

**"News from Uganda"**- Some of you will remember Rev. Duncan Mugume who visited us as part of the Uganda link. After a long period working part time in Fort Portal he has now secured employment in Kampala, much nearer to home. Recently he was robbed of his laptop while waiting for a mini-bus which means he can no longer prepare work at home. If anyone is upgrading and has a laptop to dispose of I would be interested in acquiring it for him. We have a small fund which we could use to purchase it.

We hope to take it out to him when we visit next February. Many thanks, Tony Prichard 01793 520734.

**You are invited to an 'Advent Angels' Workshop**

At St Timothy's Church, Liden - On Sun. 27th Nov. between 4.00 and 5.30pm  
For children in school years; Reception to Y6 Cost £1 per child - Adults Free !

Children, please bring - an adult or two to stay with you and join in the Fun!

**HELPERS:** Please arrive at St Timothy's, Liden at **3pm** to help with setting up & stay to clear up if possible. Thanks Beth

**An Evening with Henry Olonga** - Sharing the extraordinary story of the Test Cricketer who motivated by his Faith risked his life in drawing world attention to the extensive abuse of power in Mugabe's Zimbabwe.

**Friday 2nd December** 7.45pm. By Courtesy at Gateway Church, Westlea SN5 7AR.

Admission by Ticket - £5.50 in advance, £6.50 on the door. Available from Christchurch Office, El Toro Restaurant 6 Devizes Rd. Earl's Newsagents 35 Newport St or by post on Swindon 770331, 700618 or 07788 437526 Meet the man - hear the story. Presented by Swindon United Churches Cricket Club.

For our Winter concert in 2011, at 7.30 on Saturday December 3, 2011 in Cirencester Parish Church, **Cantores** are particularly proud in our 20th anniversary year to be singing a suite of beautiful new English songs set to poems by the early 20th century poet John Drinkwater. Tickets available from Nathalie or the choir web site - [www.cantores.net](http://www.cantores.net) Please let me know if you are going and have spaces in your car, or if you would like a lift there, and I will see what I can arrange. Thanks *Nathalie*

Two of the Thursday cell groups will be leading **carol singing at Edgehill Care Home** (formerly Wick House) in Liden at 6.30pm on Thursday 15th December. If you are able & willing to join us you would be most welcome. Thanks *Beth*

**Christian Aid Big Sing** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 1pm at St Michaels Church Highworth. All are welcome to drop in and sing Carols. Information about sponsoring from Peter & Patricia Croton 01793 762025, email [p.croton@btinternet.com](mailto:p.croton@btinternet.com)

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 1st December. Tel: 695698 or Email: [angram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angram673@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](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
27th November, 2011

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 - 27th November**

**St. Paul's**

8.45am No Service

10.30am United Service Beth Brown  
For all ages And Tony Knapp

Chris Priddy from Swindon Youth for Christ will be telling us about the work of SYFC with young people of secondary school age in Swindon. We also plan to have a retiring collection for SYFC funds.

**St Tim's & Eldene**

10.30am At St. Paul's

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

St. Tim's Advent Angels See separate Notice  
4.00pm

Lectionary Isaiah 64 1-9 1 Cor. 1: 3-9  
Readings - 27th November Psalm 80: 1-7 Mark 13: 24-37

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 - 4th December</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	Morning Worship	Tony Knapp
<i>Welcome: Colleen W., Teas: Cathy &amp; Colleen, Sunday Tots: Cathy K. &amp; Joe K.</i>		
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Christingle Parade with Gifts and Toys	Andrew Wigley
<b>Eldene</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
<b>NEXT WEEK</b> Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.		
Mon. 28th Nov.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road
Tues. 29th Nov.	1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group at 12 Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 30th Nov.	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell group at Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 1st Dec.	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group - Austen Crescent Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Cell Group - Sedgbrook, Liden
Fri. 2nd Dec.	10.am-7pm 7.45pm 10.00pm	Christian Aid Collecting at Tesco, Ocotal Way Henry Olonga at Gateway Church - see back page Sleep Out for Threshold Housing Link -see opposite

**Prayer List.** We currently have many names on our prayer list. If you are aware of anyone who has now recovered, could you please delete the name from the list on the lectern. Thank you. Pam 343155

**We are looking for some-one who has been to Malaysia** or is from Malaysia to give a approximately 15 minute talk about the country and its background at the Women's World Day of Prayer 2nd March 2012. The service has been prepared by the women of Malaysia and the theme will be 'Let Justice Prevail' The service will be held at Queens Drive Methodist Church. CAN YOU HELP? Contact Jean G W.W.D.O.P. Secretary on 525454

**The Dorcan Church 2011 Christmas Christingle Celebratory Services** are planned as below -

St. Tim's - 4th Dec. 10.30am - Christingle; Gifts and Toys  
 Eldene - 11th Dec. 10.30am - Christingle; Gifts and Toys  
 St. Paul's - 11th Dec. 10.30am - Donations of Gifts and Toys  
 St.Paul's - 11th Dec. 6.00pm - Guide Carol Service  
 St. Paul's - 24th Dec. 4pm - Christingle & Crib Service

**Toys and gifts will be gratefully received on 4th & 11th December**

Unwrapped toys will be given to the local Swindon branch of the NSPCC. Wrapped toys should be marked 'boy/girl aged xx' or 'lady' (Containing toilet-ries). Wrapped toys/gifts will be given to the Women's Refuge.

Please come and support the services - everybody is welcome, and give a warm invitation to friends and neighbours. *Brenda Robinson*

**Threshold Housing Link** will be holding their annual sponsored sleep out on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10.00pm thru to 6.00am. More information 524661 or their website [www.thl.org.uk](http://www.thl.org.uk)

**Christian Aid Coin Collection** - Friday 2nd December from 10am to 7pm at Tescos, Ocotal Way. Volunteers needed for up to two hour 'slots'. Further information from Dorothy Kennedy 772589, [dorothy.kennedy@givemail.co.uk](mailto:dorothy.kennedy@givemail.co.uk) or Helen Thomas 534404, [thomhr14@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thomhr14@yahoo.co.uk)

### St Paul's old vicarage site

The Diocese is hoping that a building company will soon purchase this site, and build 4 or 5 houses. We should receive a few weeks' notice before work starts. While the construction is under way we are likely to lose some of our car park, so we will all have to be very careful and considerate! Look out for notices about this when the details of the development become more certain.

It will be a great relief to all of us to see this site put to good use once again

### Christmas Care

Once again the shelter will be open over the Christmas period at Queen's Drive Methodist Church. This venture is supported by churches throughout Swindon. We can all help by offering to serve as a volunteer (meetings at 8pm on 10<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.), or by donating items. The project requires sleeping bags, bedding, towels, toiletries, warm clothing, shoes, food, and money to cover expenses. For more information see website [www.christmascare.co.uk](http://www.christmascare.co.uk) or contact John 827627; Diane K 336420; Betty 485483; or Patsy 642368.