



**St. Paul's, Covingham**  
**St. Timothy's, Liden**  
**Eldene Church**  
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10<sup>th</sup>. January, 2010

Ministers:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
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### **SERVICES - 20th. December**

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

8.45 am.	Holy Communion	Derek Collins
10.30 am.	Morning Worship	Tony Knapp

*Refreshments after this service – please stay if you can.*

#### **St. Tim's**

10.30am.	Holy Communion	Edward Pilkington
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#### **Eldene**

10.30am.	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
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<b>LECTIONARY READINGS:</b>	Isaiah 43: 1-7	Acts 8: 14-17
<b>10<sup>th</sup>. Jan.</b>	Ps 29	Luke 3: 15-22

**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.**



***X:site for Children next Saturday 16th January***

We need one or two people for about an hour to help clear the church at midday on Saturday. If you can help, please contact Tony Prichard on 520734 or just turn up. The organisation of this event depends on small groups with specific tasks. This means the work load is spread into manageable parts and is a way that ordinary members of the Church can contribute to this worthwhile event.

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**EXPLORING PRAYER**

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IT'S HARD

WHY

Sundays 24th, 31st January, 8th, & 15th February  
6.30pm at St. Paul's. All welcome  
Let's learn together

***Lent***

We are hoping to run a daytime lent group. Would anyone who might be interested please let a member of staff know or phone Beth Lamb 495502

***St. Paul's Centre Manager***

After more than five years in the role, Helen Dickson is leaving to concentrate on her other commitments. We offer our grateful thanks to Helen for looking after such a busy centre, with many varied users and activities. We wish Helen well, especially for her responsibilities at Covingham Park Primary School, and as a caring Mum!

We are very grateful to Anna Newman, who has temporarily stepped in to look after the centre once again for the next 3 months. During this time we will be evaluating the role, ready to advertise for a new permanent centre manager. *Tony*

I intend to be in the office on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 - 3.30pm (with the exception of the last two Tuesdays in January). I can also be contacted on the Church mobile phone 07939 939893, or at home on 695698. *Anna*

**In January, we as a church will begin an initiative** that came from one of our Cell groups. We aim to systematically pray for all the roads in the Dorcan Parish, beginning with Covingham, then extending to Nythe, Eldene and Liden.

This will be quite a mammoth task, as we only intend to pray for a few roads at a time, on the third Sunday in each month. The residents of the roads we'll be praying for will receive letters to that effect, with an invitation to join us if they wish... but this isn't specifically aimed at getting folk into church. What we are praying for is a pouring out of God's Holy Spirit upon our neighbourhood, so that folk will recognise God for who He is.

This is where you come in... we think we have all the ends tied up, but obviously, until we begin, we won't quite know how it will pan out. So it would be wonderful if you could remember this initiative in your prayers? There are also a few more practical needs. As we don't wish to be a financial burden on the church resources, donations of new envelopes would be greatly appreciated. Also, as and when it's the turn of your road to be prayed for, if you could offer to deliver some letters, that would be most helpful.

Please speak to me if you wish to know more, or if you can offer help in any way.

Many thanks, *Barbara Wilcox*

### **Swindon & Marlborough Methodist Circuit**

As some may be aware there have been difficulties at Central Church and certain allegations were levelled at the minister, Rev. Mike Deacon.

These allegations and other issues were investigated thoroughly by the Superintendent Minister, Rev. Derek Collins. The allegations were proved to be without foundation. This decision was further upheld by members of the Sponsoring Body, drawn from the other denominations including Baptist and URC.

Further information regarding the above events and consequent staffing decisions can be obtained from Derek Collins.

All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. January 2010  
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