



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

11th April 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter



John 20:19

"Jesus came and stood among them and said
"Peace be with you!""

St. Paul's 10.30am. Morning Worship Mary Boitz

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/>

**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 18th April 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's.	10.30am.	Morning Worship	Alex Scott and Rev. Andrew Wigley
St. Timothy's	10.30am.	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Saturday 17th Methodist Synod on Zoom

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll has now been revised and is published via a notice in both centres for the 14 days between 11th and 25th April. If there are any omissions of error please contact Barbara Wilcox (b.wilcox89@ntlworld).



THE DORCAN CHURCH

Website: www.dorcanchurch.org.uk Registered Charity Number 11437

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11:30 Sunday 25th April 2021

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 25th April straight after the United Service at St Paul's at 10:30am

Supporting God's House 2021

Everyone has a part to play

We need everyone's help please!

What role might you consider?

Over the last month or so, ECC and standing committee have 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. In the attached document you will find more information as to some of the roles and how you might be able to support the life and mission in Dorcan Church. Please do prayerfully consider what you might be able to offer as part of a team.

Churchwarden and Senior Steward: You will know that at present we do not have any Churchwardens or Senior Church Stewards for St Paul's or for St Tim's, and we really need to cover these roles. These are key leadership appointments and are important roles in the running and flourishing of the church, in governance and in acting as key interfaces into our partnership denominations. In addition, Churchwarden has certain legal responsibilities and is an officer of the Bishop.

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. There is more information in the attached document.

ECC member: The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) is an important part of decision making, and carries out a mixture of spiritual, legal, financial and missionary functions, and shares the responsibility of making certain decisions with the church leadership. It meets 6-9 times a year and is held on rotating weeknights from Monday to Thursday. It is not a committee to be on to know what's going on, but a gathering that prays and works together for the benefit of the life, ministry and mission of God's church. Nor is it a committee which "rubber stamps" – issues are discussed and decisions made with prayer and in faith.

Please do prayerfully consider whether this is something you might be a part of, whether as an elected member, or as an officer of the church such as being a Churchwarden or Deanery Synod representative.

Who can I speak with to find out more? Speak to any one of the steward team, an ECC members and Revs Andrew Trudie and Stuart, to find out more. We are looking for roles to be shared across teams rather than resting on any one individual, so do also speak with others and encourage one another to think what you might be able to offer into the team.

Nomination forms Some of the roles need to be elected – please see below for details and for the number of vacancies. The various forms are available in both centres, or via email from the Jackie in the office.
dorcan.church.office@gmail.com

Elections – AGM 2021

Post	Vacancies	Period (Yrs.)
Churchwarden (Dorcan Church)	2	1
Senior Church Steward (St Paul's)	1	1
Senior Church Steward (St Timothy's)	1	1
Church Steward (St Paul's)	6	1
Church Steward (St Timothy's)	3	1
Member of Church Council	3	3
Deanery Synod Representative (2020-23)	2	2 remaining

The nominee must

- be at least 16 years of age
- actual communicants
- on the Electoral role for at least six months

Proposers and seconders must be on the electoral roll of this parish, or in the case of Churchwarden on the government register of electors within the parish.

It is helpful to have completed forms returned to a Steward or Rev Trudie Wigley by Friday 23rd April 2021 please

Andrew and Trudie Arrangements during Sabbatical/Extended Study Leave

You will be aware that Sunday 9th May is Andrew's last Sunday at Dorcan ahead of his Sabbatical leave which will then bring his appointment as minister amongst us to a close in August. That Sunday is also Trudie's last before her Extended Ministerial Study Leave (EMDL) until late August during which time the family will also be moving to the Vicarage in Liden.

Arrangements are well under way for support and cover during this time, with the details being shaped in partnership with Standing Committee. We have a working spreadsheet to make sure we cover everything (it seems to keep growing!) and we give thanks for the support that is enabling this to happen – our own ministry team, the Anglican Deanery, the Methodist circuit and the church family, particularly Rev Stuart Fisher and John Davidson as they hold the leadership during this time.

The Church of England and the Methodist Church recognise the importance of an extended time for reflection and refreshment in ministry, such that in the Methodist Church it is now compulsory every 7 years. Bristol Diocese have granted Trudie's 10-yearly EMDL, having asked her to take this time for reflection at the same time as Andrew given our unique working arrangements. The time we are both away coincides with what is often a quieter time of the year in the life of the church, and post Covid-19 we would encourage everyone to catch up with friends, loved ones and church family and just enjoy the summer being together!

The timing of this leave also gives space to support a transition from one ministry set-up to the next period ahead when Rev Stephen Roe joins us in September. Trudie is returning early from Extended Study leave at the end of August to welcome him and to then start working with her new colleague and the new insights he will bring.

This time on Sabbatical/EMDL is not time off, but a time of spiritual refreshment, exploring and affirming vocation, reflection and of study. Andrew will be exploring the implications of Covid for the future of the church alongside some time of Pilgrimage and reflection on the spiritual journey. Trudie will be studying what economic justice might look like and whether there is such a thing as progressive capitalism for the common good. We won't answer all the questions in the time we have, yet are looking forward to the gift of study and learning. Thank you for supporting us in this opportunity and if you have any concerns, questions, or encouragement, before 9th May then please do contact us.

With thanks. Andrew and Trudie Wigley

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Wednesday 14th 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.