

Tony Hasler would like to thank those members of St. Timothy's who so kindly remembered my 80th birthday and/or remembered me prayerfully during the time of my surgery for spinal decompression also in March. I am making a good and fairly rapid recovery thanks in no small measure to your support and especially Velma's care at all times. God bless you all.

Abi writes - Next term I am hoping to run three Y Crew clubs, Liden - Tuesday, and Nythe - Thursday, but also Covingham - Wednesday. Any help would be welcomed and appreciated. CRB check is needed. These clubs will be running for four weeks in term 5 (W/C 2nd May - 25th May). If you have helped before you will be most welcome but I would also encourage new helpers to step forward - it is such a great opportunity to build relationships with the children and to make stronger links to the church. Please speak to me asap to offer to help or if you would like more information.

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

Rest and relaxation for me over the Easter holidays

People to come forward to help with Y Crew clubs.

Schools to start to book transition sessions with the year 6's.

The Biblefresh Festival in Bristol based around the Cathedral and College Green on May 22nd 2011 is being planned by an ecumenical team with support from the Connexion, the Bible Society and others - 2.00pm start - Worship 5.30pm in the Cathedral.

There is a great need for stewards at this event - please contact me if you would like to offer as such. On the day you will need to be in Bristol for 11.00am

There is a request for churches who are able to set up and run activity stalls or tables.

Face painting, hair plaiting, art or ceramics etc. Please let me know if you can offer.

You will need to be in Bristol for 12.00pm.

If you are intending to attend the celebration on 22nd May, please can you tell your minister who can then inform me and we can see if it makes more sense to try to hire a coach rather than take a number of cars.

We need to know in the next two weeks if we are to have a chance of booking a coach.

Rev. Mark Barrett, Superintendent Minister of the Swindon & Marlborough Circuit.

Dorcan Walkers - The next walk is on Saturday 16th April and will be a morning walk leaving car park next to St. Paul's at 10am, followed by a pub lunch. If you wish to join us and can stay for the lunch, please book with Richard & Gunhild beforehand on 531673. All welcome.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 14th 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
10th 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 - 10th April - Passion Sunday

St. Paul's

8.45am No Service

10.00am United Morning Worship Tony Knapp
Followed by tea/coffee

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

St Tim's & Eldene

10.00am United Service & AGM at St. Paul's

Greetings from Andrew and Trudie Wigley

I am aware that the Dorcan Church is holding its AGM this Sunday morning, and I wanted to send you our greetings as we hold you in our thoughts and prayers. I am very much looking forward to serving at the Dorcan Church and at Queen's Drive from September, and getting to know people, the life of the churches and local communities. Trudie is also looking forward to serving as Curate at Christ Church from September, and I gather that her Ordination as Deacon in Bristol Cathedral on 2nd July is the same service at which Stuart will be ordained, so I expect we shall see some of you there. We are applying for places at local primary schools for Ben and Grace and expect to hear more about that over coming months. We anticipate moving into the manse in Merlin Way during August, to be settled ready for September. We wish you all well as together you seek God's continuing purposes for his people, and as people sense their call to offer themselves in his service, and we look forward to joining you soon. With every best wish, *Andrew*

Lectionary	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	Romans 8: 6-11
Readings - 10th April	Psalm 130	John 11: 1-45

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 is doing the Lent Course “**A Way through the Wilderness - experiencing God’s help in times of crisis,**” .

Mon. 11th April	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim’s Fellowship and Bible Study - Thorne Road
Tues. 12th April	1.30pm 7.30pm	NO Tiny Tots at St. Paul’s- starts again 3rd May Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Cov.
Wed. 13th April	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim’s - Beth NO Tiny Tots at St. Tim’s - starts again 4th. May Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 14th April	10.00am 10-11.30 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul’s - Tony Knapp Lent Course - Passmore Close, Covingham Cell Group - Falconscroft, Covingham Cell Group - Austen Cres. Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Cell Group - Sedgebrook, Liden

SERVICES - 17th April - Palm Sunday

St. Paul’s

8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall

Welcome: Anna & Brian, Teas: Dianna & Janice, Crèche: Jo Kirkland

St. Tim’s

10.30am	Baptism	Tony Knapp
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Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
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The postponed Cell Group/Fellowship group leaders’ meeting, sharing experiences, ideas & resources, will take place on Sunday 17th 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.

Prayer Initiative. For the next few weeks we will be prayer for the residents of St. Ambrose Close, Verney Close and Robinson Close.

Confirmation on Easter Eve at St Paul’s

There has been a change of venue for this year’s Confirmation. It will now take place at St Paul’s, at 6.30pm on Saturday 23rd April. I do hope you can come to support our 5 candidates, all from the Dorcan Church: Darren Burns, June Dossantos, Alison Merrett, Stan Morse and Cyril Williams. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare to take this significant step in their Christian lives.

HOLY WEEK

Wed 20th April	10.00am St. Tim’s	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday 21st April	10.00am St. Paul’s 3.30pm Wick House 7.00pm St. Tim’s	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion
Good Friday 22nd April	10.00 St. Paul’s Workshop & Worship (see Wendy’s notice below for details)	
	2.00pm St. Paul’s 2.00pm St. Tim’s 7.00pm Holy Family	Meditation Meditation Stations of the Cross
Easter Eve 23rd April	6.30pm St. Paul’s	Confirmation

Good Friday There will be an All Age service on Good Friday morning from 10-11.30 at St. Paul’s. It will begin with a workshop, exploring Good Friday through different activities and finish with an act of worship from 11.00. All welcome to the whole morning, or just to the worship at 11.00. (children please bring a carer with you). There will be drinks and hot cross buns served after the service.

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.

Stanley Watson

Many of you will remember Stanley who for many years was a gifted organist at St Tim’s and St Paul’s, until he had to give up through ill health. You are welcome to the Service of Thanksgiving for Stanley at 11.00am on Thursday 14th April at Immanuel United Reformed Church in Upham Road. (There will be a funeral service beforehand for family only at Kingsdown Crematorium.)
We remember Edith and all their family in our prayers.

CRISP PACKETS - Reminder that the last collection of crisp packets will be made at Neil & Nathalie’s house on Thursday April 14th.

Rota June - August Due to an extended holiday the new rota will not be printed until the first week in June. If you know dates in June-August when you cannot cover duties could you let me know asap.
Thank you, Sandra.