

Christmas Care

Once again the temporary shelter for homeless and lonely people will be open over Christmas at Queen's Drive Methodist Church.

Volunteers are welcome – meet there at 8pm on Wed 17th Nov. 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. 11th Dec. 10am-3pm; Weds. 15th Dec. 7-9.30pm;

Fri. 17th Dec. 7-9.30pm; Sat. 18th Dec. 10am-3pm.

Contact Patsy 642368; or Betty 485483.

Threshold Sleepout

Look out for the sponsor form for those brave people who will be sleeping outside on Friday 3rd December. The sleepout will be on the car park at Immanuel URC in Upham Road, in support of Threshold Housing Link.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal - we will once again be assembling shoe boxes of Christmas gifts for children who otherwise would have little for Christmas. Leaflets are in each Centre and you need to enclose £2.50. We have been given a generous supply of **Knitted Hats** to add to the boxes. Some are for 2-4 yrs - some for 4-8 yrs. Please help yourself from the supply at each Centre if you would like one for your box, *making sure you choose the right age group.*

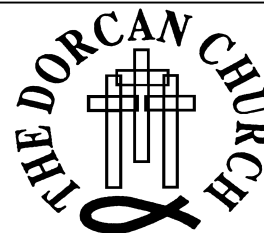
We will receive and dedicate the boxes on **Sunday 21st November.**

Urgent help required! The National Youth Assembly will be at Liddington between 19th – 21st Nov. They need volunteers to act as meet and greeters at Swindon station on the afternoon of 19th. The young people arrive from 6pm. The buses to Liddington are scheduled to run between 6pm and 9pm. If you can help please contact David Gray; Tel. 01793 823015 email revdgray@btinternet.com

The Front Room

This community based initiative offers a social gathering for the unemployed, with a free lunch and practical help. It meets every Tuesday 12noon – 2pm at St Augustine's Church, Summer Street, Rodbourne. Do pass on this information to anyone you know who is unemployed.

TURNING POINT calendars are now on sale from Diane Killick - Priced at £8 each, these would make a unique Christmas gift. Envelope included. Please make cheques payable to D.N. Parsons.



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
14th November, 2010

Staff Team: Rev. Tony Knapp Tel: 525130
Rev. Beth Brown Tel: 747926
Mrs. Wendy Tucker Tel: 727280

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

SERVICES - 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

Our morning services will include an Act of Remembrance at 11:00am.

St. Paul's

8.45am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
10.30am	Remembrance Parade	Tony Knapp
6.00pm	Living with Loss - Tony Knapp and Beth Brown	

St Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Edward Pilkington
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Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can

Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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LIVING WITH LOSS - There will be a special service at **6.00pm** today at St. Paul's - Remembrance Sunday. We will be remembering those we love who are no longer with us. We have sent invitations to all the families who have had a funeral conducted by Tony or Beth within the past 12 months. Please come to support the families, whether you have experienced bereavement or not.

Lectionary Readings -	Malachi 4.12a	2 Thess 3.6-13
14th November	Ps 98	Luke 21: 5-19

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.

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

Mon 15th Nov.	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene
	7.30pm	Nativity planning- Sedgebrook, Liden
Tues. 16th Nov.	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 17th Nov.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 18th Nov.	9.30am	'Christmas Unwrapped' - training at St. Tim's
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
	1.30pm	Cell group - Falconscroft, Covingham
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Dudley Road (Marion's house)
	3:00pm	Holy Communion at Wick House
Sat. 20th Nov.	6.00pm	X.SITE at St Paul's

SERVICES - 21st November - at all our services we will receive and dedicate **shoe boxes** for Operation Christmas Child

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Tony Knapp

10.30am Morning Worship Tony Knapp

*Welcome: Simone and Martin; Teas: Ray and Margaret Hilton;
Crèche: Helen Newman.*

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Tony Knapp

Eldene

8.45am Holy Communion Tony Knapp

Prayer Initiative:

For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Poltondale, St. Andrews Green and St. Katherine's Green. Please also remember them in your private prayers

Rota's for December to February are now available in church. If you have not received yours by email please let Sandra Marshall know.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Nativity Planning Meeting Monday 15th November 2010 at 7.30pm at Sedgebrook, Liden There will be a meeting to discuss the Christmas Eve Nativity Service with a view to bringing new inspiration to it. Anyone who is involved and interested is welcome to share their views, ideas and possible new material. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution, please speak to Tony or Beth.

ADVENT PARTY - Saturday November 27th - 4.00-8.00pm. at St. Paul's

Fun for all the family, tea and games.

See Big Kev, magician from Close up Magic . Please bring a small wrapped present for each person coming with you, costing no more than about £1.00, for one of the games. Bring & Share tea, drinks provided.

Remember the theme "Party Time"

Ladies Fashion Show in aid of Prospect Hospice - Friday **19th** November at Alexandra House Hotel (near Chiseldon/Wroughton).

You will be able to try on, buy and take away your purchases. As well as clothes, jewellery will be on sale and rep's from PartyLite, The Body Shop and Chocoholics will also be there.

Doors open at 7.00pm - Tickets are £7 each (including a soft drink and light bites on arrival) and available from Colleen (644024) or her daughter Nikki (636767 before 7pm please)

Friday 10th Dec. 7.30pm; **Community Carol Singing** at the Liden Arms Pub.

Please join us if you can; All are welcome—we need YOU. *Beth*

"Advent Angels" WORKSHOP - Where? St Timothy's Church Liden.

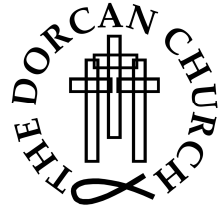
When? Sunday 28th Nov. **Time?** 4-5.30pm (team 3-6pm). **Who?** For school age children - reception to Yr. 6; children please bring an adult(s) to **STAY** with you.

Cost? £1.00 per child; Adults FREE:

PLEASE NOTE - From now until the middle of December, Brenda Fisher will be arranging the weekly notices.

All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Brenda Fisher by Thursday 18th November. Tel: 497169 or Email: brendaf111@btinternet.com (please let her know if you would like notices by email)

Children and Communion



As some of you will remember, the history of the Dorcan Church included a period when it was the usual practice for children of a certain age to receive communion. At their recent meeting, the Church Council voted to reintroduce this practice.

In the light of this, those in the 8-11 year age range in Sunday Club plus Vybe will be following a short preparation course in the next few weeks. It is important to note that parental consent is a key element of the process, no child will be admitted to communion against the wishes of their parent(s).

The admission of children to communion before confirmation will strengthen the Dorcan Church as an LEP, as it embraces both Methodist and Anglican contemporary practices. Confirmation will continue to be an important stage in the spiritual journey of our young people, giving them, as it does, an opportunity to affirm their personal faith. Confirmation preparation will still be offered to young people and adults in the spring prior to the annual LEP Confirmation Service.

During the distribution of communion, those aged 8-16 will receive non-alcoholic wine/red grape juice in place of alcoholic wine.

Any queries should be addressed to members of the ECC.

The staff Team