

Make a note for September 2013

We are in the process of arranging for a group from Uganda to visit Swindon in September 2013. The party would generally be drawn from those who came last time plus their spouses. Things are still in the early stages but the visit is expected to last for between 10-14 days.

As we did last time we are looking for people to provide help with the following

Accommodation for both couples and single people.

Help with transport—does anyone know of a minibus that may be available?

Evening meals—to provide some variety for the visitors and a break for their hosts.

Suggestions for people and places to visit.

If you can help with any of this or have any questions,

please contact Tony Prichard.

FOR YOUR DIARIES - - - - -

Swindon Male Voice Choir will be singing at St. Paul's Church on May 12th.

All proceeds will go to Turning Point.

Tickets now available from Jean and Tony Gasson.

We are having a **Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** at St. Tim's on 12th May from 10 am til 12 noon. Contributions of cakes and plants will be gratefully received.

Sarah Paterson

Uganda Fire: Uganda Fire are returning to the diocese of Bristol, bringing the rhythms and music of Africa. You cannot listen to them and sit still. They play and sing with lots of humour, express their faith clearly and are a joy to listen to. We will have two opportunities to hear them in Swindon: Monday May 14 at 7:30pm in Christ Church; and Tuesday May 22 at 7:30pm at the Trinity Centre (Gateway church). Both events are free. Please don't just come yourself – but bring a friend. It will be an unforgettable evening.

The Big Jubilee Lunch As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the Queen is inviting the entire nation to join this event on **Sunday 3rd June**. We are arranging a bring-and-share picnic and will invite the whole community to join us! In the morning we will have a grand united service including Enlightenment Ministries, who usually worship at St. Paul's on Sunday afternoons.

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

Anna Newman by Thursday 26th April.

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



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

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

29th. April, 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 - 22nd April

St. Paul's

8.45am

Holy Communion

Beth Brown

10.30am

Morning Worship

Barbara Wilcox

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

Sunday Tots (Helen Newman); Sunday Club (Nathalie M. Lucy C. Diana K.)

11.15am

Dorcan Church AGM

All welcome

St Tim's

10.00am

At St. Paul's—United Service and AGM

Eldene

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Lectionary Readings
22nd April

Acts 4: 5-12
Psalm 23

1 John 3: 16-24
John 10: 11-18

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.

SERVICES —6th. May		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Baptisms	Beth Brown
<i>Welcome: Bob & Jenny, Teas: Cathy & Joy</i> <i>Sunday Tots in the Snug (t.b.a.), Sunday Club: (t.b.a.)</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
Eldene		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley

<u>NEXT WEEK</u> — Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders		
Mon. 30th. April	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road
Tues. 1st. May	7.00 pm 7.30pm	Flame FM begins broadcasting on 87.7 Cell Group— Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 2nd. May	9.30am 10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group— Tregantle Walk, Nythe Church Council at St. Tim's
Thurs.3rd. May	10.00am 3.00 pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Funeral of Stan Harbour at Kingsdown Crematorium Cell Group— Austen Crescent, Liden
Tony Tots at St/ Paul's	9.30pm	Cell Group— Sedgebrook, Liden
Please note the new day and time 9.30am on Wednesday mornings in the hall		

Funeral of Stan Harbour For several years Stan has been a very faithful regular at St. Paul's Thursday Communion. You are welcome to his funeral service at Kingsdown Crematorium at 3pm on Thursday 3rd May. Stan's son Barry invites us back afterwards to the White Hart at Stratton.

Funeral of Evelyn Merritt Tuesday 8th. May. Arrangements as follows:-
11.15am Committal at Kingsdown Crematorium
12..30pm Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Church, Covingham.
Followed by refreshments in the hall.
Everybody will be welcome to join us for any part of the above.
Anna

'Everybody Welcome' – next steps - Wednesday 9th May
This course during Lent made us think hard about how we can make the Dorcan Church more truly welcoming. Now that we've had 3 weeks or so to think about all that we've learned, we invite you to take part in a time of reflecting and sharing ideas. Together we will seek to identify the next steps, and to find ways to carry

START! Course
Do you have questions about life and the Christian faith? Do you know someone who's looking for answers? Why don't you invite them to make a *Start*? This is a 6 session course to help people discover the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes some short DVD programmes, then time to talk, listen and ask questions.
Mondays 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Ridge Nether Moor, Liden – 14th, 21st, 28th May, 11th, 25th June and 2nd July.
For more information and to let us know who's coming, contact Cathy 525130 or Dianne 639863. Who could you invite? *Start* praying! Leaflets are available in church centres for you or a friend.

Stuart Fisher and Trudie Wigley will both be ordained at Bristol Cathedral, on Sunday 1st July at 3:30pm. A coach will leave St Paul's at 1:15; I suggest a faith lunch in the hall following the service before we leave. The cost is £7 per seat, payable when you book, please tel. 497169 or email brendaf111@btinternet.com to reserve a seat.
Stuart and I would like to thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support over the last 5 years of his ministry training. We hope you can join us for this special day.

Flame FM Takes to the air on Tuesday 1st. May at 7.00 pm. and will be broadcast 24 hours a day for the following 4 weeks with a mixture of good music, comment, news and Christian content. The content will be as varied as the presenters and we have presenters from many Christians denominations and none. It is billed as community radio with a Christian flavour, I hope that you will listen to at least some of the station's output which is sponsored by Swindon Churches Together.
It's on 87.7 and streamed via www.flamefm.co.uk

Starlight Walk Saturday 30th. June in aid of prospect Hospice. It has been suggested in our cell group that we partake in the walk in memory of our dear friend Margaret Hill who died last year. Registration is £15 and the walk is 10K. If anyone would like to join us please contact Diane K. 336420