

### The Dorcan Church AGM 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Changes in regulations governing charities mean that Churches with turnover of £100,000 and above must be registered as charities with The Charity Commission. This means The Dorcan Church applying for Registered Charity Status.

To this end it is intended to ask the 2011 AGM to adopt the proposed Constitution so that this process can be moved forward. This new Constitution is based on a model constitution for Ecumenical Churches, which has been agreed by both the Anglican and Methodist bodies as well as the Charity Commission.

Members of the 2011 Ecumenical Church Council will be Trustees of the Charity, and registered as such with the Charity Commission. **This has not changed from the current position**, as the trustees at present are the Ecumenical Church Council. The only real change is that trustees have to formally sign a trustee document.

Methodist Insurance do offer indemnity insurance in case of any comeback for mistakes, and it has been recommended that The Dorcan Church take advantage of this, to protect the Ecumenical Church Council.

In recent years there appears to be a reluctance among the Church Membership to take on offices in the Church, for the smooth running of God's Church, and to avoid putting extra work load (and stress) on Clergy and other Officers. It is extremely important that we fill all the vacancies on the Council, so please prayerfully consider whether you are called to serve on the Council, or as a Warden/Steward.

Nomination forms will be available in all Centres.

**P**lease do all you can to ensure we have a fully staffed Church and Council.

**I**f "we" don't run the Church nobody else will.

#### **List of events planned so far for this year:**

Friday 29th April. Will & Kate's Celebration party, come and join the fun, something for all the family. St. Paul's 4pm - 7pm. Start the long weekend with some fun and games, bring and share tea, drinks will be provided. Small donation towards costs.

Saturday. 7th May. Plant sale at St. Tim's. Time to be confirmed.

Friday 24th June, 7.30pm St. Paul's. Jive & Line Dance Taster Evening. Come along and bring your friends and learn a new dance or two. Qualified teachers. £5 each.

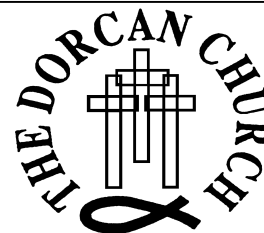
Saturday 10th Sept. St. Paul's. 7.30pm. Mr. Murphy's Quiz

Tuesday 11th Oct. Ladies they are back. Travelling Trends - book the date.

Saturday Nov. 26th - Christmas Fayre.

**BOOK THE DATES** - more information nearer the time. Diane 336420

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 27th March  
Telephone: 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  
20th March 2011

Staff Team:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 826444
	Mrs. Wendy Tucker	Tel: 727280

*Tony & Beth both have Fridays off - please avoid contacting them if possible.  
Wendy is not available Monday daytime and Saturdays.*

#### **SERVICES - 20th March**

##### **St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Morning Worship	Beth Brown

*Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can*

##### **St Tim's**

10.30am	At Eldene
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##### **Eldene**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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##### **Beth's New Address**

Welcome Beth to your new home - almost within our parish. We look forward to seeing you out and about on foot in Covingham! Beth's new address is 6 Vespasian Close, Coleview, Swindon, SN3 4BX. Please note Beth's new phone number is 826444

Lectionary	Genesis 12: 1-4a	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
Readings	Psalms 121	John 3: 1-17
20th March		

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.

**NEXT WEEK** Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.  
 Each small group has started the Lent Course “**A Way through the Wilderness - experiencing God’s help in times of crisis,**” by Paula Gooder.  
 This 5 session course explores God’s promise to comfort his people as they struggle through life’s wildernesses.  
 You are welcome to join in a group for this course or to join the extra Thursday morning group with Wendy. Please contact the group leader below for details.  
**Monday** - Alex (346507)      **Tuesday** - Diane (639863)  
**Wednesday** - Brenda (497169)  
**Thursday** - John (827627), Nathalie (421549)  
                  Cathy - Afternoon & evening (525130)  
                  Wendy - Morning (727280)

Mon. 21st March.	2.00pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim’s Fellowship and Bible Study - 7Thorne Road
Tues.22nd March	1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul’s Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Cov.
Wed. 23rd March	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim’s - Beth Tiny Tots at St. Tim’s Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 24th March	10.00am 10-11.30am 1.30pm 3.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul’s - Tony Knapp Lent Course - Passmore Close, Covingham Cell Group - Falconscroft, Covingham Holy Communion at Wick House - Beth Cell Group - Austen Cres. Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Cell Group - Sedgebrook, Liden
Sat. 26th March	7.30pm	Fun Quiz Night - see notice opposite.

**Lent Lunches** We are all very welcome to join our neighbours at St. John’s Church, Park North (opposite Cavendish Square) for their lent lunches at 12 noon on Wednesdays. Proceeds will be given to Christian Aid. Following the lunch you may wish to stay for a Bible Study.

**Breakthrough Breast Cancer** Ladies - sort through your drawers and give your old bras to a good home! The Inner Wheel Club is trying to collect 20,000 bras to line Worcester Racecourse in June 2011, in order to make the Guinness Book of Records. The bras will then be sold to textile recycling to raise funds to Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Tiny Tots are supporting this appeal - please give your old bras to Cathy or Tina!

**SERVICES - 27th March**

**St. Paul’s**  
 8.45am                      Holy Communion                      Beth Brown  
 10.30am                      Morning Worship                      Barbara Wilcox  
*Welcome: Jo & Stan, Teas: Jo & Stan, Crèche: Jo Kirkland*

**St. Tim’s**  
 10.30am                      Baptism or Holy Communion                      Beth Brown

**Eldene**  
 10.30am                      Holy Communion                      Tony Knapp

**St. Tim’s Monday Club** will be holding their usual scrabble & dominoes afternoon this week, but on the 28th March there will be a social evening meeting with a few quizzes and games. All welcome.

**Cakes are needed** to give to the teachers of our local primary schools at the end of term. If you can help by making a cake please contact Margaret on 532849 or Leila on 430350. Cakes will be needed for April 3rd.

**Prayer Initiative.** For the next few weeks we will be prayer for the residents of St. Ambrose Close, Verney Close and Robinson Close. Please also remember them in your private prayers.

Following the success of the **recent card making class**, two more classes are booked for this year - July 9th and November 5th. More details nearer the time.

**FUN QUIZ NIGHT** - Saturday 26th March at St. Paul’s Church, 7.30pm start.  
 £5 per person to include Ploughman’s Supper  
 No bar available - please bring your own liquid refreshments!  
 Teams of 4 members - don’t worry if you are not part of a team  
 come along anyway and we will include you in a team!  
 Please support this event  
 all proceeds will go to THE TURNING POINT TRUST.  
 For further details phone Diane (639863), Jean (335383), Maureen (538842)

**Swindon Youth for Christ - SYFC 60th Anniversary Celebration**  
 7.30-9.30pm Tuesday 29th March at Gateway Church, Stonehill Green, SN5 7AR. Please join us and bring your friends for a fantastic evening of worship, celebration and inspiration as we hear stories of lives transformed and look forward to what God will do through SYFC as we reach out to the young people of our town with the Good News. The guest speaker is Rev. Clive Calver, National Director of YFC; also meet Rev. Christ Priddy, new Centre Director of SYFC.