



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
17th March, 2013

Staff Team:

Rev. Beth Brown

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

SERVICES - 17th March—Passion Sunday

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Stuart Fisher

10.30am Morning Worship Stuart Fisher

(Sunday Tots – tba; Sunday Club—Jo Kirkland & Niki Thompson)

St Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Paul Rush

Eldene

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

Lectionary Readings **17th March**

Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126

Phil 3: 4b-14
John 12: 1-8

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.**

Most of you will have known **Tony Gasson** who sadly died last Friday. Tony`s funeral is to be on 27th March. Short service at the crematorium for the family at 12.45pm, followed by a service at St Paul`s church at 1.30pm for a celebration of Tony`s life.

SERVICES—Sunday 24th March—Palm Sunday

St. Paul`s

8.45am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
10.30am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley

Welcome: Anna & Brian, Teas: Joy & Mari
(Sunday Tots – tba; Sunday Club—Nathalie Marshall & Lucy Curtis)

St. Tim`s

10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
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Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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NEXT WEEK - Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.

Mon. 18th March	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim`s
	7.30pm	Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene.

Tues. 19th March	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim`s
	7.30pm	Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close

Wed. 20th March	9.30am	Tiny Tots at St. Paul`s
	10.45am	Cell Group—Ravenscroft, Covingham
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Tim`s
	7.30pm	Cell Group—Tregantle Walk, Nythe

Thurs. 21st March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul`s.
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Bryanston Way, Nythe

Flowers at St. Paul`s

A big thank you to Angela Davidson for the lovely floral arrangements, so beautiful to look at and appreciated. May I remind you all there is a tin for donations for flowers, and as Easter is fast approaching perhaps we could put a few more 'pennies in the tin'. *Diane*

A REALLY GOOD FRIDAY workshop for children will take place at St Paul's Church on Good Friday from 10am -11am followed by a short act of All-age worship and hot cross buns! If anyone would like to help with this could you please contact Deb Mulcock. Flyers about the event will be going into schools next week - please pray for this event and all who will help as well as for those who will attend.

Also please save empty 3/4 egg shells for planting cress in for Good Friday workshop.

Holy Week

Looking ahead to Holy Week services;

I shall lead a service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday at St Tim's at 7.30pm

We have usually held the following, on Good Friday, in the Dorcan churches;

10.00 St Paul's - Workshop

2pm St Paul's - Meditation service

2pm St Tim's - Meditation service

As we are stretched at the moment, would anyone like to volunteer to prepare and lead any of the above? This can be done by individuals, collaborations or 'Cell' groups or 'house' groups.

The Easter workshop is already 'in hand' but would benefit from more volunteer help.

Your input to this would greatly help in the planning, God bless you in your deliberations, many thanks. *Stuart* (on behalf of the 'team' of which we are all part)

“Andrew is to be ordained on Sunday 7th July at 5pm at Wesley’s Chapel in London. If anyone is interested in going, tickets are free though limited in number, and become available this Saturday 23rd March at 9am, via the Methodist Church website www.methodistconference.org.uk/ordinations . Each applicant may obtain up to four tickets. Diane Killick is looking into minibus and coach hire, so if interested, please be in touch with Diane.”

PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2013

We are required to make a complete revision of the Church Membership List and Electoral Roll. Letters and forms for this purpose have been addressed to all names on the current roll and can be collected from the three centres. We also invite all regular worshippers who are not on the existing roll to take a blank set for completion

Please return your completed forms via the boxes in each centre or direct to Joan McCann as soon as possible. (Please note - names are not carried forward without a fresh application.)

Joan McCann

Christian Aid Week May 12th - 18th 2013

I have distributed questionnaires regarding Christian Aid week to each worship centre, if you have not had an opportunity to complete one could I please ask that you do, to see if we can improve our support for Christian Aids work through out the world.

We are invited to join other Christian Aid supporters at an evening in Bath on Tuesday March 26th from 7.15 -9.15 pm. The main speaker will be the Director of Christian Aid, Loretta Minghella. The event is free, and we can travel by train at a cheap group rate of about £5 leaving Swindon @ 6.30pm. If you wish to go please call Helen Thomas tel 534404.
John Davidson.

Fair trade Challenge Prize Draw—Win some fair trade goodies

Buy something fair trade you have never bought fair trade before.

For each thing you buy you will be entered in the prize draw.

All items must be bought before the draw is made on Sunday 24th March 2013

Just fill in a Fair trade Challenge slip at your place of worship and put it in the box. Any questions, contact Nathalie on T 421549

One week on do you need some inspiration for the fair trade challenge draw? What about trying fair trade:

Tea, herbal tea, green tea, instant coffee, real coffee or beans, sugar, wine, champaign, mango, pineapple, bananas, green beans, roses, dairy milk, maltesers, other chocolates, snack bars, peppercorns, cloves, rice (Sainsburys) clothes (M+S, Next and online), quinoa and a myriad of other more exotic foods (Swindon pulse on Curtis street), toys (Oxfam - yes new! - or online), rubber gloves, footballs (both online) - can you add to the list??

Day Course at Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing, nr. Cirencester

Thursday 21st March 10am-4pm

Introduction to Wholeness Led by The Harnhill Team.

Look for brochures in church or Tel: 01285 850283

email office@harnhillcentre.org.uk or www.harnhillcentre.org.uk

The Corisande Singers Perform an Evening of Sacred Easter Music at Queens

Drive Methodist Church on Monday 25th March at 7.30 pm Free Entry.

This group of singers are from the Choral Group New College, Swindon

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

Anna Newman by Thursday 21st March

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

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