



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

[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
24th March, 2013

Staff Team:

Rev. Beth Brown

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Rev. Andrew Wigley

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

## **SERVICES - 24th March—Palm Sunday**

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

8.45am

Morning Worship

Paul Tayler

10.30am

Holy Communion

Andrew Wigley

*(Sunday Tots – tba; Sunday Club—Nathalie Marshall, Lucy Curtis)*

### **St Tim's**

10.30am

Holy Communion

Stuart Fisher

### **Eldene**

10.30am

Morning Worship

Paul Tayler

### **Lectionary Readings**

Zech 9: 9-13

Phil 2: 5-18

**24th March**

Psalm 118

Luke 19: 28-40

**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.**

**Tony Gasson's funeral** is to be on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 31st March—Easter Sunday**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am United All Age Holy Communion Beth Brown and  
Bishop Lee

*Welcome: Joan & John, Teas: Rosemary & Amy  
(Sunday Tots & Sunday Club, All Age Service)*

**St. Tim's & Eldene**

10.30am At St. Paul's

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

Mon. 25th March 1.30- 3.30pm Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's (**NOTE TIME**)  
7.30pm Fellowship and Bible Study at 7Thorne Road, Eldene.

Tues. 26th March 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Tim's  
7.30pm Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close  
7.30pm Men's Fellowship Group— Wiseman Close, Cov.

Wed. 27th March 9.30am **NO** Tiny Tots at St. Paul's (Half term)  
10.45am Cell Group— Ravenscroft, Covingham  
1.30pm Tony Gasson's Funeral Service—St. Paul's  
1.30pm **NO** Tiny Tots at St. Tim's (Half term)

Thurs. 28th March 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Paul's.  
7.30pm Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden  
7.30pm Cell Group - Bryanston Way, Nythe

**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 SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Maundy Thursday	7.30pm St. Tim's	Holy Communion
Good Friday	10.00am St. Paul's	Really Good Friday Workshop for children
	2pm St. Paul's	Service of Meditation
	2pm St. Tim's	Service of Meditation

“**Andrew is to be ordained** on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9am, via the Methodist Church website [www.methodistconference.org.uk/ordinations](http://www.methodistconference.org.uk/ordinations) As we are only allowed to order up to 4 tickets as individuals, everyone who would like to attend must request electronically. If you do not have access to a computer please ask someone that does if they could do this for you.

When we know how many have been successful I shall arrange transport. Diane K.

Over 180 children from Eldene, Liden, Nythe and Covingham Primary Schools attended **Easter Cracked Open** at St. Timothy's Church and St. Paul's over the past two weeks. We also went to Wanborough School to do one session which was requested by them. The children and teachers seem to find these sessions helpful and interesting and appreciate what we do. Thanks to our small group of people who make these sessions possible (our helpers come from all three centres) and we would always welcome any further help that anyone could offer—if you are interested please have a word with Jo Bush or Leila Thwaites (Eldene & Liden) or Margaret Hylton (Nythe & Covingham) to find out more. We are now looking forward to the “Living Church” in May.

I would also like to thank everybody who made cakes for the teachers – these are delivered at the end of each term with a card in appreciation of all their work with the children. The cakes are much appreciated and it helps to form a good relationship between the Dorcan Church and the local schools. We had more donations than ever before.

### **Christian Aid Week May 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 D..*

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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??

### **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*

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

**Anna Newman by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

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