



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



Jesus came and stood amongst them
and said
"Peace be with you"
John 20:19

Services 28th April 2019 - 1st Sunday of Easter

St.Pauls

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith and Dave Clark - Swindon Youth for Christ

This morning we extend a very warm welcome to Dave Clark, from Swindon Youth for Christ. Thanks for coming to be with us Dave!

Welcome: *Joy & Pauline*, Teas: *Cathy's Group*, Sunday Club: *Mary & Helen*,
Creche: *Margaret & Judy*

4.00pm **NO tea & Praise** - moved to 12th May

St. Timothy's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Andrew Wigley and Sue Morgans
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This morning Alex is at Chiseldon supporting the wider Methodist circuit

**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 30th April	9.00am 10.00am 1.00pm	Morning prayers - St. Paul's Morning prayers - St. Tim's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy
Wednesday 1st May	8.45am 9.00am 12.45pm 6.15pm	Tea & Toast at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots starts at St. Timothy's Midweek Youth Group
Thursday 2nd May	10.30am 8.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Tim's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre followed by Messenger.

5th May - 2nd Sunday of Easter Gift Day		
St. Paul's		
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Rosemary & Amy</i> , Teas: <i>Pam & Hazel</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Nathalie & Niki</i> , Creche: <i>Jo & Anna</i>		

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.

They had a total of 52 eggs – and guess what? - 52 children came! They are very grateful and sent a lovely picture of them all waving to say thank you. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

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.

How to give:

- Envelopes are available in each church today so please do pick one up – they have the words "Dorcan Church Gift Day" on the outside. These are different envelopes to those some of you will use for your regular giving. Inside each envelope will be a slip of paper which you are encouraged to complete if you are a tax payer so that Gift Aid can be claimed on your offering. Our treasurer, Tony Prichard, is the only person who is aware of our personal giving and only needs this information to enable him to claim gift aid which makes a huge difference to our income. All this information is kept in the strictest confidence by him.
- Electronic transfer - if you would usually make electronic transfers and would prefer to do that, then please could you make the bank reference as "Gift Day 2019"
- Parish Giving Scheme – if you are a member of the direct debit scheme then it is very easy to make a one-off offering either online through your logon, or by phoning the scheme administrator.

When to give: During the services at St Paul's and St Tim's you will be invited to make your gift day offering into the weekly offering plate, together with your usual offering, if that is your normal practice. If you are not going to be at any of the services, then please do pass your offering to Tony in the meantime, or afterwards.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for reading this.

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.

Kevin Penfold – on placement:

Kevin is training as a Licensed Lay Minister and worships at Christ Church, 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.

Holy Habits – “Puddings and Ponderings evening”

- Tuesday 11th June 7pm, St Tims

Following our last gathering of minds in February over soup lunch with +Viv, we agreed to meet in June for a puddings evening to touch base on our next two habits – July/August “breaking bread” and Sept/Oct “fellowship”.

More details nearer the time but until then don't forget to pop the date in your diary!



**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!)

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.

“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.



**St. Tim's Plant Sale
& Coffee Morning**

We are holding this
event on
Saturday 11th May from
10 am until midday at
St Tim's.

We shall be selling cakes and preserves as well as having a bring and buy table, etc. and of course plants.

Your support for this fundraising event will be much appreciated. All funds are in aid of Dorcan Church.

Sarah P.

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 1st May** Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email