



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

**Sunday 28th March 2021**  
**Palm Sunday**



Those who went ahead and those who were following shouted:

*"Hosanna!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!*

*Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

(Mark 11:9-10)

**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 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**

If we are able to do this look out for the link on the closed Facebook

**Services - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Easter Sunday**

<b>St. Paul's.</b>	<b>10.30am.</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Andrew Wigley</b>
<b>St. Timothy's</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Stuart Fisher</b>

**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.**

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK – HOLY WEEK**

**Monday – Wednesday**

Reflections for Holy Week

Posted on Face book page "Dorcan Church Notice Board"

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

7.30pm Maundy Thursday service on Zoom

Please email [rev.andrew@wigley.org.uk](mailto:rev.andrew@wigley.org.uk) for link or look on Dorcan Church closed Facebook group

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

2.30pm "Last moments at the cross" at St. Paul's

**A REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY**  
**WELCOME TO THE CITY (but one wee word of advice)**

Lord Jesus,  
If only you would come to our city like you did to Jerusalem.  
We've got some great hymns to sing to welcome you!  
Our guitars would be out to lead the singing;  
We'd wave our scarves and dance.  
You would get a real red-carpet welcome – five-star treatment.

There would be a real religious revival.  
It would be wonderful.  
If only you would come here  
To our country  
To rescue us.

But in case you do,  
Just one wee word of advice –  
Stick to religion but be careful.  
Don't interfere with politics, or economics, or big business and all that,  
And be careful not to make unpopular changes in the way we worship.

Save us from what may happen in the next life, yes,  
But leave us to go on our own way,  
The way we are used to in this life.

If you get it wrong for our city,  
Who knows?  
We, too, might have to kill you.

*Ian Cowie*

## Re-opening TODAY

We are delighted that we are re-opening St Paul's today; 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

**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 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.

### ENVELOPES FOR WEEKLY GIVING

2021/2022

The envelopes for weekly giving will be at St. Paul's on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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)*

## **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 reasons. 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!**

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*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Tel: 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you.  
Please let me know if any others would like to receive notices by email.