



<b>What's on next week -</b>		
Tuesday 10th April	9-9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayers, meeting room Morning Prayers at St. Tim's
Thursday 12th April	9.30am	Holy Communion, St Paul's

**Services - 15th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am	Morning Worship (Tea and Praise "feel")	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
Welcome: <i>Pam &amp; Friend</i> , Teas: <i>Joan &amp; Jean</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Nathalie &amp; Helen</i> , Creche: <i>None</i>		
1.00pm	Baptism	Rev'd Rob Smith
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !

**St. Timothy's**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley and Sue Morgans
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**Confirmation - have you thought of being confirmed?**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm, we shall be hosting the ecumenical confirmation service, and our friends from the West Swindon Partnership will be joining us. Confirmation is an important part in our Christian journey and can take on a different significance to different people – for some confirmation is a way of affirming their faith for themselves which was promised on their behalf when they were baptized as infants, for others it is part of the process of baptism when older, for some they approach it as the time they would like to start sharing in communion, and for others it marks their commitment to membership of the church and particularly denomination. And for many people it is a combination of all these and more!

**Is confirmation something you might like to consider as part of your Christian journey?**

Or do you know someone you would like to encourage to think about taking this next step? Please do think and pray about the possibility of confirmation, and if you would like to find out more and what it's all about then please do speak with any member of the ministry team.

We'd love to talk with you in confidence and explore further.

*Trudie*

**Sad News of Alan Christopher:**

We are sorry to share the news that Alan Christopher died on Sunday, 25th March. Our thoughts and prayers are with Heather and her family. The funeral service for Alan will be held at Kingsdown Crematorium at 12 noon on Thursday 26th April. All are welcome to attend.

Alan was a man of great faith and an inspiration to others, so may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Gift Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> April:**

Following our “*Giving in Grace*” financial discipleship focus last May, each year we will be marking one Sunday in the Spring as a Gift Day. This year we have chosen 22<sup>nd</sup> April and we will be reflecting on God’s generosity and our response through themed preaching on that day. 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.

*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. Additionally, if you usually make electronic transfers and would prefer to do that, then please could you mark the bank reference as “Gift Day 2018”? Thank you.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for reading this.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11.30PM Sunday 29th April 2018**

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 29th April straight after the united service which will start at the **earlier time of 10am**.

**Standing for ECC:** Have you ever wondered how decisions are made which guide the direction of God's church in Dorcan? The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) is an important part of that 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 6-8 times a year alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday nights. 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 the church. Nor is it a committee which "rubber stamps" – issues are discussed and decisions made with prayer and in faith. **Would you like to use your gifts to serve on ECC** and can you attend the majority of meetings? 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. If you need any further information then please speak to a Church warden, member of the ministry team, or current ECC member. Nomination forms will soon be available in each centre.

**Electoral Role - notice of revision – you need to act before next Sunday!** The opening of revision of the electoral role starts today and closes on Saturday 14th April. After this time no amendments can be made until after our AGM. In due course, the revised list will be displayed, as legally required. If you are not on the electoral role 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 (tel: 538695 ). There are forms available in both centres. By being on the electoral role 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.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 11th April**. Tel 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.

**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email**