

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 23rd May	All day	Bank Holiday !
Wednesday 25th May	9.00am 1.30pm	NO Tiny Tots at St. Paul's (half term) NO Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 26th May	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's

SERVICES 5th June

St. Paul's

10.30am United Holy Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Rosemary & Amy* Sunday Club: tba

Church Family News

Dorothy Fretwell: It is with sadness that we share that Dorothy died on Thursday this week. She was surrounded by her family and died peacefully at home following her illness. Please remember Stephen and Debra in your prayers, as well as her sisters and wider family. Her funeral and thanksgiving service will be at **11:30am on Friday 17th June at St Paul's**, followed by a committal at the Crematorium. All are welcome. Everyone is also invited to refreshments and fellowship afterwards at The White Hart from 12:30pm.

Despite this sad time, may Dorothy rest in peace and rise in glory, and be united with Peter in God's care.

Reg Pratt: We share the sad news that Reg Pratt, former member of Senior Citizens, has died. Please remember Brenda and their sons Mark, Tony and Robert, and their families, in your prayers. His funeral and thanksgiving service will be at Kingsdown Crematorium on Monday 6th June at 12:45pm.

Muriel Goodwin: Muriel has now moved to Kent into a new home, and whilst we will miss her at Dorcan, this means she is nearer her family. Her address is available and I'm sure she would love to hear from us.

Prayers

Your prayers, for:

- Rest for students, teacher and staff this half term holiday
- Those who are bereaved, that they may sense God's peace
- For good and honest debate as the EU referendum approaches
- For our local businesses, and those who work in our area
- Those who are unwell, lonely or anxious

“The Churchwarden prayer”

When Diane Killick and Viv Craig were admitted as our Churchwardens at the recent Archdeacon's visitation, they prayed this prayer during the service. The words are powerful and thought provoking and asks each of us the question “what will we do?” We share it here for your own prayer and reflection.

A prayer: I will speak out for those who have no voices
I will stand up for the rights of all the oppressed.
I will speak truth and justice.
I will defend the poor and needy.
I will speak out for those who have no choices.
I will cry out for those without love.
I will show god's compassion to the crushed and broken in spirit.
I will lift up the weak in Jesus' name.

Amen

Creating Connections:

At the end of April, 300 church leaders from across the diocese met for a conference on “Creating Connections”. This is the vision for the Diocese for the next few years and looks at Creating Connections with God, with Others and with the Community. Within that the priorities are making disciples, growing leaders and engaging with younger generations.



Our picture of Building God's house in Dorcan reflects these connections and priorities and is affirming for all that we are doing here. As a church we have been asked to share with the diocese our plans, and over the next couple of months your ministry team and ECC will be looking at putting together a short paper to share with our wider colleagues.

In the meantime, please do pick up some brochures – in particular there is a brochure called “Visions and Priorities for the Diocese of Bristol” and the first of a regular Connections Newsletter. These brochures are designed not only to communicate, but to inspire us so please do grab one!

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.

"FOOTSTEPS" Opportunity to tour the Holy Land.

I have booked a 10 day tour of Jerusalem, and the Galilean area following in the footsteps of Jesus, his life and ministry.

This tour will be From 13th-22nd June **2017**.

For further details please contact Paul Tayler on 538842,

We are hoping to decorate St. Tim's hall on June 24th and 25th

Volunteers are needed from the whole Dorcan Church for as long or as little as you can manage.

All paint, brushes etc. will be supplied as well as tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.

Any queries, please ring or email. Thanks. - *Viv craig (497821)*

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)