



Friday 10th
at 7.30pm
Community Carol
Singing
 at the
 Liden Arms Pub.
 Please join us if
 you can.
 All welcome



We Need YOU.

more details from Rev. Beth Brown; Tel. 747926

in:School

Prayer email

Church and School working together for the children of East Swindon

The week that was...

I can't believe that we have already done some of the Christmas unwrapped sessions. Time is going so quickly. All the sessions so far have gone really well, with positive comments from the children and staff. The assembly at Eldene went well; I was talking to the children about Advent. Heroes at Goddard Park also went well, with the number of children remaining the same each week.

The week ahead...

- Monday – 1 Christmas unwrapped; for M'ford Manor at St Andrew's
 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Eldene at St Tim's
 1 Christmas unwrapped sessions for Nythe at St Paul's
 Heroes afterschool club at Goddard Park
- Tuesday – Breakfast club at Liden
 Class support at Chalet
 1 Christmas unwrapped for Goddard Park at St John's
- Wednesday – Covingham Christmas carol service at the school
 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Oaktree at St John's
- Thursday – Breakfast club at Liden
 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Wanborough at the school
 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Oaktree at St John's
- Friday – Nythe Christmas carol and Nativity at St Paul's
 1 Christmas unwrapped; for M'ford Manor at St Andrew's
 1 Christmas unwrapped session for Eldene at St Tim's
- Sunday – Church visit to St Tim's Church, Dorcan

I would value your prayers this coming week for...

All the Christmas unwrapped sessions to go well, for the children and staff
 pond well, the teams to have energy, excitement and enthusiasm.

Good health for me, the ministers and the schools teams at this busy time.

Thank you

Abi

in:School

At the end of each term in: School provide cakes for the teachers in the schools that we are involved with. If you enjoy baking and would like to make a large cake or twelve small cakes, then please contact Margaret Hylton at St Paul's, or Leila Thwaites at St Tim's. Cakes will be required on Sunday 12th December. It's a small way to thank the school staff for all their hard work and also a means of contact with them. Members of our congregations take them to the schools with a Christmas card from the churches.

Please see our events over the page.



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
5th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Staff Team	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel. 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel. 747926
	Mrs Wendy Tucker	Tel. 747280

Tony & Beth both have Fridays off - please avoid contacting them if possible. Wendy is not available Monday daytime and Saturdays.

SERVICES TODAY - 5th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Beth Brown
10.30am Christingle/Toy Service Beth Brown & Wendy Tucker

Welcome: Simone & Martin; Teas: Tania & Molly Bond;

St. Tim's

10.30am Christingle/ Toy Service Tony Knapp

Eldene

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

Lectionary	Isaiah 11: 1-10	Romans 15: 4-13
Readings	Psalm 72: 1-7, 17-19	Matthew 3: 1-12
For Today		

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.

Christmas Care

Once again the temporary shelter for homeless and lonely people will be open over Christmas at Queen's Drive Methodist Church. Gifts of bedding, towels, toiletries, clothes, food, or cash donations to cover expenses would be appreciated. Queen's Drive church hall is open for donations on -

Sat 11 Dec 10am-3pm; Wed 15 Dec 7-9.30pm;
Fri 17 Dec 7-9.30pm; Sat 18 Dec 10am-3pm.
Contact Patsy 642368; or Betty 485483.

THANK YOU

Advent Angels

Well done everyone who prepared and helped with the Advent Angels workshop at St Tim's last Sunday afternoon! The event was very well supported, with nearly 30 children and their families thoroughly enjoying it. It was wonderful to see so many helpers from St Paul's supporting an event at St Tim's, showing that we are one church family, reaching out together to our community. Thank you!

Advent Party

Thank you for a most enjoyable Advent Party at St Paul's last Saturday 27th November. It was appreciated and enjoyed by all who came, young and old. Special thanks to Colin and Christine, Diane and Ken, for all the organisation; to Big Kev for the magic show; to Peter for the music; and Dave for the dancing! And many thanks to

Paul's Licensing – and Confirmation

Paul Tayler is coming towards the end of his training, and we are delighted to hear that he will be licensed as a Lay Minister at Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 19th February 2011. We hope that a party from Dorcan Church will be there to support him! Paul will be confirmed by Bishop Lee at 7:30p.m. on Thursday 9th December at St Mary's Church, Rodbourne Cheney. It would be lovely if you are able to go to this Confirmation service to support Paul. St Mary's is by the corner / roundabout of Cheney Manor Road / Akers Way / Beech Ave / Vicarage Road.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Dorcan Church Walkers, Madeira, 8/19th January 2011.

Due to a cancellation we have a place for a lady to share a twin room on this 11 night trip, cost approx £600, staying at The Savoy Gardens, a top 4* Hotel, meals and airport transfers included. Would also suit a non walker as there is lots to do and see on this beautiful tropical island.

Contact Brenda on 497169 for more information by 12th December if you would like to come.

Christingle and Toy Services will be held at St Paul's and St Tim's today and on 12th Dec. at Eldene. We will be receiving gifts for local children in the care of the Swindon branch of the NSPCC and also Women's Refuge. Gifts of toiletries for Mums will also be welcome. For the NSPCC please leave the gifts unwrapped to help with distribution, (separate wrapping paper would be welcome). If the presents are already wrapped we will take them to the Women's Refuge, please indicate the age and sex of the intended child. Donations from the services will be going to The Children's Society to help support their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the UK. Thank you, Brenda Robinson.

ST Tim's Monday Club will meet on **6th December at 3.00pm** (due to a Christmas Unwrapped session taking place beforehand).

ALSO: On **13th December** our usual Scrabble and Dominoes will be preceded by a **Bring & Share lunch at 12.30pm**, please contact Leila tel. 430350 for further information."

Carols, cake & coffee (or other drink)

Come and sing carols to practise for Friday at the Liden Arms. All welcome to 23 Sedgebrook at 7.30pm.

Christmas Advertising

Details of all our special Christmas services are included in the 'Handymag'. Please hang on to your copy! There are spare copies of the service details available at each of our centres – you are welcome to take one to keep, or to hand on to a friend who doesn't receive the Handymag!

PLEASE NOTE - All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Brenda by Thursday 2nd December.

Tel: 497169 or Email: brendaf111@btinternet.com
(please let her know if you would like notices by email)

NEXT WEEK - Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders. Christmas Unwrapped events take place at St. Paul's & St. Tim's throughout this week.

Mon	6th Dec.	7.30pm	Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene
Tues	7th Dec.	1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed	8th Dec.	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs	9th Dec.	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell group Falconscroft, Covingham Paul's Confirmation; St. Mary's, Rodbourne Cell group Austen Crescent, Liden
Fri	10th Dec.	7.30pm	Sutton Rd & Sedgebrook Cell Groups – Carols, cake & coffee – see below
Fri	10th Dec.	7.30pm	Community Carol Singing—Liden Arms
Sat	11th Dec.	3.00pm	Wedding of Andrew Bicknell & Stacey Easton at St. Tim's

SERVICES - 12th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Baptism	Tony Knapp
18.30	Guides Carol Service	Tony Knapp & Clare

St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
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Eldene

10.30am	Christingle & Toy service	Barbara Wilcox
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Prayer Initiative:

For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Totterdown, Blackmore, Forsey Close and Cornmarsh Way. Please also remember them in your private prayers