



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)



Did you remember? Clocks went forward this morning!

Holy Week and Easter services: Details of all our Easter services are available today. Please do take a flyer for yourself and also for someone else who you might invite to join us. Everyday in the coming days of Holy Week there is an opportunity to meet and reflect on the passion story, and together to continue our Lenten journey towards Easter.

Services - 25th March 2018 - Palm Sunday

St. Paul's

10.00am United Service with Holy Communion
Rev'ds Andrew & Trudie Wigley

Including walk of witness finishing with refreshments at St Paul's 12:15/30pm

Welcome: *Joy & Angie*, Teas: *Hazel & Alison*
Sunday Club: *Debbie & Hazel/Niki*, Creche: *Sam & Judy*

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 26th March	9-9.45am 4.00pm 7-9pm	Holy week Morning Prayers, St Paul's chapel Centre Management Committee Parenting Teenagers, St Paul's chapel
Tuesday 27th March	9-9.45am 10.00am Lunchtime	Morning Prayers, St Paul's Chapel Morning Prayers at St. Tim's Dorcan Academy Christian Union
Wednesday 28th March	8.45am 9 - 9.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea & Toast, St. Tim's Holy week Morning Prayers, St Paul's chapel Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 29th March	9.30am 10.30am 7.30pm	(NB - NO Holy Communion) Chrism Eucharist, Bristol Cathedral Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, St. Tim's
Friday 30th March	10.00pm 2.00pm	All Age Reflection - St. Paul's Last Hour, St. Paul's

<u>Holy Week Services</u>		
<u>29th March</u> Maundy Thursday		
St. Timothy's		
7.30pm	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
<u>30th March</u> Good Friday		
St. Paul's		
10.00am	All-age reflection	Rev'd Rob Smith
2.00pm	The Last hour	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
<u>1st April</u> Easter Sunday		
St. Paul's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>John & Joan</i> , Teas: <i>Rosemary & Amy</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Debbie, Amber & Niki</i> , Creche: <i>Jan & Anna</i>		
St. Timothy's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Electoral Role - notice of revision. The opening of revision of the electoral role starts today and closes on Saturday 14th April. After this time no amendments can be made until after our AGM. In due course, the revised list will be displayed, as legally required. 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. There are forms available in both centres. 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.

Confirmation - have you thought of being confirmed?

On Sunday 16th June at 4pm, we shall be hosting the ecumenical confirmation service, and our friends from the West Swindon Partnership will be joining us. Confirmation is an important part in our Christian journey and can take on a different significance to different people – for some confirmation is a way of affirming their faith for themselves which was promised on their behalf when they were baptized as infants, for others it is part of the process of baptism when older, for some they approach it as the time they would like to start sharing in communion, and for others it marks their commitment to membership of the church and particularly denomination. And for many people it is a combination of all these and more!

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.

Trudie

Chrism Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral Thursday 29th March 10:30 (Maundy Thursday):

Traditionally this service is when we share in the blessing of oils which are used in Christian initiation (e.g. baptism) and healing. However, this service is also a unique opportunity for us all to come and pray together, share in the Lord's supper and for each of us to renew our commitment to the various ministries to which we have been called. A number of the Ministry team are going and all are welcome.

Advanced notice!

Saturday 12th May 2:30pm - Church family afternoon

As part of “Thy Kingdom Come” – the national prayer initiative – please come and join together as the Dorcan church family at Barbury castle for fun together and a time of prayer for our town as we overlook our home of Swindon from the hill.

Come with your kites, outdoor games, dogs, cakes to share and hot flasks!

Palm Sunday: A Sonnet

*Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.*

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All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 28th March** - Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

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