

Men's Fellowship Group—The next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30 pm at Bob Poole's home, Hatherall Rd Stratton. If directions are needed contact Paul phone 538842—All men welcome.

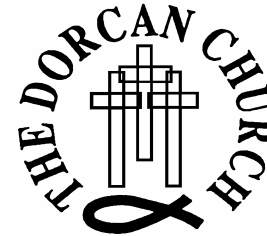
Swindon will be visited by the **British Methodist Youth Choir** over the weekend of Friday 22nd—Sunday 24th February. They will be giving a Concert at Bath Road Methodist Church on Saturday 23rd February at 3pm (exact time unknown at present).

Vacancy Development

After Tony retires in January, there will be a period of vacancy before a replacement Rector is appointed for the Dorcan Church. The Diocese has provided Melanie Griffiths as a consultant to help us discern the direction God is leading the Church. Melanie is keen to speak to church members – if you'd like to meet Melanie for a one-to-one session please phone her at the Diocesan Office on 0117 906 0100. Melanie will be happy to meet you locally at a convenient time.

The Thames Water Amateur Theatrical Society have been performing an annual pantomime at the Wyvern Theatre for the past 16 years, and have raised over £160,000 for local and national charities. This year, they are performing their own unique version of Snow White and the D.W.A.R.V.E.S. on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 January 2013, at 7.30pm. The charities being supported this year are WaterAid, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Tickets are £10 direct from the Wyvern Theatre, for any more information contact Jo Kirkland on 611580. It really is a great family show, please come along and support us!

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 17th January
 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
 13th January, 2013

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 - 13th January

St. Paul's

8.45am	NO Service	
10.30am	United Service of Holy Communion (Farewell to Tony & Cathy who are retiring)	Tony Knapp

(Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis, Niki Thompson; No Sunday Club: united service for all ages)

St Tim's

10.30am	No Service—at St. Paul's
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Eldene

10.30am	No Service—at St. Paul's
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Lectionary Readings 13th January	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm 29	Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-22
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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 20th January

St. Paul's

8.45am Morning Worship Paul Taylor

10.30am Morning Worship Barbara Wilcox

*Welcome : Jenny & Dennis, Teas: Diana & Janice
(Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis, No Sunday Club: Nathalie Marshall, Helen Newman)*

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Linda Fletcher

Eldene

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

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

Mon. 14th January 2-4pm Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
7.30pm Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene

Tues. 15th January 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Tim's
7.30pm Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
7.30pm Church Council meets at St. Tim's

Wed. 16th January 9.30am Tiny Tots at St Paul's
1.30pm Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
7.30pm Cell Group at 18 Tregantle Walk, Nythe

Thurs. 17th January 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Paul's
1.30pm Cell Group at Ravenscroft, Covingham
7.30pm Cell Group at Austen Crescent, Liden,
7.30pm Cell Group at Bryanston Way, Nythe

Sat. 19th January 6.00pm X:Site at St. Paul's



Thanks from Tony and Cathy

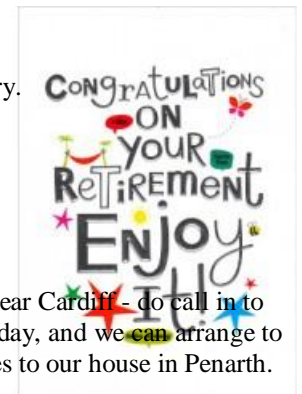
This is a time of very mixed emotions for us. Sadness at leaving our many friends in the Dorcan Church after 12 years; but also excitement at the prospect of retirement, and joy at recalling so much that we can be thankful for. We have so many happy memories, including special church services, weddings, holiday clubs, Tiny Tots, such a significant activity, (especially for Cathy), and school visits such as Christmas Unwrapped, and also community events like the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Parties!

It's been wonderful to see so many of you growing in your faith, as you have got to know Jesus in a deeper way; and to see you sharing God's love as you serve others out in the community. The growth of the Cell Groups over the years has been a particular encouragement to us. It's been a great privilege to be alongside you, both at happy times and sad times. We also have very fond memories of some very special people who are no longer with us.

We have been shown such kindness and love during our time in Swindon, and we will miss you all! But we rejoice in the knowledge that God is always with us, and will guide and help both us and all of you through a time of change. We can all put our trust in a loving God who is faithful.

Tony and Cathy's new address

We will be moving to Wales later in January. Our new address will be in Penarth South Glamorgan



We look forward to seeing you if you are near Cardiff - do call in to see us! Or you could come by train for the day, and we can arrange to meet you at Cardiff station. It's only 4 miles to our house in Penarth.

