

The next five meetings of the Men's Fellowship Group are as follows:-

Oct. 9th Dennis will talk on electricity & Power Stations at Hatherley Road.
 Oct. 23rd DVD part 1 - Science and Belief—The Big Issues
 Nov. 13th DVD part 2
 Nov. 27th DVD part 3
 Dec/ 11th Evening meal - everybody. (Christmas)
 The location of the Christmas meal will be decided at our next meeting.
 All men are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE—Saturday 24th November 11am—2pm
 Yes, its THAT time of year again and we need donations please.
items to make a hamper, ladies and gents nice smellies, cakes & mince pies, bottles,
 raffle prizes and a Santa Suit. Thanks, Church Wardens.

The next East Swindon Locality Meeting will be on Thursday 11th Oct. at Dorcan Academy from 7-9pm. The specific theme will relate to policing issues and it is important that people in the East (Covingham, Dorcan, Lower Coleview, Nythe, Liden, Eldene, Park South/North & Walcot) of Swindon come along and share their views.

Advance Notice - Open Cluster meeting

Look out for further details of the next gathering with our partner churches in the East Swindon Cluster. It will be held at St Margaret's Stratton from 4pm on Sunday 21st October. There will be refreshments and a celebration service.

Looking ahead... Nicola (Year 11 student at Dorcan Academy) will be holding another 'Bake Sale' (to raise funds for the school trip to Africa in July 2013) at St Paul's on **Sun 21st Oct.** Please bring extra money with you on that day & support her efforts.

Advance Notice - The next **card class** with Claire will be on Saturday 17th November from 9.30am—12.30pm.

Hedge Trimmer Could you find a good home for a working electric hedge trimmer? If you can, a small donation would be appreciated for the Swindon Therapy Centre for MS. Contact Tony on 525130.

Snooker Table

Would anyone like an old 6ft x 3ft snooker table plus cues & balls? It's rather worn but usable, free to a good home. Contact Tony & Cathy on 525130.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 11th October
 Tel: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
 (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
 7th October, 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 - 7th October - Harvest Festivals

St. Paul's

8.45am	Harvest with Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Harvest Parade	Tony Knapp

Sunday Tots: Jo Kirkland, Helen Newman . NO Sunday Club: Parade Service

St Tim's

10.30am	Harvest Parade	Beth Brown
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Eldene

10.30am	Harvest Festival	Paul Tayler
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Lectionary Readings	Job 2: 1-10	Heb. 2: 1-12
7th October	Psalms 8	Mark 10: 2-16

Thank you for bringing **HARVEST GIFTS** today. Tins and packets will be shared between the Food Bank, Broadgreen Breakfast Club, and the Filling Station; fresh produce will be given to the Women's Refuge.

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—Sunday 14th October**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Morning Worship	Barbara
10.30am	Baptism	Andrew Wigley

*Welcome : Brian & Anna. Teas: Rosemary & Amy**Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis & Niki Thompson. NO Sunday Club: Activity Packs***St. Tim's**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
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St. Paul's

4.00-6.00pm	"Messy Church - Harvest Happening"	
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This afternoon—(7th October)

Dorcan Walkers set off from the public car park next to St Paul's at 1.30pm

Many of you will have received an invitation (if you are on the data base) to attend the **re-launch of in:school** on Tuesday 6th Nov. 19.30-21.00 pm at Bible society in West Swindon. This invitation is also for all those who work in the schools teams and any one interested in finding out how the scheme will be operating from January 2013. All are welcome. You can find information on the new website www.in-school.co.uk, or talk to Beth or Sandra

Would you rather come to church or have a leisurely breakfast with the Sunday papers? Now you can do both

Breakfast Service — St Paul's Church**Sunday 21st October 10.15 am**

This replaces our usual 10.30 Service

This is a relaxed chance to come into church. We serve breakfast from 10.15am and have music, short talk/discussion and prayer at 10.45 to 11.30 am.

You can come and join in or read the Sunday Papers, eat some breakfast or have a drink.

Everyone is welcome though children under 16's need to be supervised by an adult.

Everyone can join in together with activities for all ages, and there will be toys and crèche available for younger children.

NEXT WEEK Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders. Please note that from now on the St Tim's weekday service of Holy Communion is on **Tuesdays**.

Mon. 8th Oct.	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene.
	7.30pm	'Pray for Schools' at Gorse Hill Baptist Church

Tues. 9th Oct.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Tim's (N.B. Tuesday)
	7.30pm	Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham

Wed 10th Oct.	9.30am	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Finance Committee at Merlin Way

Thurs. 11th Oct.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
	1.30pm	Cell Group at Ravenscroft, Covingham
	7.30pm	Cell Group at Austen Crescent,
	7.30pm	Cell Group at Sedgebrook, Liden

Sat. 13th Oct.	9.30am	Cluster Children & Youth Consultation
	12.00noon	at St Margaret's Stratton

Pray for Schools – 8th October

'Making every school in Swindon a prayed-for school.'

Dorcan Church was very well represented at this excellent event last year. You are very welcome to come and join in praying for our local primary and secondary schools, and supporting students and staff. It's from 7.30 – 9.30pm on Monday 8th October at Gorse Hill Baptist Church, Cricklade Road, SN2 1AA. As well as praying and hearing about the work of local schools ministries, we will be commissioning workers and volunteers from local churches and organisations for all their work in this coming year.

This event is run as a partnership between local Christian children's and youth workers, Scripture Union, In:School and Swindon Youth for Christ.

Caretaker at St Paul's

Many thanks to Ken Killick who has been diligently looking after St Paul's for the last two and a half years. Ken will be finishing at the end of September. Do you know of anyone suitable who might be interested in this job? It is paid for 4 hours per week, but involves a very flexible commitment depending on the varied pattern of bookings at the centre. One week may be quiet; the next week may need locking up late after a blood donning session, and then 3 private parties booked over the weekend! To find out further details, contact Clare 336290; Andrew Wigley 523810; or Tony Knapp 525130. We are grateful to Tania and the rest of the team who continue to keep St Paul's Church Centre running!