

Church and School working together for the children of East Swindon

**** Important date to put in your diary **** Thursday 27th January at 7.30pm @ Queens Drive Methodist Church. We are holding a prayer meeting for the in:School project; to thank God for all he has done over the years but to pray about the future and what that means for the project. Please come along and join us - it would be great to see lots of you there. This is NOT just a schools team event - this is for anyone in the churches who is passionate about the project and wants to help us seek God's guidance for the future.

Please pray this week for the Y Crew clubs for a good number of children to attend and good relationships to be formed; for the Schools to book up for the Living Church experience; the RE lesson at Bishopstone to go well and for the Assemblies this week to go well. Thank you. *Abi*

Social and Fund Raising Meeting @ St. Paul's snug on Sat.5th Feb at 10.30am. Do come along for a coffee/tea and share ideas. Look forward to seeing you. *Diane K. (336420)*

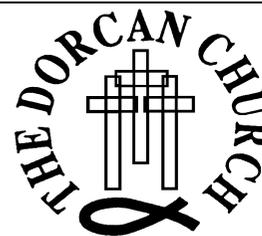
It's an astonishing fact that over 80 million chocolate Easter eggs are sold each year in the UK. Even more astonishing is the fact that not one of them mentions Jesus on the box.

The **Real Easter Egg** is the UK's first and only Fairtrade Easter egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the pack, and it gives a sizeable donation from profits to charitable projects.

It would be great if all our supermarkets stocked the Real Easter Egg everywhere, but we need to prove demand before they will. To do this we really need churches across the UK to order and pay for a supply of Real Easter Eggs for their church. Real Easter Eggs cost £4.50 each which includes the charitable donation, VAT and delivery.

Orders need to be placed by 31st January - to order please see Nathalie Marshall. More information at www.realeasteregg.co.uk

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 27th January
Telephone: 695698 or Email: anagram673@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
23rd January 2011

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 - 23rd January

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
10.30am	All Age Worship	Wendy Tucker

Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can

St Tim's

10.30am	Baptism	Beth Brown
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A warm welcome to the families and friends of **Matthew and Amy Goldfinch** and **Keira Hambidge** who have come to St. Tim's for **Baptism** this morning.
Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can

Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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Lectionary Readings	Isa 9: 1-4	1 Cor 1: 10-18
23rd January	Ps 27: 1, 4-9	Matt 4: 12-23

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. 24th Jan	2-4pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study - Thorne Road Pastoral Care Course - Tregantle Walk.
Tues. 25th Jan	1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Cov.
Wed. 26th Jan	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's (Beth) Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 27th Jan	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's (Beth) Cell Group - Falconscroft, Covingham In:School prayer meeting at Queens Drive Methodist Church Cell Group - Austen Cres. Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene 'Sedgebrook' Cell Group at in:School prayers

SERVICES - 30th January

St. Paul's

8.45am No Service

10.30am United Holy Communion Beth and Tony

At this service we will be joined by Andy Lund from the Bible Society and it will also be a celebration of Beth's Licensing as Associate Vicar.

After the service there will be a retiring collection for the work of the Bible Society.

Welcome: Barbara/Dianne, Teas: Margaret & Ray, Crèche: Cathy Knapp

St. Tim's and Eldene

10.30am At St. Paul's

Prayer Initiative For the next few weeks we will be praying for the residents of Gibbs Close, Passmore Close, Dobbin Close & Gantletdene. Please also remember them in your private prayers.

Paul's Licensing at Bristol Cathedral. - We now have a 16 Seater Minibus going to Bristol - we are full. A number of others will be travelling independently, so Paul has a lot of support. The Cost per person for the Coach is £10. Money to Marilyn by end of month please. Will accept cash or cheque. Coach leaves St. Paul's car park at 8.45am. and will return to the same car park at the end of the service.

Holy Communion

For any child or young person who will be receiving Communion for the first time on 30th January, there will be a short 'rehearsal' at 12 noon in St. Paul's Church today (23rd January). Please bring your completed parental consent form with you.

Confirmation. Would you be interested in being Confirmed? This year our joint Confirmation Service will be at Queen's Drive Methodist Church on Easter Eve - Saturday 23rd April at 6.30pm. Please have a word with Tony, Beth or Wendy if you would like to consider this next step in your Christian faith. There is no upper age limit, and if you have not been baptised this can be included in the service as well. Easter Eve has been a traditional time for Confirmation for many years - followed by a first communion on Easter Day to celebrate the risen Lord! We hope to be joined by other candidates from our sister churches in Parks and Walcot.

The second week of the **Pastoral Care Course** will be on Monday 24th January at 7.45pm at Brenda's - Tregantle Walk.

We will be talking about listening, and safeguarding both the person we are visiting and ourselves. If you would like to join us to discuss these issues you would be very welcome.

Wendy Tel: 727280 E.mail: wendyatdorcan@gmail.com

Andrew & Trudie Wigley

Last Saturday our ministers and wardens met Andrew and Trudie who had come from their home in Reading to visit Swindon. In September Andrew will be taking up the post of Methodist Probationary Minister at Dorcan and Queen's Drive. Andrew and Trudie are expecting to live in Merlin Way with their 2 children, Ben (age 5) and Grace (age 4). They have also been looking at local schools for the children.

While Andrew has been training for the Methodist Ministry at Queen's, Birmingham, Trudie has been training for the Anglican ministry - they are a very ecumenical family! Trudie is hoping to arrange a curacy at an Anglican church in Swindon.

Both Andrew and Trudie are enthusiastic about their faith. Andrew has a range of experience, including preaching, leading music groups and working with children and young people. We look forward to getting to know them and their family. Please pray for Andrew and Trudie in the rest of their training; for Trudie's search for a suitable curacy post; and for Ben and Grace that they will soon settle in and be happy at their new school.