

## CHURCH INCOME - JANUARY 2012

Envelopes and Standing Orders: £3984.12  
Cash Collections £ 388.30  
TOTAL: £ 4372.42

## CHURCH EXPENDITURE - JANUARY 2012

Payments including Parish Share &  
Methodist Quota £4504.96

For income received by envelope and standing order we can claim gift aid providing you are a U.K tax payer and we have received a gift aid form. If you would like to pay by either of these methods please ask a Warden for a form

Barbara Dickson  
(Church Treasurer)

**“Science or Religion—do we have to chose?”** Find out as Bishop Lee gives a talk and answers questions. At St. Francis School, Aiken Road, Taw Hill (by the medical centre and Domino Pizza) on Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm. All welcome!

## WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Queens Drive Methodist Church on March 2nd at 7.00pm. The Service this year has been written by the women of Malaysia and the theme will be **LET JUSTICE PREVAIL.**

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.

**Christmas Fayre**—I know it's a long way ahead, but please make a note in your diary: Saturday 24th November at St. Paul's for our 2012 Christmas Fayre!

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 1st March. 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  
26th February, 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 - 26th February—First Sunday of Lent

### St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Beth Brown

From 10.15am Fairtrade Breakfast  
continuing with Beth Brown

10.30am All Age Worship

Sunday Tots is available in the snug. (Cathy, Lucy)  
NO Sunday Club (for primary school age): - All Age Worship

### St Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Andrew Wigley

### Eldene

10.30am Holy Communion Tony Knapp

*Refreshments are served after the 10.30am services- please stay if you can.*

### St. Tim's—6.30pm Prayer Meeting: 'Our Relationship with God'

**(Sunday Evening—Older members of the Vybe group meet at Tony & Cathy's home)**

Lectionary Readings Gen 9: 8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22  
26th February Psalm 25: 1-10 Mark 1: 9-15

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.

<b>SERVICES</b> —4th March—Lent 2		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp & Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Stuart Fisher
<i>Welcome: iba, Teas: iba</i> <i>Sunday Tots in the Snug (Jo Kirkland, Niki Thompson) Sunday Club: Activity Packs</i>		
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
<b>Eldene</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Beth Brown
<b>St. Paul's 6.30pm Prayer Meeting</b> — 'Our Relationship with the Church'		

<b>NEXT WEEK</b> - Several of the usual weekly small groups will not be held as the members will be attending the Lent Course instead. Please contact your leader for details.		
Mon. 27th Feb.	9.30am	Holiday Club Planning Meeting (28 Sandringham)
	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road
Tues. 28th Feb.	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting at St. John's, Parks with Simon Topping and Chris Priddy. All welcome
Wed. 29th Feb.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thurs. 1st March	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
	1.30pm	Cell Group at Ravenscroft, Covingham
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden
	7.30pm	'Everybody Welcome' Lent Course—St. Tim's
Sat. 3rd March	10am— 2.30pm	Turning Point Prayer Day at Woking: 'Build the Walls'

**Uganda** - Tony and Jan Prichard have recently returned from a visit to Uganda. Among their many visits they met Nick and Kate Wooding, our CMS Mission Partners. Kate and Nick sent their best wishes to us all.

**LENT IN THE DORCAN CHURCH 2012**

**'Everybody Welcome' Lent Course.** Of course we think we are welcoming and friendly whenever someone new comes through our doors. But how often do they go on to become someone who feels they fully belong to our church community? Friendliness on the first day is only the start—true welcome involves every one of us. His highly-recommended course offers guidance and practical advice to help all of us play our part in becoming a welcoming community, to the benefit of us all.

It's not too late to sign up for the Lent course! Booklets are available for collection today— please tick the list to indicate that you have taken one (we anticipate that couples may choose to share a booklet). The cost is £3.99—if you have the money today, please put it in the basket and tick the 'paid' column on the sheet; if not please bring the money on Thursday evening. If possible please do the pre-reading (pp11-18) for Session 1.

See you at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st March at St. Tim's. Everybody welcome.

**Prayer Initiative** This week we shall be praying for the residents of Overbrook, (Nos 1-80) Please also remember them in your private prayers.

**Prayer Day for Turning Point .—NEXT SATURDAY**

This will take place at Christ Church, Woking (about an hour's drive away) on Sat. 3rd March from 10am—2.30pm.

It is called BUILD THE WALLS! and we hope to hear future plans from Jo who is coming over especially for this event. There will be time for prayer and lunch. It is suggested we take a packed lunch or there are shops nearby to buy a sandwich. We need to take a Bible, notebook and pen and we will get handouts to bring home.

There is a list at St Paul's so we know how many hope to go and I will try and sort out transport amongst us. If you are unable to sign the list, or if you have any questions please contact me

Margaret (532849)

**Lent Lunches in Town**

Fridays 24th February—30th March—Lent Lunches 12.30-1.45pm. Do you work in town? Pop in for some shopping some weeks? If you find yourself there on a Friday during Lent why not support Christian Aid and CAFOD by having your lunch at St. Aldhelms (off Regent St. next to the Rainbow Bookshop). Organised by Churches Together in Swindon Centre. Hot soup, bread and cheese served by members from the different Churches that make up CTISC.