Coming soon The Living Church experience will be taking place from the 31st Jan – 11th Feb. This will be offered to year 3 children as a chance for them to visit their local church and learn about the different things that happen at church i.e. bible, prayer, serving the community, the church building and the Christian calendar. Children also get to take part in a celebration of either a baptism, Holy Communion or a Wedding. We have had great feedback in the past from both teachers and children.

If you are interested in helping with this or maybe wanting to come along to see what happens please let your schools team coordinator know.

Parks and Walcot (St J, St A and QD) Brenda Phillips St Paul's Church – Margaret Hylton St Tim's Church – Leila Thwaites

The week ahead...

Monday – Assembly @ Eldene (KS2)

Steering group meeting @ St Paul's Church

Tuesday – Breakfast club @ Liden

Assembly @ Nythe

Wednesday – RE lesson @ Bishopstone

Assembly @ Covingham

Thursday -. Breakfast club @ Liden

Assembly @ Liden

Friday – Schools prayer meeting

I would value your prayers this coming week for...

- The first assemblies to go well in the schools,
- A good start to the new year
- Schools to book up for The Living Church experience
- The RE lesson at Bishopstone to go well.

Thank you, Abi

The Dorcan Church Walkers meet at the car park next to St. Paul's at 1.30pm today (9th Jan). It will be a short 3 mile walk around Stanton Park to ease us into the new year. All welcome - you need nothing but boots and appropriate clothing.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 13th January 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

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Staff Team: Re

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

SERVICES - 9th January					
St. Paul's					
8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp			
10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott			
Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can					
St Tim's					
10.30am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox			
Eldene					
10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp			
Lectionary Readings 9th January	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17			

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. 10th Jan	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study - 7 Thorne Road		
Tues. 11th Jan	1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Cov. Church Council meets at St. Tim's		
Wed. 12th Jan	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Worship at St. Tim's (Leila) Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe		
Thurs. 13th Jan	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Worship at St. Paul's (Wendy) Cell Group - Falconscroft, Covingham Cell Group - Austen Cres. Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Cell Group - venue to be advised (Not Sedgebrook)		

SERVICES - 16th January				
St. Paul's				
8.45am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall		
St. Tim's				
10.30am	Holy Communion	David Parsons		
Eldene				
10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott		

David & Christine Parsons.

We are delighted to welcome David and Christine back to St. Tim's on the 16th January, when David will be leading worship.

Paul's Licensing at Bristol Cathedral

At 10.30am on Saturday 19th February Paul Tayler will be Licensed as a Lay Minister for the Dorcan Church. Would you be interested in travelling by coach to Bristol to support Paul? Please contact Marilyn on 861657 **by the 14th January please,** so she will know if there are enough people interested to make a coach booking possible at about £10 each.

Prayer Initiative For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Baskerville, Popplechurch and Honeybone Walk. Please also remember them in your private prayers.

A Pastoral Care Course will begin on Monday 17th January and will continue for 4-5 weeks. The sessions will start at 7.45pm and the first one will be held at Wendy's - 12 Duchess Way, Upper Stratton, SN3 7TE. The course is for Pastoral Visitors and all who offer care in the church and community. If you would like to spend some time thinking about your Christian caring, wherever you do it, please join us. If you are not able to come to all the sessions, please speak to Wendy as it may still be possible to join in.

Wendy Tel: 727280 E.mail: wendyatdorcan@gmail.com



Church and School working together for the children of East Swindon

The week that was...

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope you've all had a well rested Christmas, and the resolutions you've all made are going well.

First of all, A BIG thank you to everyone for all your hard work last year, with helping out with clubs, Church visits, being part of the steering group and schools teams etc. Absolutely anything. Thank you so much for all your time, energy, and enthusiasm. It is really appreciated.

We start 2011 by saying a sad Goodbye to Rob Burles as my line manager and minister but give a warm welcome to Beth Brown who has stepped up to line manage me and the project.

*Important date to put in your diary * Thursday 27th January, 7.30pm @ Queens Drive Methodist Church. We are holding a prayer meeting for the in:School project, to thank God for all he has done over the years but to pray about the future and what that means for the project. Please come along and join us, It would be great to see lots of you there. This is NOT just a schools team event, this is for anyone in the churches who is passionate about the project and wants to help us seek Gods guidance for the future.

Helpers needed Y Crew afters chool clubs are starting up w/c 17th January.

Liden Y Crew will take place on Tuesdays, Starting Tuesday 18^{th} Jan and will run for 5 weeks, taking us up to half term. The club runs for about 1 hour (3.05-4.15)

This club tends to have a larger amount of children so it would be ideal to have 2 helpers to help me with this. No Prep or planning is needed before hand. Just being present at the club. CRB check will be needed.

Nythe Y Crew will take place on Thursdays, Starting Thursday 20^{th} Jan and will run for 5 weeks, taking us up to half term. The club runs for about 1 hour (3.15-4.15).

This club tends to be a small number of children so 1 helper would be great. Again, no prep or planning is needed to be done. A CRB check will be needed.

Please email me asap if you can help with either of these clubs. Continued overleaf......