

Many thanks to EVERYONE who contributed to the success of the Christmas Fayre - without doubt it was the best for setting up and clearing away. The final amount raised was £1069. As most of you know this was my last fundraising event, and I must extend grateful thanks for all the support I have received over the years enabling us to raise much needed funds. Thanks. *Diane*

Diane has been tirelessly organising our fund-raising events for years, and encouraging lots of others to help. This Christmas Fayre was a marvellous finale to Diane's 'career' and we are all very grateful. Thank you also to Ken for your support. *Tony*

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 (Nathalie@calisnenath.org.uk) or Pete (535939, pter@pmulcock1.fsnet.co.uk) know as soon as possible.

THANK YOU to everyone who has given me material and 'bits' for the craft items I hope to make. I do not have room to store any more right now so thank you and I shall have to get busy. Elizabeth Hogg.

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. Thanks *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

By popular request - the chocolate cake made in church on Stir up Sunday -

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| 175g soft margarine (or soft butter) | 175g caster sugar (fairly traded I hope...) |
| 40g cocoa powder (fair trade of course!) | 150g self-raising flour (sifted) |
| 1 tsp baking powder | 3 tbsp milk |
| 3 medium eggs | 1 tsp vanilla essence |

- Combine all ingredients in bowl and mix using wooden spoon or electric hand mixer.
- Spoon into a lightly greased microwave-safe dish and level top. A china casserole dish, glass dish or a soufflé dish are ideal, or a microwave cake dish!
- Microwave on full power for 7 mins. Allow to stand for 1 min. Turn out to cool.
- Decorate as required. Enjoy and don't eat too much! *Nathalie*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 8th 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 - 4th December

St. Paul's

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

St Tim's

10.30am	Christingle Parade	Andrew Wigley
	Cash collection for the Children's Society	

Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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Refreshments are served after the 10.30am service - please stay if you can.

Christmas Decorations

Many thanks to those who worked hard to decorate St Paul's and St Tim's ready for Christmas Unwrapped. It has really helped to create the right atmosphere for the sessions that are being appreciated by all the children.

Cakes wanted for Schools as they break up for Christmas. Please bring them Sunday 11th December to Margaret at St Pauls or Leila at St Tims. Many thanks.

Lectionary	Isaiah 40: 1-11	2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Readings - 4th December	Psalm 85: 1-13	Mark 1: 1-8

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 - 11th December		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Morning Worship With Toys and Gifts	Barbara Wilcox
<i>Welcome: Rosemary & Amy, Teas: Rosemary & Amy, Sunday Tots: Cathy K./Joe K.</i>		
6.30pm	Guides Carol Service	Beth Brown
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
Eldene		
10.30am	Christingle with Toys & Gifts	Stuart Fisher
	Cash Collection for the Children's Society	

NEXT WEEK Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.

Mon. 5th Dec.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road
Tues. 6th Dec.	1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots party at St. Paul's Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 7th Dec.	10.00am 1.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's (party next week on 14th) Nythe Cell group restarts on 18th January
Thurs. 8th Dec.	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group - Falconscroft, Covingham Cell Group - Austen Crescent Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene The Sedgebrook Cell Group will be going for a Christmas meal at the White Hart, Stratton
Fri. 2nd Dec.	10.am-7pm 7.45pm 10.00pm	Christian Aid Collecting at Tesco, Ocotal Way Henry Olonga at Gateway Church - see back page Sleep Out for Threshold Housing Link -see opposite

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!

The Dorcan Church 2011 Christmas Christingle Celebratory Services -

St. Tim's - TODAY - 4th Dec. 10.30am - Christingle; Gifts and Toys
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. Tim's and next Sunday 11th Dec. at St. Paul's & 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.

Gwynneth Cooke

Many of you will remember Gwynneth who has worshipped at St Paul's for many years. Following a spell in hospital, Gwynneth died last Sunday 27th November. 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.

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.

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 offering to serve as a volunteer (meetings at 8pm on 10th & 16th Nov.), or by donating items. The project requires sleeping bags, bedding, towels, toiletries, warm clothing, shoes, food, and money to cover expenses. For more information see website www.christmascare.co.uk or contact John 827627; Diane K 336420; Betty 485483; or Patsy 642368.

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