

'Swindon the Opera' to be staged at 'Steam' on July 7th and 8th is looking for people to join a backing Community Choir for the performances (no acting required). For more details of requirements and rehearsal dates contact Nathalie Marshall

We are having a **Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** at St. Tims on 12th May from 10 am til 12 noon. Contributions of cakes and plants will be gratefully received.

Sarah Paterson

A BIG THANK YOU to those who helped with the Good Friday Craft Workshop - a good time was had by all! *Beth*

FOR YOUR DIARIES - - - - -

Travelling Trends Fashion Show— Thursday 26th April @ Swindon Town Football Ground at 7pm. Tickets via Chris Elias, Diane Killick. All proceeds to the Hydro-therapy pool.

Harnhill Men's Day—April 21st 10am—4pm
Speaker Revd. Dr. Russ Parker, who is a powerful author and international speaker, and the Director of the Acorn Christian Healing Trust in Hampshire. Cost £20 includes a light lunch. More information and booking form from Elizabeth (Tel: 497910) or Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing near Cirencester (Tel: 01285 850283)

Future Date - **Swindon Male Voice Choir** will be singing at St. Paul's Church on May 12th. All proceeds will go to Turning Point. More information to follow or speak to Jean and Tony Gasson.

The Big Jubilee Lunch As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the Queen is inviting the entire nation to join this event on **Sunday 3rd June**. We are arranging a bring-and-share picnic and will invite the whole community to join us! In the morning we will have a grand united service including Enlightenment Ministries, who usually worship at St. Paul's on Sunday afternoons.

Bristol Cathedral Ordinations Stuart Fisher and Trudie Wigley are among those who are due to be ordained Priest at the Cathedral on Sunday 1st July at 3.30pm. Many of us will want to join them at this very special occasion.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 19th April. Tel: 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
15th April, 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 - 15th April

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

Sunday Tots is available in the snug. (Cathy Knapp)
Sunday Club—for primary school age: (Jo Kirkland, Niki Thompson, Lucy Curtis)

St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Stuart Fisher
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Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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Refreshments are served after the 10.30am services- please stay if you can.

Lectionary Readings	Acts 4: 32-36	1 John 1: 1, 1: 2
15th April	Psalms 133	John 20: 19-31

Many thanks to all who supported our coffee morning and bring and buy, £280.00 was raised and has been shared between Turning Point and The Leprosy Mission.. *Vybe*

Turning Point

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—22nd April		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	NO SERVICE	
10.00am	United Morning Worship Followed by tea/coffee	Beth Brown
<i>Welcome: Simone & Martin, Teas: Rosemary & Amy</i> <i>Sunday Tots in the Snug (Cathy Knapp, Lucy Curtis), NO Sunday Club: Activity Packs</i>		
St. Tim's & Eldene		
10.00am	At St. Paul's—United Service & AGM	
<u>NEXT WEEK</u> — Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders		
Mon. 16th April	9.30am	Meeting for Holiday Club team at Sandringham Road (please bring any ideas for crafts— <i>Sandra</i>)
	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road
	7.45pm	Finance Meeting at MerlinWay, Covingham
Tues. 17th April	7.30pm	Cell Group—12 Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 18th April	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— Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 19th April	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
	1.30pm	Cell Group— Ravenscroft, Covingham
	3.30pm	Holy Communion at Edgehill Nursing Home, Liden
	7.30pm	Cell Group— Austen Crescent, Liden
	7.30pm	Cell Group— Sutton Road, Eldene
	7.30pm	Cell Group— Sedgebrook, Liden

Tony Tots—Please note the new day and time—9.30am on Wednesday mornings in the hall

Turning Point Appeal for families affected by the fire in Kibera

Many thanks for your generous support for this emergency appeal. Jon & Jo have written about the wonderful response: "We have far exceeded our target, which means we have been able to provide so much more relief than we had envisaged. On Tuesday, we provided food basics and nearly 1,000 blankets to those whose homes had been burned, many of whom were sleeping outside. Then in another distribution effort on Friday, we provided mattresses, cooking stoves, soap, and more food, to around 500 people. We have been overwhelmed by the response, and praise God for how He has called members of His family to support their brothers and sisters in Christ. We pass on the thanks of these families to you, and pray that you would be blessed by God, as you have sought to bless others."

Dorcan Church AGM - NEXT Sunday 22nd April

Please come to our AGM which will follow a **10:00am** united service at St. Paul's and should start at 11:15am. Remember our need for wardens/stewards at each of our church centres. This is an important role, supporting the ministers in running the church and making sure the buildings are cared for. With their deputies they have a special responsibility for ensuring the smooth running of services on Sundays. We will also be appointing members of the Church Council which steers the running of the Dorcan Church. Please consider whether you could serve as a warden/steward or deputy, or as a church council member.

If you wish to nominate someone for a post please complete the nomination form ASAP and send to Peter Causer, whose address is on the form.

Do come to our AGM to support our church. During the meeting we will be considering our work with young people, with a view to signing the Swindon Churches Youth Work Charter. Stuart will also be speaking about raising funds for the work of the church.

New Priest-in-Charge at Parks & Walcot

It has been announced that Revd Linda Fletcher will be coming to St John's Parks and St Andrew's Walcot in July. Linda has been curate in Coulsdon, and will be coming with her 7 year old son Arun and Labrador dog Rex. We look forward to meeting Linda as she joins us in the East Swindon Cluster.

Please pray for Linda and Arun as they prepare to join us this summer.

START Course

Watch out for details in next week's notices of this 6 week course for people wanting to know more about Christianity. It will start on May 14th – who could you invite? Start praying!

Uganda Fire: Uganda Fire are returning to the diocese of Bristol, bringing the rhythms and music of Africa. You cannot listen to them and sit still. They play and sing with lots of humour, express their faith clearly and are a joy to listen to. We will have two opportunities to hear them in Swindon: Monday May 14 at 7:30pm in Christ Church; and Tuesday May 22 at 7:30pm at the Trinity Centre (Gateway church). Both events are free.

Please don't just come yourself – but bring a friend. It will be an unforgettable evening.

Flame FM 87.7 will be returning to Swindon for the month of May.

See the website for all the details: www.flamefm.co.uk