



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
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1st. November 2009

Ministers:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
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Services – 1st. November

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Tony Knapp

10.30am Morning Worship Tony Knapp

Refreshments after this service – please stay if you can.

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Beth Brown

Refreshments after this service – please stay if you can.

Eldene

10.30am Holy Communion Edward Pilkington

**LECTIONARY
READINGS:**
1st. Nov

Ruth 1: 1-18
Ps 146

Heb 9: 11-14
Mk 12: 28-34

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 - 8th November

St. Paul's

8.45 am. Holy Communion Derek Collins

10.30 am. Parade Service Mark Barrett

Welcome: Jo & Stan Akhurst, Teas: Jo & Stan Akhurst, Creche: Tina Elias

6.00 pm. Living with Loss

St. Tim's

10.30am. Holy Communion Janet Evans

Eldene

10.30am. Service of Readings

Next week

Mon 2nd Nov.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Monday Club - Scrabble & Dominoes Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road
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Tues 3rd Nov.	1.45pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group, Fitzmaurice Close, Covington
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Wed 4th Nov.	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 Cell Group, Austen Crescent, Liden
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Thurs 5th Nov.	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group - Sedgebrook, Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene
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LIVING WITH LOSS

Once again we will be holding a special service to remember those we love who are no longer with us. It's at **6.00pm** on Sunday 8th November at St. Paul's Church, Covington.

We are sending invitations to all the families who have had a funeral conducted by a minister of this church within the past 12 months. If you know of any others, perhaps neighbours or friends, who would appreciate this service, please invite them. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you have experienced bereavement, and however long ago it was.

Many thanks for your generous response to the call to fund the provision of the communion trays. These have been ordered and should appear soon.
Derek

Turning Point update - Jon Jo Parsons Praise the Lord! There is rain in Kenya after a severe drought even reaching some eastern areas of Kenya that had not had a drop of rain since this time last year. Up at the farm the mums are all planting to take advantage of the conditions, and we pray that the rain will stay around long enough to provide a decent harvest. We have also set aside a small area on the community farm to experiment with a different model of farming - it's called Farming God's Way (<http://www.farming-godsway.org/>) Thanks for standing with us in prayer for TP and God Bless.

Christmas Fayre - 14th November

We propose to have a Christmas Hamper as the main prize in the raffle at the Christmas Fayre and would welcome items suitable to fill it such as biscuits, tins fruit, Christmas pudding, crackers and other seasonal items.

Can YOU help on the day, can YOU offer items for the stalls, raffle prizes, make cakes, biscuits, sweets, run a game ????

We are waiting to hear from YOU. *Diane Killick*

WANTED - All things that smell nice for the Tuesday cell group stall. Items could go to any group member, which includes Maureen Tayler, Janet Prichard, Jean Gasson and me! Thank you. *Diane Lane*

Scout Stamps will be available at the Christmas Fayre, so make sure you know how many you will need. *Anna*

Offers of help to set the hall up on Friday 13th would be welcomed. - *Diane*

Shoe Box Appeal Christmas 2009

Leaflets are in all church centres; if you cannot find any please let me know. Samaritan Purse is like Tear Fund and Christian Aid, helping people in the third world all through the year. The shoe boxes cost £2.50 to transport; either include your cheque in the boxes, or **this year Samaritan Purse are asking if people would if possible pay this through the internet or place in an envelope marked 'Shoe Boxes' and place on collection plate.** Boxes should be 18cm by 30cm by 13cm high (or as near as possible) so they are easily packable in vans or planes. If you are unable to fill a box, you might like to contribute to the travel cost of getting these boxes across to their destination. Volunteers are still needed to help check the boxes and prepare them for their journey. For information phone Christine, tel. 692004

Dorcan Church Walkers - Today - Sunday 1st November. Meet in the shop car park next to St. Paul's at 1.30pm for an afternoon walk. All welcome.

Climate Change Rally - 5th December

Churches, congregations and Christian relief agencies are in the forefront of drawing attention to the need for action in response to Climate Change. SCAN are organising a coach to the rally, and assemblies for prayer and worship that will accompany it. Everyone is being encouraged to wear blue so that we create a 'river' of people winding around the streets of London. The rally is aimed at persuading the UK government and the world's leaders to act collectively and positively during and after the Copenhagen Summit. If you are interested in booking on the coach, please contact viv@swindonclimate.org.uk or 01793 871513 to register your interest.

Weekly Notices

If you have opted to receive Notices by E.mail, you will be receiving them beginning this weekend. You can join in at any time by e.mailing me at anagram673@hotmail.co.uk and I will add you to the list. The notices will also be published on the Dorcan Church web site and paper notices will still be available every Sunday in all three centres. *Anna*

-- FOR YOUR DIARIES --

Brunel Brass (National 3rd Section Champions) in Concert

Friday 20th Nov. at 7.30pm at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Moredon Road.

Tickets £5 or £3.50 concessions. Call to book on 823015. Proceeds in aid of Church funds and ZANE project (helping senior citizens in Zimbabwe)

"Romantic Spirit" Cantores Concert - Friday Dec. 4th at Cirencester Parish Church at 7.30pm. This programme will be in aid of the restoration fund for the Town Hall in Cirencester and promises to be a great occasion. Tickets available from Nathalie (421549) or at the door.

***All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 5th November
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