

Thank you to all who donated the total of £45.50 to the MS Therapy Centre in the bucket Tracy brought to church!

Missing music book from St Paul's The music for Hymns and Psalms is in 2 volumes. One of them is missing from its usual place near the organ. Does anyone know where it might be? Please contact Tony on 525130.

CHURCH FLOWERS

As you will know, Audrey has been doing the Church flowers for many years so it's time we gave her a BIG THANKYOU and a well deserved rest. I have agreed to oversee the flower rota and to fill in the gaps, As this is new to me, if you put your name on the rota, I will contact you as some people donate money for flowers and others arrange flowers themselves.

Angela Davidson

Singers and Musicians for Carols by Candlelight, St Paul's, 18.30, Sun 18th Dec.

It would be really good to have a group of singers and musicians for this special service. If you feel that you could sing or play as part of this group (this would involve attending a practice and participating in the service itself) or you know of somebody who might be willing to participate, please would you let either Nathalie Marshall (Nathalie@calisnenath.org.uk) or Pete (535939, peter@pmulcock1.fsnet.co.uk) know as soon as possible.

Two of the Thursday cell groups will be leading **carol singing at Edgehill Care Home** (formerly Wick House) in Liden at 6.30pm on Thursday 15th December. If you are able & willing to join us you would be most welcome.

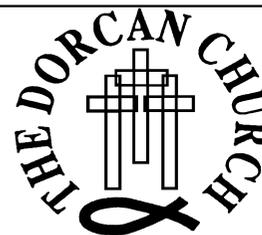
Refreshments available afterwards at 23 Sedgebrook.. *Beth*

Christian Aid Big Sing on Saturday 17th December from 10am to 1pm at St Michaels Church Highworth. All are welcome to drop in and sing Carols. Information about sponsoring from Peter & Patricia Croton 01793 762025, email p.croton@btinternet.com

A Village Nativity

We are invited to join the people of Hinton Parva for their Nativity on Wednesday 21st December. There will be a short service in the church at 6.30pm; a procession round the village, including a real donkey; and refreshments. Wrap up warm, with boots and a torch. Parking in the village is not plentiful, so be prepared to walk a bit!

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 15th December. Tel: 695698 or Email: angram673@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
4th December, 2011

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 - 11th December

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Morning Worship With Toys and Gifts	Barbara Wilcox
6.30pm	Guides Carol Service	Beth Brown

St Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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Eldene

10.30am	Christingle with Toys and Gifts	Stuart Fisher
	Cash Collection for the Children's Society	

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

Thank you for filling up a Shoe Box or two. The number of boxes locally was sadly down on past years but we managed to send roughly 180 boxes which was still very good. Thanks a lot. I hope some of you have looked at the web page and are tracing where the boxes are going. *Christine Parsons*

Lectionary	Isaiah 61: 1-11	1 Thess 5: 16-24
Readings - 11th December	Psalm 126	John 1: 6-28

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 - 18th December		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	No Service	
10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
<i>Welcome: Anna & Brian N., Teas: Colleen/Cell Group, Sunday Tots: Cathy K./ Lucy Curtis</i>		
6.30pm	Carol Service	Tony Knapp & Stuart Fisher
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Joint Service at Eldene	
4.00pm	Carol Service	Beth Brown
Eldene		
10.30am	Joint Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
NEXT WEEK Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.		
Mon. 12th Dec.	12.00 noon - onwards 7.30pm	St. Tim's Monday Club Bring & Share Lunch followed by games afternoon. Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road
Tues. 13th Dec.	1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham Worship & Mission planning group at Sedgebrook
Wed. 14th Dec.	11.00am 1.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's <i>(later than usual following Liden School Carols)</i> Tiny Tots Party at St. Tim's Nythe Cell group restarts on 18th January
Thurs. 15th Dec.	10.00am 7.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group - Austen Crescent Carol Singing at Edgehill Care Home (formerly Wick House), Buttermere, Liden, SN3 6LF. Meet in car park at 6.25pm - everyone welcome.

Giving to In:School Christmas Unwrapped is underway, reminding us of the excellent work with our local junior schools. Abi and willing teams of helpers are helping so many of the children to learn more about Jesus. A few months ago we were invited to increase our support for In:School so that this work can continue. Many of you have given generously, either by a one-off donation, or by setting up a standing order at your bank. Some people have asked about the possibility of giving regularly using envelopes. These are now available, so please ask your churchwarden for a supply if you are interested. There are also forms if you are able to Gift Aid your donations.

The remaining Christmas Christingle Celebratory Services -

Eldene - 11th Dec. 10.30am - Christingle; Gifts and Toys
 St. Paul's - 11th Dec. 10.30am - Donations of Gifts and Toys
 St. Paul's - 11th Dec. 6.00pm - Guide Carol Service
 St. Paul's - 24th Dec. 4pm - Christingle & Crib Service

Toys and gifts will be gratefully received today at St. Paul's and Eldene.

Unwrapped toys will be given to the local Swindon branch of the NSPCC. Wrapped toys should be marked 'boy/girl aged xx' or 'lady' (Containing toiletries). Wrapped toys/gifts will be given to the Women's Refuge.

Please come and support the services - everybody is welcome, and give a warm invitation to friends and neighbours. *Brenda Robinson*

Thank you to everyone involved with the Christingle service at St Tim's. A delightful service very much enjoyed by children and parents, thank you Andrew, a message delivered and well received. Also a thank you to all who generously donated to the Childrens society we raised a total of £138 07 which will be forwarded in due course to the Childrens society. *Brenda*

St. Paul's Christingles. We will be meeting at St. Paul's at 9.30am on Christmas Eve to make up the Christingles for the 4.00pm service. If anybody can help, please contact Brenda on 643949 or Cathy on 525130

Gwynneth Cooke

Many of you will remember Gwynneth who has worshipped at St Paul's for many years. Her funeral service will be held at St Paul's at 1.00pm on Thursday 22nd December.

Congratulations to Rev. Vicky Fleming

Some of you may know our neighbour Vicky who has served for several years as Team Vicar in the Stratton Team Ministry, based at South Marston. St Margaret's Stratton has been vacant since Rev. Victor Howlett retired last year. Vicky has now been appointed as Priest-in-charge of Stratton Team Ministry within the East Swindon Cluster. Bishop Mike will be installing Vicky at a special service on Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm at St. Margaret's Church.

Christmas Care

Once again the shelter will be open over the Christmas period at Queen's Drive Methodist Church. This venture is supported by churches throughout Swindon. We can all help by donating items. The project requires sleeping bags, bedding, towels, toiletries, warm clothing, shoes, food, and money to cover expenses.

The hall at Queen's Drive is open for donations on :

Wed. 14th Dec. 7-9.30pm, Fri. 16th Dec. 7 - 9.30pm - Sat 17th Dec., 10 - 3.30pm

For more information see website www.christmascare.co.uk or contact John 827627; Diane K 336420; Betty 485483; or Patsy 642368.

Albert Holmes has phoned from Ramsgate and sends his regards to everyone. He apologises to those who have had a Christmas Card with no stamp. He picked up the wrong pile and posted all the ones with no stamps, leaving all the stamped ones behind!