

URGENT APPEAL for 2 pint size elephants!

Tiny Tots needs plastic milk bottles with their lids to make elephants on 19th Sept. Please save yours this week and bring to church next Sunday, or give to one of the Tiny Tots team or Cathy (525130). Thanks.

Samaritan Purse are again collecting **Shoe Boxes** and our service to collect them will be on 18th November this year. Leaflets will be in the three centres soon.

There are two ways of sending a child a filled shoe box;

1. As usual by filling a box and wrapping it up and bring it to the service on the 18th November.
2. Or if you would like Samaritan Purse to fill one or two Boxes for £11 each, you can go on to their web page and donate the money; or put the cheque (£11 each) and a Christmas card with your message to personalise it in an envelope marked 'Money' for Box filled by Samaritan Purse who will fill a box at their offices for you

Please start collecting your choice of treasures to fill a shoe box for a girl or boy from 2-4,5-9 or 10-14. Items are the same as last year. Please wrap your box with bright Christmas paper with the lid wrapped separate to the box.

Hats for shoe boxes

Once again we have been given knitted hats and some mittens to put in the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes. Please help yourselves.

STRATTON GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH (Swindon Road, SN3 4PT)

invites you to

Come and hear
Matthew Elwick Christians for Israel, Wiltshire Branch
on Sunday 23rd September at 10.30am.

ALSO - **Come and Pray**—Thursdays 11.00am—12.00noon.

Pray for the on-going problems in our society. *Tel: Hilary Morton 324425*

Make a date in your diary for this great day of prayer: if you are unable to go, spend some time in prayer having a conversation with your Heavenly Father.

The National Day of Prayer and Worship—Saturday 29th September 2012
Wembley Stadium—doors open 12.30—Event will start at 2.00pm—Finish 6.30pm. To book tickets <http://www.ndopswembley.com/> £10 each or phone 08007565451

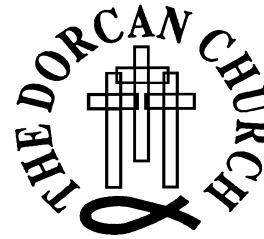
Artists include Tim Hughes, Matt Redman, Graham Kendrick, Hillsong London and lots more.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

Anna Newman by Thursday 13th September

Tel: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk

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



St. Paul's, Covingham

St. Timothy's, Liden

Eldene Church

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

9th Sept, 2012

Staff Team:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 826444
	Rev. Andrew Wigley	Tel: 523810

*Tony & Beth both have Fridays off - Andrew has Tuesdays and Saturdays off.
Please avoid contacting them at these times if possible.*

SERVICES - 9th September

St. Paul's

8.45am	Morning Worship	Beth Brown
10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher

Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis & Niki Thompson Sunday Club: Activity Packs

St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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Lectionary Readings	Is. 35: 4-7a	James 2: 117
9th September	Psalms 146	Mark 7: 24-37

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY (30th September) will soon be here once again ! Please think and pray about who you might invite to come to church with you - a friend, relative, neighbour, work colleague
.....Prayer/Invitation Cards to follow. *Beth*

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.**

SERVICES—Sunday 16 September		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Morning Worship	Tony Knapp
<i>Welcome : John & Joan. Teas: Jean</i> <i>Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis Sunday Club: Jo Kirkland & Helen Newman</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
Eldene		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Andrew Wigley

'Food 4 Thought'

You are invited to join a Bible study group with a difference....a place where both soul and body are catered for. The group begins on Monday October 8th at 10.30am and runs for 6 weeks only.

There will be about an hour or so of Bible study, followed by a simple soup lunch.

The subject is 'Christ will come again', a course devised by David Parsons .. Nothing too difficult though, just an opportunity to discuss together, and get to know each other better over a light lunch.

I', looking forward to welcoming you to my home at Ridge Nether Moor, but for catering purposes, please let me know in advance if you're thinking of coming. *Barbara W.* Tel: 538695

Coffee Morning for Swindon Therapy Centre (Multiple Sclerosis)

On Saturday 15th September 10am to 12 noon at St Paul's. Any donations of cakes will be gratefully received. Also a table top sale of Tracy and Karl's 'surplus to requirements' household goods.

Do come and support a local amenity which gives support to many people especially those with MS.

Cathy (525130), Deb (535939)

<u>NEXT WEEK</u>		
Mon. 10th Sept.	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene.
	7.30pm	Meeting of East Swindon Cluster at St. Tim's
Tues. 11th Sept.	7.45pm	Finance Committee at 11 Merlin Way, Covingham
Wed 12th Sept.	9.30am	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Cell Group at Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 13th Sept.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
	1.30pm	Cell Group at Ravenscroft, Covingham
	7.30pm	Cell Group at Austen Crescent,
	7.30pm	Sedgebrook, Liden

We met up with the father of the unfortunate Liden family who lost their possessions in a house fire and we gave him Tesco vouchers to the value of £300 following the collections in our churches. He was overwhelmed with the generosity and asked us to pass on their thanks to you all; at present they are living in a room at a relative's house in Newbury but eventually hope to return to live in Liden. *Dianne Mills and Viv Craig*

DORCAN CHURCH CONSULTATION – 22nd September

You will have seen notice of the 'Congregational Consultation' on Saturday morning 22nd September. This will be at St Paul's from 9.30am to 12.30pm. This is the beginning of the process of recruiting a new Rector to join us after Tony retires in January 2013. Douglas Holt and Melanie Griffiths will be coming from the Diocesan Vacancy Development Team to help us consider the future direction of the Dorcan Church. As we discern where God is leading us, then we will be able to decide on the requirements for a new Rector, and begin the process of advertising and recruitment.

All welcome - do please come if you possibly can, and play your part in the way ahead for our church.

Get your dancing shoes on for a **Harvest Barn Dance**, Friday 21st Sept. St Paul's Church Hall. Sorry it's not a Saturday but X:site is on so I had to re-arrange. Tickets £5 pp or family ticket £15, this includes supper, bring your own drinks. Call me on 497169 for tickets, I will deliver a supply to each centre ready for Sunday. *Brenda F.*