

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Nativity Planning Meeting Monday 15th November 2010 at 7.30pm at Sedgebrook, Liden There will be a meeting to discuss the Christmas Eve Nativity Service with a view to bringing new inspiration to it. Anyone who is involved and interested is welcome to share their views, ideas and possible new material. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution, please speak to Tony or Beth.

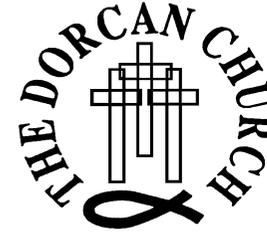
ADVENT PARTY - Saturday November 27th - 4.00-8.00pm. at St. Paul's
Fun for all the family, tea and games.
See Big Kev, magician from Close up Magic
Please bring a small wrapped present for each person coming with you, costing no more than about £1 for one of the games.
Bring & Share tea, drinks provided. Remember the theme 'Party Time'

Ladies Fashion Show in aid of Prospect Hospice - Friday **19th** November at Alexandra House Hotel (near Chiseldon/Wroughton).
You will be able to try on and buy and take away your purchases. As well as clothes, jewellery will be on sale and reps from PartyLite, The Body Shop and Chocoholics will also be there.
Doors open at 7.00pm - Tickets are £7 each (including a soft drink and light bites on arrival) and available from Colleen (644024) or her daughter Nikki (636767 before 7pm please)

Sunday 28th Nov. 4-5.30pm (team 3-6pm) **"Advent Angels" workshop** at St. Tim's for school age children, reception to year 6 inclusive, and parents/carers. More details to follow - I will be scouting for team members in the near future!
Also Friday 10th Dec. 7.30pm **Carol Singing** at the Liden Arms Pub. Please plan to be there if possible. Strong singers particularly welcome but there will be no 'X Factor' auditions!
Beth

PLEASE NOTE - I am away now until the middle of December: Brenda Fisher will be doing the weekly notices in my absence - details below. *Anna*

All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Brenda Fisher by Thursday 11th November
Telephone: 497169 or Email: brendaf111@btinternet.com
(please let her know if you would like notices by email)



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
7th November, 2010

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 - 7th November

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	Morning Worship	B eth Brown

Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can

St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Wendy Tucker
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Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Edward Pilkington
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The **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** will be opened by the Mayor of Swindon, Councillor Rex Barnett next Saturday November 13th at 11am at St. Paul's We require cakes, biscuits, raffle prizes, toiletries and other tombola items and donations for our hamper. Offers of help would also be appreciated. Thanks.
Diane (336420)

Lectionary Readings -	Job 19: 23-27	2 Thess 2: 1-17
7th November	Ps 17: 1-9	Luke 20: 27-38

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.

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

Mon 8th Nov.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene
Tues. 9th Nov.	1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 10th Nov.	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe Finance Meeting at Sedgebrook
Thurs. 11th Nov.	9.30am 10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	'Christmas Unwrapped' - training at St. Tim's Morning Worship at St. Paul's (Wendy) Cell group - Falconscroft, Covingham Cell Group - 3Austen Crescent, Liden Cell Group - Dudley Road (Marion's house) East Swindon Consultation at St. Tim's - see below
Sat 13th Nov.	11.00am	Christmas Fayre at St. Paul's

SERVICES - 14th November - Remembrance Sunday

All our morning services will include an Act of Remembrance

St. Paul's

8.45am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
10.30am	Remembrance Parade	Tony Knapp

Welcome: Jo & Stan Akhurst, Teas: Jo & Stan, Crèche: Tina Elias

6.00pm	Living with Loss	Beth Brown/Tony Knapp
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St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Edward Pilkington
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Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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East Swindon Consultation at St. Tim's 7.30pm on Thursday 11th November
"What happens when your Vicar leaves?"

Many of you know that Tony will be retiring in just over 2 years; and several other local clergy will be leaving before then. How will the eastern part of our Anglican Deanery be structured in the future? This is your opportunity - I urge as many of you as possible to come and be part of the discussion about future mission and ministry in the East Swindon area, which includes Dorcan, Parks & Walcot, Stratton and the villages of South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva.

Rev. Paul Rush, Diocesan Advisor on Evangelism, will be joining our Area Dean Rob Burles to explain and help us in our discussions.

Tony

LIVING WITH LOSS - There will be a special service at 6.00pm on Remembrance Sunday 14th November at St. Paul's, when we will remember those we love who are no longer with us. We will be sending invitations to all the families who have had funerals conducted by Tony or Beth within the past 12 months. If you know of any others, perhaps neighbours or friends, who would appreciate this service, please give them one of the extra invitations which will be available at each church centre. Everyone is welcome, whether you have experienced bereavement or not.

Prayer Initiative For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Poltondale, St. Andrews Green and St. Katherines Green. Please also remember them in your private prayers.

MAGAZINE and NOTICESHEET - and WEBSITE. Derek Owen has been editing and producing our church magazine for 8 years - he certainly deserves our gratitude! The October issue was Derek's last since he and Shirley have moved to a new house outside the parish. At the recent meeting of the Church Council we considered the ways that the Church communicates. We decided that we would continue without a magazine, and include any extra information in the notices and the website. We are also very grateful to Anna Newman who produces this notice sheet, and Tony Prichard who maintains the website. Thank you Derek for all you have done over the years; and for continuing to play the organ at St. Tim's for the rest of the year! We wish you and Shirley every blessing in your new home.

God calls people to be Worship Leaders

Worship Leaders are members of the church who have been appointed to lead worship in their local church. Worship is our response to God. Worship Leaders help a congregation to engage in worship and help to bring together the good news of the Christian faith and the hopes, concerns, needs and prayers of the congregation. Worship Leaders are trained and then commissioned by their local Church. (Worship Leaders are not preachers.)

If you feel this may be something you are being called to, please contact Wendy Tucker for further details. A worship Leader course is to be held on Monday evenings - dates and timings to be confirmed (course duration 7 weeks).

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal - we will once again be assembling shoe boxes of Christmas gifts for children who otherwise would have little for Christmas. Leaflets are in each Centre and you need to enclose £2.50. We have been given a generous supply of **Knitted Hats** to add to the boxes. Some are for 2-4 yrs - some for 4-8 yrs. Please help yourself from the supply at each Centre if you would like one for your box making *sure you chose the right age group*. We will receive and dedicate the boxes on Sunday 21st November.

TURNING POINT calendars are now on sale from Diane Killick - price £8 each and would make a unique Christmas gift. Envelope included.