

Advance Notice – HARVEST Sunday 2nd October (9th October at St Tim's)

We will soon be celebrating Harvest at the Dorcan Church, thanking God for his goodness to us.

If you wish to bring HARVEST GIFTS, they will be donated as in previous years. 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.

The Mayor of Swindon's Charity Music Night

Come along at 7pm on Friday 30th September to Stratton Community Centre in Grange Drive to enjoy many local performers and bands, and to support 3 local charities:

- The Open Door Centre – day centre for adults with a learning disability
- The Rowdy Bunch - youth club for teenagers with disabilities
- Football in the Community – for everyone including those with disabilities

Tickets cost £10 for adults or £6 for under-12s.

Contact Open Door 512357 (or speak to Marion); Stratton Community Centre 825525; or Mayor Ray Ballman 694584.

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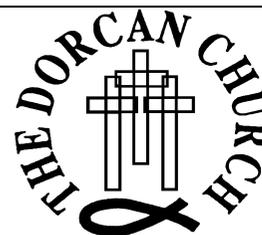
THEY ARE BACK !!!!! ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE GREAT SAVINGS AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

Travelling Trends fashion show TUESDAY October 11th
Doors open 7pm Show starts at 7.30pm. At St. Paul's Church Centre.
Admission by ticket £5.00 from Diane and church wardens.
Bring your friends, neighbours, family, enjoy a fun evening and help raise much needed funds. Diane K. 336420

Making Christmas Cards. Claire will again be teaching a card class on Saturday November 5th 9.30 - 12.30pm. Cost £8. Please book with payment asap, so that I can give numbers to Claire for the kits. Sandra

Lodgings wanted A member of St. Tim's congregation, Dalia, is looking for lodgings in the local area. She is an ENT doctor with a contract at the hospital and is looking for short term lodgings in the area ideally amongst local Christians. If you think you can help or would like to talk to her about it, please ring her on 07506 661811

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 29th September
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
25th September, 2011

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| 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 - 25th September

A warm welcome to our guests today. We are delighted to see you, and we hope that you will feel at home worshipping with us.

St. Paul's

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| 8.45am | Holy Communion | Beth Brown |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Tony Knapp |

St Tim's

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Stuart Fisher |
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Eldene

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| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Beth Brown/Paul Tayler |
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Refreshments are served after the 10.30am services - please stay if you can.

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| Lectionary | Exodus 17: 1-7 | Philip 2: 1-13 |
| Readings - 25th Sept. | Psalm 78: 1-16 | Matt 21: 23-32 |

Prayer Initiative. For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Magpie Lane, Osprey Close and The Owlets. Please also remember them in your private prayers.

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 - 2nd October | | |
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| St. Paul's | | |
| 8.45am | Harvest Festival with Communion | Andrew Wigley and Tony Knapp |
| 10.30am | Harvest Festival Parade | Andrew Wigley |
| <i>Welcome: Colleen W./Pam W., Teas: Cathy K/Colleen W., Crèche: Cathy Knapp</i> | | |
| St. Tim's | | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion/Baptism | Beth Brown |
| <i>(St. Tim's Harvest Parade is next Sunday 9th October)</i> | | |
| Eldene | | |
| 10.30am | Harvest Festival | Stuart Fisher |
| NEXT WEEK | | |
| Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders. | | |
| Mon. 26th Sept. | 7.30pm 7.30pm | Monday Club Evening Meeting (see below) Fellowship & Bible Study at 7 Thorne Road |
| Tues. 27th Sept. | 1.30pm 7.30pm | Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close. |
| Wed. 28th Sept. | 10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm | Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell group at Tregantle Walk. |
| Thurs. 29th Sept. | 10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm | Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group at Falconscroft, Covingham Cell Group - Austen Cresc. Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene Cell Group - Sedgebrook, Liden |
| Sat. 1st Oct. | 10.00am | Macmillan Coffee Morning at St. Tim's |
| The Monday Club evening meeting is on 26th September at 7.30pm at St. Tim's when Pam Chadwick is coming to tell us about the service "Dressability" which provides for disabled and elderly people, adapting their clothes to make them easier to put on. Everyone welcome. £1.20 to include Coffee/Tea & Biscuits. | | |
| Holiday Club 2012 - We plan to run a Holiday Club the week of 13th August 2012. Anyone interested in helping the planning of the club is invited to a meeting on Monday 26th September 9.30am at Sandringham Road. Thank you. <i>Sandra</i> | | |

Shoe Boxes - Once again it is time to think about shoe boxes and get busy buying the things to fill them for the children overseas who really appreciate receiving them. Leaflets will be in the three church centres in due course. If you need to know more, please phone me on Swindon 692004. *Christine*

St Paul's Sunday Club

Over the summer new plans have been formed for our children:

Every Sunday pre-school children may stay in the church service with their parents, or they may join the under-fives group in the snug. (Let's call them "Sunday Tots"!)

At an All Age or Parade service, children of primary school age will continue to stay and take part in the whole service.

Once or twice a month we will provide activity packs for children instead of the Sunday Club. Children are encouraged to sit with their parents or carers, and after an initial time of worship all together, they can use the materials in the activity pack, including story books, puzzles and other items linked to the theme of the service.

Once or twice a month the children will go out to the Sunday Club. Generally they will be included in the beginning and the end of the worship, so that they will spend a shorter time in Sunday Club than before – about 30 minutes. Jo Kirkland has kindly offered to coordinate this. Each time Jo or Nathalie will lead the Sunday Club, assisted by a helper.

We have been taking advice and have obtained new resources for the club as well as the activity packs. The programme will be varied, including games, music and videos. We will of course ensure that all leaders and helpers have CRB checks and appropriate training. We already have a list of volunteers, and there is always room for more on the rota as helpers or leaders, both for Sunday Club and for the under-fives. It is still our aim that any individual should be on the rota only once per month.

We started the new pattern with activity packs on 4th September, and then the first Sunday Club session on 11th September. After a few months we will review progress, and hope to extend the Sunday Club to cover more Sundays. Many thanks to all who've offered to help!

Pray for Schools – 7th November

Please join in praying for our local primary and secondary schools, and supporting students and staff. All are welcome to the prayer and commissioning event 7.30 – 9.30pm on Monday 7th November at Gorse Hill Baptist Church, Cricklade Road, SN2 1AA. As well as praying and hearing about the work of some local schools ministries, Bishop Lee Rayfield will be joining us as we commission workers and volunteers from local churches and organisations for all their work in this coming year.

Swindon Half Marathon - 9th October

Chris and Peter Sharp are running in memory of their dad Nigel. They are raising money for the Thamesdown Hydrotherapy Pool, where Nigel received a lot of help. Please take a look at the webpage below which gives more details and, if you are able, please make a small donation to swell the funds!

Link to the webpage<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/sharpyandsharpy>