



**St. Paul's, Covingham**  
**St. Timothy's, Liden**  
**Eldene Church**

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk  
10th March, 2013

Staff Team: Rev. Beth Brown Tel: 826444  
Rev. Andrew Wigley Tel: 523810

*Beth has Fridays off - Andrew has Tuesdays and Saturdays off.  
Please avoid contacting them at these times if possible.*

### **SERVICES - 10th March— Mothering Sunday**

#### **St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Andrew Wigley

10.30am Mothering Sunday Parade Neil Marshall

*(Sunday Tots – Parade Service; Sunday Club—Parade Service)*

#### **St Tim's**

10.30am At Eldene

#### **Eldene**

10.30am Holy Communion Andrew Wigley

**Lectionary Readings** 1 Sam 1: 20-28 Col 3: 12-17  
**10th March** Psalm 34: 11-20 John 19: 25-27

**The land next to St Pauls** has been sold by the Diocese to Flynn Builders, and starting Monday 11th March this site will start to be developed. We believe this will consist of 5 link detached houses.

**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.**



Most of you will have known **Tony Gasson** who has worshipped at St. Paul's for very many years. Sadly Tony passed away this morning (Friday 8th March). Our prayers are with Jean and the family at this time.

**SERVICES—Sunday 17th March—Passion Sunday**

**St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Stuart Fisher

10.30am Morning Worship Stuart Fisher

*Welcome: Sandra & Dennis, Teas: Hazel & Alison  
(Sunday Tots – tba; Sunday Club—Jo Kirkland & Niki Thompson)*

**St. Tim's**

10.30am To be confirmed

**Eldene**

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

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

Mon. 11th March 2-4pm Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's  
7.30pm Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene.

Tues. 12th March 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Tim's  
7.30pm Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close  
7.30pm Men's Fellowship Group—13 Bryanston Way, Nythe

Wed. 13th March 9.30am Tiny Tots at St. Paul's  
10.45am Cell Group—Ravenscroft, Covingham  
1.30pm Tiny Tots at St. Tim's  
7.30pm Cell Group—Tregantle Walk, Nythe

Thurs. 14th March 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Paul's.  
7.30pm Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden  
7.30pm Cell Group - Bryanston Way, Nythe

I have set up a new e\_mail account as someone used my yahoo address to send a spam mail. My new address is shown on the printed version of these notices. Would everyone who communicates with me by e.mail please send me one so I can re-populate my contacts list which was deleted along with my inbox. Thanks, Colin P.

**Easter Cracked Open**

Please pray for the two Dorcan Teams over the 2 weeks starting March 11th as the Local Schools bring 190 children to St Tims and St Pauls to learn about Easter, what the Bible says and why we Christians feel so deeply about it . Of all the festivals we do with the Schools Easter is the hardest one . We try to do it in a fun way but are always touched by the Children's reactions to the sounds in the Garden of Gethsemane and the re-enactment of the Last Supper. Please pray that the children will understand and are moved by the story.

And also——

**CAKES WANTED** Sunday March 17th to take to the local Teachers.  
Many Thanks *Margaret*

**Holy Week**

Looking ahead to Holy Week services;

I shall lead a service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday at St Tim's at 7.30pm We have usually held the following, on Good Friday, in the Dorcan churches;

- 10.00 St Paul's - Workshop
- 2pm St Paul's - Meditation service
- 2pm St Tim's - Meditation service

As we are stretched at the moment, would anyone like to volunteer to prepare and lead any of the above? This can be done by individuals, collaborations or 'Cell' groups or 'house' groups.

The Easter workshop may already be 'in hand' but would probably benefit (if not already sorted) from more volunteer help.

Your input to this would greatly help in the planning, God bless you in your deliberations, many thanks. *Stuart* (on behalf of the 'team' of which we are all part)

**Flowers at St. Paul's**

A big thank you to Angela Davidson for the lovely floral arrangements, so beautiful to look at and appreciated. May I remind you all there is a tin for donations for flowers, and as Easter is fast approaching perhaps we could put a few more 'pennies in the tin'.

**PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2013**

We are required to make a complete revision of the Church Membership List and Electoral Roll. Letters and forms for this purpose have been addressed to all names on the current roll and can be collected from the three centres. We also invite all regular worshippers who are not on the existing roll to take a blank set for completion Please return your completed forms via the boxes in each centre or direct to Joan McCann as soon as possible. (Please note - names are not carried forward without a fresh application.) *Joan McCann*



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### **Christian Aid Week May 12<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> 2013**

I have distributed questionnaires regarding Christian Aid week to each worship centre, if you have not had an opportunity to complete one could I please ask that you do, to see if we can improve our support for Christian Aids work through out the world.

We are invited to join other Christian Aid supporters at an evening in Bath on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7.15 -9.15 pm. The main speaker will be the Director of Christian Aid, Loretta Minghella. The event is free, and we can travel by train at a cheap group rate of about £5 leaving Swindon @ 6.30pm. If you wish to go please call Helen Tel 534404. *John Davidson.*

### **Fair trade Challenge Prize Draw—Win some fair trade goodies**

Buy something fair trade you have never bought fair trade before.

For each thing you buy you will be entered in the prize draw.

All items must be bought before the draw is made on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Just fill in a Fair trade Challenge slip at your place of worship and put it in the box. Any questions, contact Nathalie on T 421549

**One week on** do you need some inspiration for the fair trade challenge draw? What about trying fair trade:

Tea, herbal tea, green tea, instant coffee, real coffee or beans, sugar, wine, champagne, mango, pineapple, bananas, green beans, roses, dairy milk, maltesers, other chocolates, snack bars, peppercorns, cloves, rice (Sainsburys) clothes (M+S, Next and online), quinola and a myriad of other more exotic foods (Swindon pulse on Curtis street), toys (Oxfam - yes new! - or online), rubber gloves, footballs (both online) - can you add to the list??

### **Day Course at Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing, nr. Cirencester**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am-4pm

Introduction to Wholeness Led by The Harnhill Team.

Look for brochures in church or Tel: 01285 850283

email [office@harnhillcentre.org.uk](mailto:office@harnhillcentre.org.uk) or [www.harnhillcentre.org.uk](http://www.harnhillcentre.org.uk)

### **The Corisande Singers Perform an Evening of Sacred Easter Music** at Queens

Drive Methodist Church on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm Free Entry.

This group of singers are from the Choral Group New College, Swindon

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

**Anna Newman by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)

