



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



Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord"
John 20: 18

Services 21st April 2019 - Easter Sunday

St.Pauls

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'ds Trudie Wigley
and Rob Smith

Welcome: *Anna & Brian, Teas: Jean & Joan, Sunday Club: tbc. Creche: tbc*

St. Timothy's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

**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 -		
Tuesday 23rd April	9.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Men's Fellowship Group - Hatherley Road
Wednesday 24th April	8.45am 9.00am 6.00pm	Tea & Toast at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's (St. Tim's Tiny Tots starts next week) Blaze at St. Paul's
Thursday 25th April	10.30am 8.00pm	NO Midweek Communion this week. Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messenger.

28th April - 1st Sunday of Easter		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith and Dave Clark - Swindon Youth for Christ
Welcome: <i>Joy & Pauline</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy's Group</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Mary & Helen</i> , Creche: <i>Margaret & Judy</i>		
4.00pm	Tea & Praise MOVED to 12th May	
St. Timothy's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley and Sue Morgans

Thank you! Easter Eggs for Parks and Walcot:
Rev. Linda and the team are very grateful for our gifts of Easter Eggs and financial gifts to support them in their Easter Egg hunt. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

On Easter Day
By Malcolm Guite

As though some heavy stone were rolled away,
You find an open door where all was closed,
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

Lost in your own dark wood, alone, astray,
You pause, as though some secret were disclosed,
As though some heavy stone were rolled away.

You glimpse the sky above you, wan and grey,
Wide through these shadowed branches interposed,
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

Perhaps there's light enough to find your way,
For now the tangled wood feels less enclosed,
As though some heavy stone were rolled away.

You lift your feet out of the miry clay
And seek the light in which you once reposed,
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

And then Love calls your name, you hear Him say:
The way is open, death has been deposed,
As though some heavy stone were rolled away,
And you are free at last on Easter Day.

Recent Annual General Meeting: Thank you to everyone who joined us in worship recently 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,

All things to do with Archdeacons!

Swindon Deanery Archdeacon's Visitation 12th May 2019 - 6.30pm. You are invited!

Each year in May the relevant Archdeacon visits each Anglican deanery and formally admits Churchwardens to their legal office. This year it is being held on 12th May at 6:30pm at St Johns, Parks. Diane Killick was elected as the Churchwarden for The Dorcan Church so please do come and support and encourage her as she takes up this office for another year. This will be our new Archdeacon's first visitation, Ven Christopher Bryan, so we look forward to being with him.

New appointments

Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Ven Christopher Bryan - our new archdeacon who looks after Swindon deanery - will be installed as Archdeacon of Malmesbury at Bristol Cathedral at 5.15pm on Tuesday May 7, 2019.

Archdeacon of Bristol: This week saw the announcement of the appointment of Ven Neil Warwick as the new Archdeacon of Bristol. He will be joining the diocese later in the year.

We pray for both Christopher and Neil in their ministries amongst us, and for Michael Johnson and Graham Archer who are stepping down from their roles as our two acting archdeacons. They have looked after us very well and our prayers go with them.

Gift Day – Sunday 5th May: Each year we mark one Sunday in the Spring as a Gift Day. This year we have chosen 5th May and we will be reflecting on God's generosity and our response through themed preaching on that day, exploring the holy habit of "Giving and Sharing resources".

God has been faithful and generous to us, and this is an opportunity to make a gift in recognition of this, and to support the mission and ministry of his church in Dorcan and in the wider community and church. In our financial stewardship we are all encouraged to "take responsibility, be generous and have faith" and this will look different for each one of us. More information on how to give will be available next week, yet in the meantime thank you for your prayerful consideration and response to God's generosity to us.

Kevin Penfold – on placement:

Kevin is training as a Licensed Lay Minister and worships at ChristChurch, Old Town. He will be on placement with us from 5th May until mid-June and we look forward to him being with us. Kevin will be leading worship, preaching and getting involved in the mission and ministry here at Dorcan so do say hello and get to know him!

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 this has been confirmed for **4pm Sunday 3rd November 2019**. 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.





**Come and join us for the Global Wave of
Prayer
30th May - 9th June 2019
Ascension to Pentecost**

**Saturday 11th May 2.30pm
Church family afternoon at Barbury Castle**
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!
Meet in the Car Park. This is marked on Google Maps
under "Barbury Castle Car Park"
(Not Barbury Castle - you'll end up in the wrong place!)

St. Tim's Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

We are holding the above event on
Saturday 11th May from 10 am until midday at St Tim's.
We shall be selling cakes and preserves
as well as a bring and buy table, etc. and of course plants.
All support for this fundraising event will be much appreciated.
All funds are in aid of Dorcan Church.

Sarah P.

“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.

Tiny Tots, St. Paul’s,

Volunteers still needed to support this activity
on Wednesday mornings

especially to set up before the families arrive

Could you spare an hour from 8 - 9am?

If you would like to know more please contact

Brenda Fisher, tel. 497169,

email. brendaf111@btinternet.com.

Stratton Team Ministry have a vacancy for a
Media and Publicity Officer
Part time 5 hours a week.
Please see the poster at St Paul's,
or for further information contact Rev Vicky Fleming
vicky.fleming981@btinternet.com



SPREE

We are excited to say that more children have signed up for SPREE this year including some of our youngsters from BLAZE and YOUTH GROUP.

This means that we are in need of more tents - 2/3 man are ideal. If you have a tent(s) that you are willing to loan for the weekend of 28th - 30th June could you please speak to Debbie. Many thanks

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