

**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.*

Looking ahead .....to **CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED** at the Dorcan Church.  
 Our local schools have been invited to attend sessions during the two school weeks -  
 26th Nov—7th Dec. Could potential team members please note these dates.  
 Training Sessions: St. Tim's 09.15 Monday 5th Nov. St. Paul's 09.30 Thurs. 8th Nov.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> October. There will be refreshments and a celebration service.

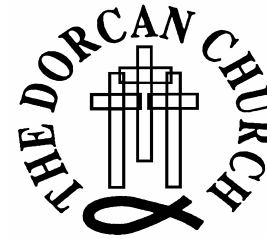
**Looking ahead...** Nicola Plumb (Year 11 student at Dorcan Academy) will be holding another 'Bake Sale' (to raise funds for the school trip to Africa in July 2013) at St Paul's on **Sun 21st Oct.** Please bring extra money with you on that day & support her efforts.

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

**Photos and a video of the Harvest Barn Dance** are now on the Dorcan Church Website.  
<http://www.dorcanchurch.co.uk/Photo-album/Barn-dance-sep-2012/phpshow.php>

**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 4th October**  
 Tel: 695698 or Email: [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
 30th Sept, 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 - 30th September - Back to Church Sunday**

**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Stuart Fisher

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.

*Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis. Sunday Club: Nathalie Marshall & Niki Thompson*

**St Tim's**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Beth Brown
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**Eldene**

10.30am	Morning Worship	Tony Knapp
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<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Numb. 11: 4-29	James 5: 13-20
<b>30th September</b>	Psalm 19: 7-14	Mark 9: 38-50

**Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Nurses.**

NEXT Saturday 6th October at St. Tims from 10 am until noon. Donations of cakes, second hand books and gifts to sell would be much appreciated. Many thanks. *Sarah Paterson*

**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 7th October - Harvest Festivals****St. Paul's**

8.45am Harvest with Holy Communion Tony Knapp

10.30am Harvest Parade Tony Knapp

*Welcome : Cathy & Joy. Teas: Cathy & Joy**Sunday Tots: Jo Kirkland & Helen Newman. NO Sunday Club: Parade Service***St. Tim's**

10.30am Harvest Parade Beth Brown

**Eldene**

10.30am Harvest Festival Paul Tayler

**Stanley Cook**

You may remember Stan and Hilda from Nythe who used to worship at St Paul's. For many years they kindly folded and stapled our magazine each month. After Hilda died in 2008, Stan continued to live at home, with generous support from neighbours in Nyland Road. You will be welcome at Stan's funeral at St Paul's on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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](http://www.in-school.co.uk), or talk to Beth or Sandra

**HARVEST—Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Next Sunday we will 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.

As it worked well last year, we have again decided that those who wish to contribute to **HARVEST FLOWERS** at St. Paul's can bring some along (either in a vase or pot). Angela Davidson will be in Church from 2-4pm on Saturday afternoon to receive them.

**Autumn 'Messy Church' at Dorcan**

The first 'Messy Church' - HARVEST HAPPENING—is planned for Sun 14th Oct. from 4-6pm at St. Paul's. If anyone is willing to join with me in planning for this event, I would be very pleased to hear from you (826444 – beth@revbethbrown.org.uk). Beth

**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. 1st Oct. 1.30pm Funeral of Stan Cook at St. Paul's  
2-4pm Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's  
7.30pm Fellowship & Bible Study at 7 Thorne Road, Eldene.

Tues. 2nd Oct. 10.00am Holy Communion at St Tim's (**N.B. Tuesday**)  
7.30pm Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham

Wed 3rd Oct. 9.30am Tiny Tots at St. Paul's  
1.30pm Tiny Tots at St. Tim's  
7.30pm Cell Group at Tregantle Walk, Nythe

Thurs. 4th 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. 6th Oct. 10-12am Coffee Morning for MacMillan Nurses at St. Tim's

Sun. 7th Oct. 1.30pm Dorcan Walkers' afternoon Walk.

**Pray for Schools – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!