

Church and School working together for the children of East Swindon

Thank you so much for everyone who attended the in:School prayer meeting. It was great to see so many people there, all wanting to see what God has in store for the in:School project.

The Living Church sessions started this week and are going really well; we have done 3 sessions so far - only 5 sessions to go. Y Crew clubs are also going well and assemblies have been well received by the children.

Important date to put in your diary - Monday 23rd May.

Pray for Schools event - an evening of prayer, interviews and networking to support our schools and the Christian students and staff within them.

The fourth week of the **Pastoral Care Course** will be on Monday 7th February at 7.45pm at Brenda Bennett's - Tregantle Walk.

We will be talking about mental health issues, loss and bereavement and domestic abuse.. If you would like to join us to discuss these issues you would be very welcome. *Wendy* Tel: 727280

Calling all crafters.

We are planning (as part of fund raising activities) to run a card making class at St. Paul's on Saturday 12th March, 10am - 1.00pm. Claire Curtis will be teaching the group, designing 3 cards for you to make and take home. Pre-registration is essential. Cost £7 (including all materials, and refreshments). Please register with payment to Sandra. (638593) Suitable for all abilities.

Thank you to all who have ordered Easter Eggs - these will be delivered to me no later than 8th April and I will distribute them to the respective Church centres. Please contact me directly if you want to pick them up from myself. Since the cheque has now been posted, any outstanding monies would be most welcome!

Nathalie

Cantores Choir - Music by Handel (Dixit Dominus), Purcell, and Monteverdi. Feb 26th (Tetbury) and March 12th (Northleach) both at 7.30pm. See Nathalie for tickets or www.cantores.net where you can book on line.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 10th February
Telephone: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like notices by email)



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
6th February 2011

Staff Team:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 747926
	Mrs. Wendy Tucker	Tel: 727280

*Tony & Beth both have Fridays off - please avoid contacting them if possible.
Wendy is not available Monday daytime and Saturdays.*

SERVICES - 6th February

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	Baptism	Beth Brown

We welcome Nicola & Paul Carter and their daughters Isabelle & Madeleine who have come for baptism this morning. Welcome to you and to all your family and friends. *Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can*

+CAKE SALE After this Service Sunday Club and Vybe will be having a cake sale in aid of the Leprosy Mission. Please give them your support.

St Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp & Beth Lamb
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Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can

Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
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Lectionary	Isa 58: 1-12	1 Cor 2: 1-16
Readings	Ps 112: 1-10	Matt 5: 13-20
6th February		

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.

THIS AFTERNOON the Dorcan Church Walkers set off from the shop car park next to St. Pauls at 1.30pm for their Sunday walk. All welcome.

NEXT WEEK Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.

Mon. 7th Feb.	2.00pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Fellowship and Bible Study - Thorne Road
	7.45pm	Pastoral Care Course - Tregantle Walk.

Tues. 8th Feb.	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Cov.

Wed. 9th Feb.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe

Thurs. 10th Feb.		Living Church - Liden School at St. Tim's
		Living Church - Nythe School at St. Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion in St. Paul's Vestry
	1.30pm	Cell Group - Falconscroft, Covingham
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Austen Cres. Liden
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Sedgbrook, Liden

Fri. 11th Feb.		Living Church - Covingham Sch at St. Paul's
		Living Church - Liden School at St. Tim's

SERVICES - 13th February

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox

Welcome: Simone & Martin, Teas: Jean G./Joan Fitton, Crèche: Jo Kirkland

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Wendy Tucker
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Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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Prayer Initiative For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Gibbs Close, Passmore Close, Dobbin Close & Gantletdene. Please also remember them in your private prayers.

Confirmation. Would you be interested in being Confirmed? This year our joint Confirmation Service will be at Queen's Drive Methodist Church on Easter Eve - Saturday 23rd April at 6.30pm. Please have a word with Tony, Beth or Wendy if you would like to consider this next step in your Christian faith. There is no upper age limit, and if you have not been baptised this can be included in the service as well. Easter Eve has been a traditional time for Confirmation for many years - followed by a first communion on Easter Day to celebrate the risen Lord! We hope to be joined by other candidates from our sister churches in Parks and Walcot.

in:School Project "Living Church"

Last year nearly 200 children from our local primary schools attended 'The Living Church' teaching sessions at St. Tim's and St. Paul's. Abi Corry, our Schools worker, assisted by Margaret Hylton, Leila Thwaites and teams of helpers from both churches, will be running these sessions once again for children from years 3 and 4. Together they explore the life of the Church in an interactive fun way, including worship, prayer, the Bible, the layout of the Church, and the ways that we reach out and serve the community. Please pray for the teams at St. Tim's and St. Paul's, that the children will engage with "Living Church" and learn more about the Christian Faith.

Lent starts on 9th March this year - there will be Ash Wednesday Communion Services at 10am and 7.30pm at St. Timothy's. We plan to offer a **Lent Course** within the fellowship/cell groups based on "**A Way Through The WILDERNESS Experiencing God's Help in Times of Crisis**" by Paula Gooder. This five session course explores God's promise to comfort his people as they struggle through life's wildernesses. Each session focuses on an aspect of God's comfort, based on a short passage from Isaiah; it contains enough material for 90 minutes. The first session will be in the week beginning Monday 14th March.

If you would like to join a group for the Lent Course, please speak to the appropriate leader (given below) as soon as possible (we will need to order books) - days, times & venues are on this notice sheet opposite.

Mon Alex Scott; **Tues** Dianne Lane; **Wed** Brenda Fisher;

Thurs John Davidson, Nathalie Marshall (afternoon+eve) Cathy Knapp
We hope to be able to offer another daytime group during Lent. Please let Beth (747926) know if you'd be interested in attending (giving your availability i.e. day(s) & morning or afternoon)

Church Rota March - May

The new rota is being prepared. Please let me know any duties you cannot work during March, April and May. Thank you for all the work you do. There is still some room for more volunteers - reading, prayers, welcome, coffee, church cleaning. Please talk to me or to Clare. Sandra (638593)