



**What's on this week** - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 28th March	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 29th March	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group - Wiseman Close, Cov. Easter - Looking at the Easter Readings.
Wednesday 30th March		NO Tiny Tots
Thursday 31st March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's

### Prayers

Your prayers, for:

- For our community, that all may come to know Jesus
- For ourselves, that we may show ourselves to be Easter people
- Those Christians who are unable to celebrate Easter openly, and are persecuted for their faith
- Those who are unwell, and those recently bereaved

### SERVICES 3rd April

#### St. Paul's

10.30am                      United Holy Communion                      Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: *Mari & Pam*, Teas: *Hazel & Alison*, Sunday Club: Mary & Niki

**Thanks for all the wonderful donations of home made cakes** for the local Teachers; they really are well received and shows that the Church cares.

*Margaret*

## **Have you thought of being confirmed?**

In July, we shall be joining our friends in Parks and Walcot for our ecumenical confirmations. 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.

## **Faith and politics - what is our response to the EU referendum?**

The debate and conversations are gaining momentum as we come to the referendum in June. It can be a little confusing to pin-point the main issues, so the following websites may help as you consider and pray what your vote might be. The BBC provides a helpful "What you need to know" and can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-32810887>

There is also another website which aims to create a space for Christian debate on this issue, with arguments on both sides. This can be found at [www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk](http://www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk). We pray for all our nation's leaders and ourselves as we come to this important vote.

**Life Path** is being put on again at Malmesbury Abbey, arranged this Year by Abi Corry. It's a day for School aged children going through the life of a Monk. It's being held Monday June 27th and Tuesday 28th 9.30 -- 3pm. As at least one of our Schools, - Covingham, is taking part it would be good if a few of the School Team could take part. It means also attending on the Sunday 26th 4pm -- 9pm for Tea and training. Ray, Pam and I are going on the Monday and we have a spare seat in our car if someone would like to join us. Please let me know ASAP for more info. Margaret  
07756987198 / 01793 532849 email raymarg@virginmedia.com.



## **What's it all about? An opportunity to ask questions and learn about the Christian faith**

We are looking to run some short and informal sessions in late April/early May to explore the Christian faith and give an opportunity to ask questions.

As a way of playing your part in the vision of Building God's house, **please do prayerfully consider who you might encourage to join these sessions**, and don't forget to ask them! Invitations are available at the back of the church with more information.

### **To All the Dorcan Church**

This is to say a Great Big Thank-you to you all for sharing my 90th birthday.

For the most beautiful flowers, the cards and the gifts.

Not only was it my birthday but I celebrated 30 years of coming to the Dorcan Church on Palm Sunday (23rd March 1986).

Thank you for sharing my tears and laughter over the past years.

Yours most sincerely, *Mavis*

May God give you his blessings and Peace

### **Electoral Role - notice of revision:**

Each year we are required to open the electoral role to revision before our Annual Meeting which is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The window for revision is now open and will close on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016, with the revised role displayed in both churches for 14 days from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

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 (538695). By being on the electoral role it means that you can vote for the officers of the Dorcan church, stand for ECC and speak at the annual meeting, as well as being an important way of showing your membership of The Dorcan church. Do consider joining the roll if you are not currently on it.



### **Leaflets and flyers for your information and to share with others, Facebook and Twitter!**



Have you seen the increasing range of publicity available on the life and activities of this church? We have a host of new leaflets on all kinds of things: activities for children and families (Tiny Tots, Messy Church, all age worship), handy flyers on the month's services, the upcoming enquirer's course etc. These are here for you, and to give to others so please do take some to give away. We also have a new Facebook page "Dorcan church notice board" which shares details of services and church-related information, so do go on there and like the page! And coming soon is Twitter. This is all good stuff and is part of improving our publicity which we said we would do as part of our vision of "Building God's house".

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by Thursday 31st March  
Tel 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk)  
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)