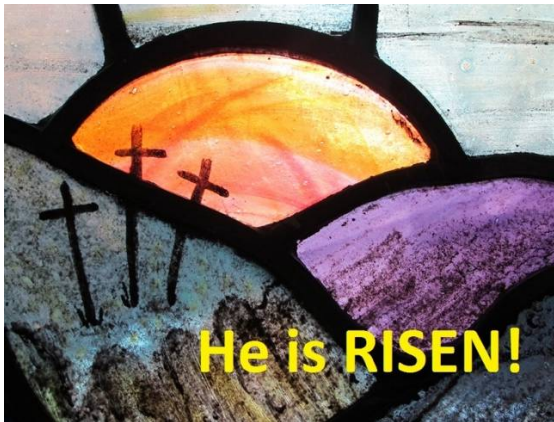




St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*

4th April 2021 – Easter Sunday



*"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified,
He has risen! He is not here!"*

Mark 16:6

St. Paul's 10.30am. Easter Communion Rev. Andrew Wigley

St. Timothy's 10.30am Easter Communion Rev. Stuart Fisher

We will be live-streaming the service on the Facebook page "Dorcan Church Notice Board" which you can find at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindon/>

Thank you for your patience as we are having significant technical challenges live-streaming.

**If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.
Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.
Welcome to the Dorcan Church.**

Services - Sunday 11th April 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's.

10.30am.

Morning Worship

Mary Boitz

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

No dates this week!

The First Gold of Dawn

The long day
Stretched into the night
And time crept onward
Towards the new day.

With the first gold of dawn
Came a resurrection,
A new hope that grew
With the rising sun,
And went out to a waiting world.

Jean Murdoch

Electoral Roll – notice of revision: The opening of revision of the electoral roll will start in 14 days' time and closes on Saturday 10th April. If you are not on the electoral roll 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 roll 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.

Local Ecumenical Partnership Listening Process – another update

Back in November we were asked for our input into a listening process for all Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnerships (SCLEPs) across the Bristol-Swindon area. Many of you engaged with this and Dorcan's views were heard and understood, both the joys and challenges.

The summary of contributions has now been completed after a little delay which was for good reason. The quality and depth of many of the comments has meant that the senior leaders in the various denominations have sought to take more time to explore and really listen further as to what SCLEPs are saying and how they need support and encouragement. At this stage we have been asked to confirm that the views summarised reflect what we said and then the next step is to look at how we might address some of those common issues that SCLEPs face.

Thank you for your engagement in this last year, and your comments have been heard! We will let you know of developments as they happen.

We need everyone's help please!

Please see separate email sent 31st March 2021 with more detail.

Over the last month or so, a group of us has been looking at different ways in which people can help serve the church, and we hope that more people will feel able to offer help in some way.

You will know that at present we don't have any Churchwardens or Senior Church Stewards for St Paul's or for St Tim's, and we really need to find volunteers who will take on these roles. Initially we have looked at reducing the scope and therefore workload of these roles as far as possible, by sharing some of these responsibilities around, and using the flexibility of team-working to make it easier for people to offer their various gifts and time. But there are also plenty of opportunities for people to offer help without having to take on a formal role.

We will be sending out more details shortly in readiness for our Annual Church Meeting, but for now ask you to consider whether you could offer to help in some small way as a church volunteer, or to take on one of the more formal roles above. Remember T.E.A.M. stands for Together Everyone Achieves More, and in God's service, that means a lot.

Thank you. *Andrew*

A Big Thank you Church Family!

During this last Lock-down thank you all for looking after one another. Yet again there have been many acts of loving kindness – practical help, phone calls, letters, encouragements, listening ears, shopping deliveries, etc. You are all awesome!

And thank you too for everyone who has put together and helped distribute materials and gifts this Lent.

Whilst we have not been able to physically be together for much of our Lenten journey, we have still been able to be together in spirit and unity using the resources shared and the gifts to cheer us.

Thank you church family!

Join us on zoom for an
Easter Eggscavanganzar Ladies
Night full of fun, Creativity, trivia
and laughter!

Wednesday 7th April

8-9pm

Bring a real (hard boiled if possible)
egg with you

Plus a drink of your choice and
hopefully some Easter eggs to eat
(if you have any left!)



VIRTUAL LADIES
NIGHT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As at April 2021

Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday

Holy Communion at both St Paul's and St Tim's

Sunday 25th April 2021

United Service 10:30am ST Paul's - AGM and annual gift day

Saturday 8th May 2021

9:30-1:30pm on line - *"Living in Love and Faith"*

Sunday 9th May

United Service 10:30am St Paul's

Rev Andrew Wigley's final Sunday at Dorcan

Sunday 16th May

10:30am St Paul's - Archdeacon Christopher Bryan leading worship

Saturday 22nd May 2021

9:30-1:30pm on line

"Living in Love and Faith" conference (repeat from 8th May)

All welcome

Saturday 11th September

Ride+Stride for churches

Sunday 21st November 2021

4pm Ecumenical confirmation at Holy Trinity, Shaw

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Revd Stephen Roe starting in the circuit as Methodist minister
at Stratton Methodist and Dorcan church

Friday 3rd September 2021

7:30pm St Paul's - Welcome service for Revd Stephen Roe

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Wednesday 7th April

Tel: 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

Please let me know if any others would like to receive notices by email.