

## Church and School working together for the children of East Swindon

The week that was...

Thank you for your continued prayers. All of the schools that we have offered Christmas unwrapped to, have now booked up. Please continue to pray for all the preparations that still need to be done. All of the assemblies have gone well. Please continue to pray for the future of the In:School project as we continue to meet to discuss different options.

The week ahead...

Monday – Assembly @ Eldene

- 2 Christmas unwrapped sessions for Covingham at St Paul's
- 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Liden at St Tim's
- Heroes afterschool club at Goddard Park

Tuesday – Breakfast club at Liden

- Class support at Chalet
- 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Goddard Park at St John's

Thursday – Breakfast club at Liden

- 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Liden at St Tim's
- 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Oaktree at St John's
- Helping on a school trip?

Friday – Schools prayer meeting

- 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Covingham at St Paul's
- 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Liden at St Tim's

Sunday – Church visit to St Andrew's Church, Wanborough

I would value your prayers this coming week for...

- All the Christmas unwrapped sessions to go well, for the children and staff to respond well, the teams to have energy, excitement and enthusiasm.

Thank you

**Abi**



St. Paul's, Covingham  
 St. Timothy's, Liden  
 Eldene Church  
[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
 28th November 2010

Staff Team:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 747926
	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 - 28th November - 1st Sunday of Advent

#### St. Paul's

8.45am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp

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

#### St Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
4:00pm	"Advent Angels" WORKSHOP	

#### Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Stuart Fisher
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<b>Lectionary</b>	<b>Isaiah 2:1-5</b>	<b>Romans 13:11-end</b>
<b>Readings -</b>	<b>Psalm 122</b>	<b>Matthew 24:36-44</b>
<b>28th November</b>		

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. Christmas Unwrapped events take place at St. Paul's & St. Tim's throughout this week

Mon 29th Nov.	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene
	7:30pm	Cell Leaders meeting at Wendy's - Duchess Way, Upper Stratton,
Tues. 30th Nov.	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's
	2:00pm	Dorcan Senior Citizens Carol Service, St Paul's
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 1st Dec..	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 2nd Dec.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
		<b>No Cell group</b> - Falconscroft, Covingham
	7.30pm	Cell group Austen Crescent, Liden
	7.30pm	Cell group Sutton Rd, Eldene
	7.30pm	Cell group Sedgebrook, Liden

### SERVICES - 5th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Beth Brown  
 10.30am Christingle/Toy Service Beth Brown & Wendy Tucker  
*Welcome: Simone & Martin; Teas: Tania & Molly Bond;*

#### St. Tim's

10.30am Christingle/ Toy Service Tony Knapp

#### Eldene

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

#### Prayer Initiative:

For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Baskerville Road, Blakemore, Forsey Close and Cornmarsh Way. Please also remember them in your private prayers



## Extra Notices

28th November 2010  
1st Sunday of Advent



Samaritans Purse wish to thank you for being busy and filling up a/some shoe boxes full of goodies; Once again we had a great response and it was lovely to see so many boxes brightly wrapped. The children in Serbia will be pleased to receive them.

Thanks for all your work; Christine Parsons

Dear Dorcan Church,

I would like to invite you personally to a special coffee morning in Liden Library on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010, from 10am -1pm. The purpose of the coffee morning is for you tell us what you love about Eldene and what you would like to improve. You are more than welcome to chat a lot or only a little; it would be great if you could attend.

Liden Library Drop in  
Coffee Morning

**Come and tell us  
what you think  
about Liden, Eldene  
and Dorcan!**

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**Friday 3rd December  
10am-1pm**

## in:School

At the end of each term InSchool provide cakes for the teachers in the schools that we are involved with. If you enjoy baking and would like to make a large cake or twelve small cakes, then please contact Margaret Hylton at St Paul's, or Leila Thwaites at St Tim's. Cakes will be required on Sunday 12th December. It's a small way to thank the school staff for all their hard work and also a means of contact with them. Members of our congregations take them to the schools with a Christmas card from the churches.

### Christmas Care

Once again the temporary shelter for homeless and lonely people will be open over Christmas at Queen's Drive Methodist Church. Gifts of bedding, towels, toiletries, clothes, food, or cash donations to cover expenses would be appreciated. Queen's Drive church hall is open for donations on -

Sat 11 Dec 10am-3pm; Wed 15 Dec 7-9.30pm;

Fri 17 Dec 7-9.30pm; Sat 18 Dec 10am-3pm.

Contact Patsy 642368; or Betty 485483.

**TURNING POINT** calendars are now on sale from Diane Killick - Priced at £8 each, these would make a unique Christmas gift. Envelope included. Please make cheques payable to D.N. Parsons.

### Threshold Sleepout

Look out for the sponsor forms for the Rose family, Josh Mulcock and Michael Wilkins bravely sleeping outside on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the car park at Immanuel URC in Upham Road, in support of Thamesdown Housing Link. You can also donate on line at - [www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/thl](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/thl)

### Paul's Licensing – and Confirmation

Paul Tayler is coming towards the end of his training, and we are delighted to hear that he will be licensed as a Lay Minister at Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011. We hope that a party from Dorcan Church will be there to support him! Paul was received into membership of the Methodist Church some years ago, and so the Dorcan Church regards him as fully confirmed. However, Anglican rules insist that Paul must be confirmed by a Bishop before he can be licensed. Hence Paul will be confirmed by Bishop Lee at 7:30p.m. on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Church, Rodbourne Cheney. It would be lovely if you are able to go to this Confirmation service to support Paul. St Mary's is by the corner / roundabout of Cheney Manor Road / Akers Way / Beech Ave / Vicarage Road. (Our joint Confirmation service between Dorcan & Parks & Walcot will be on Easter Eve – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011 – too late for Paul!)

**Church Flowers:** St Paul's church has an attractive floral arrangement in front of the alter each week. These are mostly arranged by Audrey. We have a Flower Calendar on the table as you enter the church and there are always many gaps on the calendar. To have flowers arranged on your behalf by Audrey please put your name on the calendar and a week before the date ring Audrey on 336702 to arrange payment. If you prefer you can do the arrangement yourself.

## FOR YOUR DIARIES

**“Advent Angels” WORKSHOP - Where?** St Timothy's Church Liden.  
**When?** TODAY. **Time?** 4-5.30pm (team 3-6pm). **Who?** For school age children - reception to Yr. 6; children please bring an adult(s) to STAY with you. **Cost?** **£1.00** per child; Adults FREE:

**Evening Monday Club, St Tim's** - 29 Nov. 7:30pm, Mavis Mason -Williams will be giving a talk on her visit to her visit to Uganda.

**Christingle and Toy Services** will be held at St Paul's and St Tim's on 5th Dec. and on 12th Dec. at Eldene. We will be receiving gifts for local children in the care of the Swindon branch of the NSPCC and also Women's Refuge. Gifts of toiletries for Mums will also be welcome. For the NSPCC please leave the gifts unwrapped to help with distribution, (separate wrapping paper would be welcome). If the presents are already wrapped we will take them to the Women's Refuge, please indicate the age and sex of the intended child. Donations from the services will be going to The Children's Society to help support their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the UK. Thank you, Brenda Robinson.

**Friday 10th Dec. 7.30pm; Community Carol Singing** at the Liden Arms Pub. Please join us if you can; All are welcome—we need YOU. *Beth*

### Christmas Advertising

In previous years we have asked you to help distribute a card to every house in the parish, detailing all our special Christmas services. This year the 'Handymag' has kindly agreed to include these details in their December edition, which is distributed throughout our area. There are spare copies of the service details included with your noticesheet – please keep your copy, or hand it on to a friend who doesn't receive the Handymag!

**Cell Group Leaders Meeting**—All Cell Group leaders are invited to a meeting at Duchess Way, Upper Stratton SN2 7TE (Wendy's house), Monday 29 Nov. at 7.30pm. A chance to support each other and share ideas and any material you have particularly found good please bring it along. RSVP to Wendy Tucker – email [wendyatdorcan@gmail.com](mailto:wendyatdorcan@gmail.com) or tel. 727280.

**PLEASE NOTE** - From now until the middle of December, Brenda Fisher will be arranging the weekly notices. All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Brenda by Thursday 2nd December.

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(please let her know if you would like notices by email)