

### **A herd of elephants!**

Thank you for all the 2 pint milk bottles, that were made into elephants by the children at Tiny Tots last Wednesday.

Looking ahead .....to **CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED** at the Dorcan Church. Our local schools have been invited to attend sessions during the two school weeks - 26th Nov—7th Dec.

Could potential team members please note these dates.

Training Sessions:

St. Tim's 09.15 Monday 5th Nov. St. Paul's 09.30 Thurs. 8th Nov.

### **Hats for shoe boxes**

Once again we have been given knitted hats and some mittens to put in the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes. Please help yourselves.

### **'Love and Marriage' on TV**

You might like to watch a new series on BBC4 celebrating moving and uplifting stories of marriages into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The series is at 9pm on Tuesdays.

### **Advance Notice - Open Cluster meeting**

Look out for further details of the next gathering with our partner churches in the East Swindon Cluster. It will be held at St Margaret's Stratton from 4pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October. There will be refreshments and a celebration service.

### **Snooker Table**

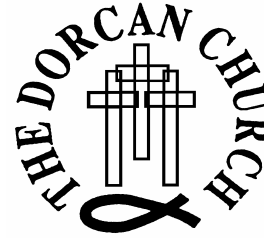
Would anyone like an old 6ft x 3ft snooker table plus cues & balls? It's rather worn but usable, free to a good home. Contact Tony & Cathy on 525130.

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

**Anna Newman by Thursday 27th September**

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



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

[www.dorcanchurch.org.uk](http://www.dorcanchurch.org.uk)  
23rd Sept, 2012

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 - 23rd September**

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

8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	All Age Worship	Andrew Wigley

*Sunday Tots: Jo Kirkland & Niki Thompson NO Sunday Club: All Age Worship*

*(Sunday evening - Older members of the Vybe Group meet at Tony & Cathy's home.)*

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

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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#### **Eldene**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
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<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Jer. 11: 18-20	James 3: 13—4: 12
<b>23rd September</b>	Psalm 54	Mark 9: 30-37

### **Back to Church Sunday – 30<sup>th</sup> September**

At a recent Sunday service you should have been given a special card for inviting your friends to this special Sunday at church. Extra invitation cards are available at all 3 centres – do take more if you need them, and pray for your special guest(s)! Please pray for those leading worship next Sunday, and for all of us as we welcome our visitors.

**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.**

<b>SERVICES</b> —Sunday 30th September—Back to Church Sunday		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
10.30am	Morning Worship	Stuart Fisher
<i>Welcome : Zoe &amp; Lucy Teas: Diana &amp; Janice</i> <i>Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis. Sunday Club: Nathalie Marshall &amp; Niki Thompson</i>		
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Beth Brown
<b>Eldene</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Tony Knapp

**Leanne Newman** is being **Baptised** by full immersion this morning at Upper Stratton Baptist Church. Please pray for Leanne as she takes this important step in her personal journey of faith.

**'Food 4 Thought'**  
 You are invited to join a Bible study group with a difference...a place where both soul and body are catered for. The group begins on Monday October 8th at 10.30am and runs for 6 weeks only.  
 There will be about an hour or so of Bible study, followed by a simple soup lunch. The subject is ..... 'Christ will come again', a course devised by David Parsons ..  
 Nothing too difficult though, just an opportunity to discuss together, and get to know each other better over a light lunch.  
 I', looking forward to welcoming you to my home at 89 Ridge Nether Moor, but for catering purposes, please let me know in advance if you're thinking of coming.  
*Barbara W.* Tel: 538695

**Advance Notice – HARVEST Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
 We will soon be celebrating Harvest at the Dorcan Church, thanking God for his goodness to us. If you wish to bring HARVEST GIFTS, they will be donated as in previous years: tins and packets will be shared between the Food Bank, Broadgreen Breakfast Club, and the Filling Station; fresh produce will be given to the Women's Refuge.

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed in any way to the coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> September; and those who bought cakes last Sunday. **£265** has been raised for the Swindon Therapy Centre for people with MS.

<b><u>NEXT WEEK</u></b>		
Mon. 24th Sept.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene.
Tues. 25th Sept.	2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Dorcan Senior Citizens Club Harvest at St. Paul's 'Science or Religion?' with Bishop Lee (see below) Cell Group at 12 Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed 26th Sept.	9.30am 10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Holy Communion at St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Cell Group at Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 27th Sept.	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group at Ravenscroft, Covingham Cell Group at Austen Crescent, Cell Group at Sedgebrook, Liden

**Science or Religion? Do we really have to choose?**  
 Bishop Lee will be explaining how science and Christianity are companions not competitors. You are welcome to come and find out and ask questions, at St Andrew's Taw Hill on Tuesday 25th September from 7.30 – 9.30pm.

**Caretaker at St Paul's**  
 Many thanks to Ken Killick who has been diligently looking after St Paul's for the last two and a half years. Ken will be finishing at the end of September. Do you know of anyone suitable who might be interested in this job? It is paid for 4 hours per week, but involves a very flexible commitment depending on the varied pattern of bookings at the centre. One week may be quiet; the next week may need locking up late after a blood donation session, and then 3 private parties booked over the weekend! To find out further details, contact Clare 336290; Andrew Wigley 523810; or Tony Knapp 525130. We are grateful to Tania and the rest of the team who continue to keep St Paul's Church Centre running!

**Autumn 'Messy Church' at Dorcan**  
 The first 'Messy Church' - HARVEST HAPPENING—is planned for Sun 14th Oct. from 4-6pm at St. Paul's. If anyone is willing to join with me in planning for this event, I would be very pleased to hear from you (826444 –). *Beth*

**Congratulations to Clare**  
 Well done, Clare, for your recent graduation with a 2.2 degree from Swindon College!