



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

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19th May, 2013

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

SERVICES - 19th May—Pentecost

St. Paul's

8.45am

No Service

10.30am

United Holy Communion

Andrew Wigley

(Sunday Tots: tba, Sunday Club, Jo Kirkland & Lucy Curtis)

St Tim's

10.30am

United Service at St. Paul's

Eldene

10.30am

United Service at St. Paul's

TODAY at St. Tim's Church, Liden from 4-6pm

Children up to Year 6 are invited to 'Pentecost Pyrotechnics' craft workshop; adult(s) to stay & join in the fun. Cost £1 per child towards cost of materials; adults FREE!! A short time of singing & a Bible Story will be included, followed by light refreshments.

Join us in celebrating the 'Birthday of the Church'. Thanks, *Beth*

Lectionary Readings

Acts 2: 1-21

Rom 8: 14-17

Ps 104: 24-35

John 14: 8-17

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.

SERVICES—26th May**St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Stuart Fisher

10.30am All Age Worship Stuart Fisher

*Welcome: Vybe, Teas: Vybe
(Sunday Tots: tba, Sunday Club, All age service)***St. Tim's**

10.30am Holy Communion Beth Brown

Eldene

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

WEAR RED to Church TODAY for Pentecost Sunday Swindon Churches Together is inviting everyone to wear RED to church on Pentecost Sunday, as a collective act of witness across the town. So, let's see how many red outfits we can find for our United Service next Sunday 19th May, and let's set this place ablaze as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!

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

Mon. 20th May	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene.
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Tues. 21st May	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close
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Weds 22nd May	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—Blakeney Avenue, Nythe

Thurs.23rd May	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's.
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Bryanston Way, Nythe

St. Tim's Plant Sale & Coffee Morning last Saturday made a grand total of £294 for the Dorcan Church.. Thank you to everyone for your support. Sarah

Easter Cracked Open 2013

Easter Cracked Open in March this year was a complete success. We led a total of twelve sessions which resulted in around 300 children aged nine and ten hearing and learning about the events of Holy Week and how significant it is to Christians.



Making a Christian difference in schools

Running *Easter Cracked Open* is a fantastic opportunity for the children to visit their local church and to interact with members of the church community. In just over an hour children are able to experience the busy and excited crowd scene on Palm Sunday, eat together at the last Supper, sit and listen to the goings on in the Garden of Gethsemane, watch Jesus be arrested and sentenced to death and then hunt for clues and hear the evidence of what happened next.

The teams that run *Easter Cracked Open* always have great things to say about it and find that each time they run the workshop not only does it bring the Easter story alive for the children, it brings it alive for them. Teachers have commented on how **'fantastic it is to have so many church members involved and willing to share what Easter means to them with the children'**. Often the children turn up to the workshop full of excitement having heard from the other class how much fun it would be and I think this year we have received our best feedback from a child so far of *Easter Cracked Open* being **'The best school trip I have ever been on'**.

As well as running *Easter Cracked Open* I was also able to visit some of the other exciting Easter projects that churches are offering to their local schools such as Gorse Hill Baptist Church running Easter Wrapped Up for year 6, Lawn Community Church running Easter Experience for year 6 and Freshbrook Evangelical Church running a different Easter Experience for years 3 – 6. It was great to see these churches linking with their local primary schools in such a fun, relevant and effective way.

It's your move 2013

The *It's your move* books are sitting in our office ready to be handed out to the 300 year 6 children in June and July. These books have been written specifically to help young people deal with the transition from primary to secondary school. Handing them out is a practical way that the church can support their local school at what can be a very significant and possibly stressful time for the children. So far we have nine sessions booked in where alongside distributing the books we are also working with the children through delivering interactive lessons and assemblies

There are 2276 children that will be moving up to secondary school this year. Wouldn't it be great if every single child received one of these books as a gift from their local church? For more information on the above please contact us via abi@in-school.co.uk or the SYFC office on 01793 829795.

Many of you are familiar with **Bible reading notes**, and just how helpful they can be in throwing light on God's Word. However, some church members may not have come across them yet, and others may not have got on well with the ones they've tried. I'm looking for back copies of all different styles of notes, so that people can try them out before making a commitment to use them. So! Can any of you help me? If you have back copies available and don't mind them being borrowed, perhaps you would be kind enough to leave them at your place of worship, and I will endeavor to collect them. If you would like them returned to you, please mark them with your name Many Thanks.

Barbara W.

SUMMER FETE Sat. June 15th, 2pm--5pm. At St. Paul's.
Cream teas, ice creams, stalls, face painting,
dance demos, car wash, raffles etc.

Would love volunteers who could adopt a stall or any help.

Vibe we would love you to do the car wash!!!!

Offers of cakes, raffle prizes, bottles etc. would be appreciated.

Has anyone got any bunting we can use?

50% proceeds for Church Funds, 50% Turning Point.

Contact Margaret H. .

FUTURE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21st September St. Paul's - 7:30-10:30pm

Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

event for all the family

tickets on sale from August

PROJECT MANAGER required for **SWINDON FOODBANK**—up to £22650pa. This is a challenging full time post with Swindon Christian Community Projects, to project manage the Swindon Foodbank on a day-to-day basis. Copy of the job description from Anna Tuersley anna.tuersley@intel.com. Job applications should be in by 31st May.

ALSO REQUIRED—Two new Trustees for Swindon Foodbank and Swindon Restore. Voluntary positions—more info from Sandra Belsham 07962812442 or sandra@swindonrestore.co.uk

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

Anna Newman by Thursday 23rd May

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

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