something you are willing to help with, please contact **John Davidson or Jackie Hancock, Church Administrator - dorcan.church.office@gmail.com**



PARISH SHARE 2020

To all at the Parish of
Dorcan,

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

During a most difficult year, we want to thank you for your gift of £51,000 towards ministry in your parish and beyond, through Parish Share in 2020.

Rt Revd Vivienne Faulk
Bishop of Bristol

Ven Christopher Bryan
Archdeacon of Malmesbury



Diocese of Bristol



All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Wednesday 24th March
Tel: 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.
Please let me know if any others would like to receive notices by email.