

**Edward and Patricia Pilkington** would like to thank all members of the Dorcan Church for their prayers and support during Edward's operation in hospital over Christmas and the recovery period afterwards. He is now feeling much better and hopes to resume some retirement ministry in due course.

Thanks be to God.

**A belated thank you to those who helped decorate my new house** and to those who have sent cards. The generous cheque was also appreciated! I used it immediately to purchase much-needed bathroom storage. I plan to have 'open house' on a Saturday after Easter.

Beth

**Thank all who supported the quiz in aid of Turning Point last Saturday.** We raised £631:65 from the quiz and sale of books raffle etc. We have also been given a donation of £500, so this brings us to over £1000 towards the second house for the Mammias.

Please continue to support our fundraising activities. Thank you.

*Dianne and Tuesday Cell Group*

Someone won the Accumulator on Saturday night, but didn't put their name on the form. We have worked out by a process of elimination that "The Majorca Four" won. Unfortunately I don't know who that team is! Please could you get in touch with me, as I have a prize for you.

Thank you.

*Diane*

**Dorcan Walkers** - The next walk **IS TODAY** - 3rd April, meeting in the public car park at the side of St Pauls Church at 1.30pm. New members are always welcome, please wear comfortable foot wear and a waterproof if weather indicates. The walk is 5 miles, mainly flat with a steepish incline at the beginning. If you are joining us for the walk please note that we will be parking our cars on National Trust property. If you are a National Trust member, please bring proof of membership.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 7th April  
Telephone: 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  
3rd April, 2011

Staff Team:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 826444
	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 - 3rd April - Mothering Sunday

#### St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Parade Service	Beth Brown

*Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can*

#### St Tim's

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#### Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Wendy Tucker
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#### Easter Cracked Open

For the fourth year running, teams of helpers at St Tim's and St Paul's are running these events for Year 4 and 5 children from our local Primary Schools (age 8 & 9). Please pray for the children and their teachers as they take part in this educational experience to help them understand the true meaning of Easter, and its importance to Christians. Thank you to Abi and all the helpers for your hard work in making this happen. It is really appreciated and enjoyed by the children and their teachers.

Lectionary	1 Samuel 16: 1-13	Ephesians 5: 8-14
Readings - 3rd April	Psalm 23	John 9: 1-41

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.

Each small group has started the Lent Course “**A Way through the Wilderness - experiencing God’s help in times of crisis,**” .

Easter Cracked Open events will be taking place at St. Paul’s this week

Mon. 4th April	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim’s Fellowship and Bible Study - Thorne Road
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Tues. 5th April	1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul’s Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Cov. Worship Planning Committee - Sedgebrook
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Wed. 6th April	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim’s - Beth Tiny Tots at St. Tim’s Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe
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Thurs. 7th April	10.00am 10-11.30 1.30am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul’s - Tony Knapp Lent Course - Passmore Close, Covingham Cell Group - Falconcroft, Covingham Cell Group - Austen Cres. Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Cell Group - Sedgebrook, Liden
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**SERVICES - 10th April**

**St. Paul’s**

8.45am No Service

**10.00am** United Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee and at

**11.15am** **Dorcan Church AGM** - All Welcome

*Welcome: Sandra & Colleen, Teas: Colleen & Cathy, Crèche: Tina Elias*

**St. Tim’s & Eldene**

**10.00am** United Service and AGM at St. Paul’s

**The postponed Cell Group/Fellowship group leaders’ meeting**, sharing experiences, ideas & resources, will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 7-9pm in the Snug at St. Paul’s.

**Could you be part of the team that works with our children** at St. Paul’s on Sunday mornings? We ask you to prayerfully think whether this might be something God is calling you to. Sunday Club are looking for some more leaders to share the load - & the joys - of telling the Good News to our children. It is hoped that a bigger team will mean leaders do not have to go out every week. Please talk to Tony, Beth or Wendy if you think this is something you could offer.

**Dorcan Church AGM - NEXT Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

Please come to our AGM which will follow a **10:00am** united service at St. Paul’s and should start at 11:15am. Remember our need for wardens/stewards at each of our church centres. This is an important role, supporting the ministers in running the church and making sure the buildings are cared for. With their deputies they have a special responsibility for ensuring the smooth running of services on Sundays. We will also be appointing members of the Church Council which steers the running of the Dorcan Church. Please consider whether you could serve as a warden/steward or deputy, as a church council member, or as a representative on the Deanery Synod (This synod has representatives from all the Anglican churches in Swindon, meeting 4 times per year).

If you wish to nominate someone for a post please complete the nomination form ASAP and send to Peter Causer, whose address is on the form.

Do come to our AGM to support our church. During the meeting we will be considering the many gifts God has given us, and how he calls us to use these gifts in service and ministry to each other and to our community. We will also consider the need to register as a charity. To do this the Charity Commissioners require us to adopt a new standard constitution for ecumenical churches. Tony will try to explain as simply and briefly as he can!

**Stanley Watson**

Many of you will remember Stan who for many years was a gifted organist at St. Paul’s, until he had to give up through ill health. Last Sunday morning Stan died at the Great Western Hospital. His funeral will be on Thursday 14th April, 10.00am at Kingsdown Crematorium; followed at 11.00am by a Memorial Service at Immanuel United Reformed Church in Upham Road.

We remember Edith and all their family in our prayers.

**Prayer Initiative.** For the next few weeks we will be prayer for the residents of St. Ambrose Close, Verney Close and Robinson Close. Please also remember them in your private prayers.

**Lent Lunches** We are all very welcome to join our neighbours at St. John’s Church, Park North (opposite Cavendish Square) for their lent lunches at 12 noon on Wednesdays. Proceeds will be given to Christian Aid. Following the lunch you may wish to stay for a Bible Study.