



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

Peace  
*be with*  
you

Jesus stood among them and said to them  
"Peace be with you".....  
"Look at my hands and me feet. It is I myself!"  
Luke 24:36b&39a

### Services - 15th April 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

#### St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Andrew Wigley  
(Tea and Praise "feel")

Welcome: *Pam & Friend*, Teas: *Joan & Jean*,  
Ignite: *Deb, Clare&Amber* Sunday Club: *Nathalie & Helen*, Creche: *None*

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

**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.**

<b>What's on next week -</b>		
Monday 16th April	12:45pm 7-9pm	Funeral of Dorothy Spice, St Paul's Parenting Teenagers, St Paul's chapel
Tuesday 17th April	9-9.45am Lunchtime	Morning Prayers - St. Paul's meeting room Dorcan Academy Christian Union
Wednesday 18th April	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea & Toast, St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 19th April	9.30am 7:30pm 8-9.00pm	Holy Communion, St Tims Swindon Churches Together AGM, Willows Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Friday 20th April	12:45pm	Funeral of Doris Griffin, Kingsdown Crematorium

<b>Services - 22nd April - 4th Sunday of Easter - Gift Day</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
Welcome: <i>Hazel &amp; Janice</i> , Teas: <i>Janice &amp; Jan</i> , Ignite: <i>Deb, Clare&amp;Amber</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Cathy &amp; Alison</i> , Creche: <i>Jo &amp; Margaret</i>		
<b>St. Timothy's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith

**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.

**Commissioning of Church Link team – United Service 29<sup>th</sup> April.** At our next united service, we will be commissioning all those who serve as church links. Each person in the Church family has a church link person, and their purpose is to uphold you in prayer and to be a point of contact if you would like a listening ear. This is an important way of showing our love and support for each other, and this care is one of the four strands in our vision of Building God’s house (Outreach, Discipleship, Care and Community). We look forward to commissioning and praying for our church link team, as well as formally expressing our thanks for all that they do for us.

**Gift Day – Next week—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.

### **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*

**Card Making Class** - The next class is Saturday May 12th  
9.30am - 12 noon in the Playgroup Room.

This is a small group meeting every three months taught by Claire Curtis. We learn new skills and make 3 cards. The cost is £10, of which £4 is used for a charity/church, chosen by the group. If you would like to join us or need more information, contact Sandra M Money and names to me by Saturday, May 5th.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 18th 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**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **11:30 Sunday 29th April 2018**

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 29th April straight after the United Service at St Paul's which will start at the **earlier time of 10am.**

### **Election of Officers and of Representatives to Ecumenical Church Council (ECC)**

**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 Churchwarden, member of the Ministry Team, or current ECC member.

**Nomination forms** for the various roles are now available in each centre. Please see overleaf for the list of vacancies.

# Elections – AGM 2018

Elections for the posts shown below will take place at the AGM of the Dorcan Church to be held on Sunday 29th April 2018 at St Paul's Church at 11:30 am.

Please ensure you complete the correct Nomination Form, as they differ depending upon the role.

NB. The nominee, proposer and seconder must all be on the Electoral Roll of the Dorcan Church and be at least 16 years of age. Churchwardens and Deanery Synod Representatives are automatically on Church Council.  
Church Stewards can also stand to be elected to Church Council.

Post	Vacancies	Period (Yrs)
Churchwarden (Dorcan Church) and Senior Church Steward (St Paul's)	1	1
Churchwarden (Dorcan Church) and Senior Church Steward (St Timothy's)	1	1
Church Steward (St Paul's)	5	1
Church Steward (St Timothy's)	3	1
Member of Church Council	6	3
Deanery Synod Representative (2017-20)	1	until 2020

**Completed forms should be returned to Diane Killick or Viv Craig by Wednesday 25th April 2018**