

**Our Schoolworker, Abi, writes ---**

Thank you for your prayers as I have now heard and met with someone at Mountford Manor and we have booked assemblies throughout the year, a possible club in term 4 and a transition session in term 6. They seem very keen for my help with RE as well including Christmas Unwrapped and Easter cracked open.

**Auction of Promises - Update**

The total for this event now stands at £384 including a donation of £20. The outstanding promise is 2 hours of computer tuition for a learner - still available if anyone would like to take it up. Thanks to all who took part.

*Colin (692004)*

**FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Cotswolds Kidznet Training Day** - Saturday 6th November 10.30am - 3.00pm. At Cirencester Baptist Church, Coxwell Street, Cirencester, GL7 2BQ. It will provide training for all volunteer children's ministry leaders. The day will use film and visual aids and include worship, short seminars and an address. Bring your own lunch, coffee and doughnuts on arrival. More information from [www.cirencester-baptist.org](http://www.cirencester-baptist.org)

**East Swindon Consultation at St. Tim's 7.30pm on Thursday 11th November "What happens when your Vicar leaves?"**

Many of you know that Tony will be retiring in just over 2 years; and several other local clergy will be leaving before then. How will the eastern part of our Anglican Deanery be structured in the future? This is your opportunity - I urge as many of you as possible to come and be part of the discussion about future mission and ministry in the East Swindon area, which includes Dorcan, Parks & Walcot, Stratton and the villages of South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva. Rev. Paul Rush, Diocesan Advisor on Evangelism, will be joining our Area Dean Rob Burles to explain and help us in our discussions.

*Tony*

**Nativity Planning Meeting**

Monday 15th November 2010 at 7.30pm at 23 Sedgebrook, Liden  
There will be a meeting to discuss the Christmas Eve Nativity Service with a view to bringing new inspiration to it. Anyone who is involved and interested is welcome to share their views, ideas and possible new material. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution, please speak to Tony or Beth.

All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 21st October  
Telephone: 695698 or Email: [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
17th October, 2010

Staff Team: Rev. Tony Knapp Tel: 525130  
Rev. Beth Brown Tel: 747926  
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 - 17th October**

**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown

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

**St Tim's**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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**Eldene**

10.30am	At St. Tim's
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<b>Lectionary Readings - 17th October</b>	Gen 31: 22-31 Ps 121	2 Tim 3: 13 - 4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8
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**Turning Point**

The latest Turning Point Viewpoint and prayer card is with the door stewards. There is also a Christmas Gift Leaflet - there are gifts from £5 to £100 ranging from £6 for a pair of shoes or £15 to feed a child for 2 months at one of the projects in Kibera.

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.

Mon 18th Oct.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene
Tues. 19th Oct.	1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 20th Oct.	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe Church Council at St. Tim's
Thurs. 21st Oct.	10.00am 1.30pm 3.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell group at Falconscroft, Covingham Holy Communion at Wick House, Liden Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Cell Group - Sedebrook, Liden

### SERVICES - 24th October

#### St. Paul's

8.45am Morning Worship Wendy Tucker

10.30am Morning Worship Tony Knapp

*Welcome: Anna & Brian N., Teas: Rosemary & Amy, Crèche: Cathy Knapp*

#### St. Tim's

10.30am Baptism Beth Brown

#### Eldene

10.30am Morning Worship Wendy Tucker

**Good News about Beth** - Bishop Mike (of Bristol) has confirmed that Beth can continue for the foreseeable future as full-time priest in the Dorcan Church! We have really appreciated Beth's ministry for almost 2 years, and are delighted that she will be able to stay with us.

**CRB checks.** Helen Toomer will be at St. Paul's on Saturday 6th November to check documents for all those waiting for a CRB check. I will contact everyone nearer the date with a time between 10am and 12 noon. *Sandra.*

**Deal of No Deal** raised a total of £104.94. Thanks to all who supported it - it was a very enjoyable evening.



#### Prayer Initiative

For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Poltondale, St. Andrews Green and St. Katherines Green.

Please also remember them in your private prayers.



**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal** - we will once again be assembling shoe boxes of Christmas gifts for children who otherwise would have little for Christmas. You will find leaflets with labels at each of our Church Centres - please do check the leaflet carefully for the list of items which are acceptable. We have received leaflets intended for Ireland, the details are the same, except that a donation of 3 Euros is requested for transportation. Please put £2.50 in the envelope provided in the leaflet.

We have been given a generous supply of **Knitted Hats** to add to the boxes. Please help yourself from the supply at each Centre if you would like one for your box. We will receive and dedicate the boxes on Sunday 21st November.

At the funeral of **Ruby Purchase** recently, her daughter read a poem which she had written herself about her mother. Copies of this poem are available today on a separate sheet.

#### In:School.

We now know the dates for Christmas Unwrapped and could do with some helpers. It's fun and you get a lot out of seeing the school children enjoying themselves and learning the REAL Christmas story. You can just come along and see what happens and be a spare pair of hands helping with the craft - we don't always have enough people. It would be sad to have to turn schools away for lack of a pair of hands. If you can help contact me on 532849. If you are not CRB checked, I can sort it out.

*Margaret*

The **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is rapidly approaching. It will be opened by the Mayor of Swindon, Councillor Rex Barnett on Saturday November 13th at 11am. We require cakes, biscuits, raffle prizes, tombola items and donations for our hamper. Offers of help would also be appreciated. Another date for your diary is Saturday November 27th - Advent Party, 4pm until 8pm - come along for a traditional fun filled family time. Music, entertainment, games, something for everyone. Thanks. *Diane* (336420)