

Our Schoolworker, Abi, writes ---

Both Harvest assemblies went really well - it was great to see so many parents there. The Liden and Nythe Y Crews are finishing now and I will be hoping to start these clubs up again in term 3 (January - February). Liden will be on a Tuesday and Nythe on a Thursday. If you could start thinking and praying about whether you would like to help out with these clubs that would be great as I am especially thinking that it might be good to have two helpers at Liden (the larger of the 2 clubs.)

Please pray for my planning and preparation for next half term and that Matt and I will have a nice relaxing short holiday break.

Three-piece Suite - good condition - FREE to anyone interested. Please see Sandra as soon as possible - needs to be rehoused! (638593)

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Cotswolds Kidznet Training Day - Saturday 6th November 10.30am - 3.00pm. At Cirencester Baptist Church, Coxwell Street, Cirencester, GL7 2BQ. It will provide training for all volunteer children's ministry leaders. The day will use film and visual aids and include worship, short seminars and an address. Bring your own lunch, coffee and doughnuts on arrival. More information from www.cirencester-baptist.org

East Swindon Consultation at St. Tim's 7.30pm on Thursday 11th November "What happens when your Vicar leaves?"

Many of you know that Tony will be retiring in just over 2 years; and several other local clergy will be leaving before then. How will the eastern part of our Anglican Deanery be structured in the future? This is your opportunity - I urge as many of you as possible to come and be part of the discussion about future mission and ministry in the East Swindon area, which includes Dorcan, Parks & Walcot, Stratton and the villages of South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva. Rev. Paul Rush, Diocesan Advisor on Evangelism, will be joining our Area Dean Rob Burles to explain and help us in our discussions.
Tony

Nativity Planning Meeting

Monday 15th November 2010 at 7.30pm at 23 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.

All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 28th October
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
24th October, 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 - 24th October

St. Paul's

8.45am	Morning Worship	Wendy Tucker
10.30am	Morning Worship	Tony Knapp

Refreshments after this service - please stay if you can

St Tim's

10.30am	Baptism	Beth Brown
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Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Wendy Tucker
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Lectionary Readings - 17th October	Sirach 31: 12-17 Ps 84: 1-7	2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14
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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 25th Oct.	7.30pm	<i>Polishing St. Paul's church floor!</i> Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene
	7.30pm	Monday club evening meeting - see below.
Tues. 26th Oct.	1.30pm	NO Tiny Tots at St. Paul's - half term.
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 27th Oct.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
	1.30pm	NO Tiny Tots at St. Tim's - half term.
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe
Thurs. 28th Oct.		<i>Putting Church back together (may be Friday)</i>
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's
	1.30pm	Cell group at Falconscroft, Covingham
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Sedgebrook, Liden

SERVICES - 31st October

St. Paul's

8.45am At 10.30am

10.30am United Service of Holy Communion Tony Knapp
with Street Pastors

Welcome: Barbara W./Diane L., Teas: TBC, Crèche: Tina Elias/Cathy Knapp

St. Tim's

10.30am At St. Paul's

Eldene

10.30am At St. Paul's

MONDAY CLUB evening meeting at St.. Tim's on 25th October at 7.30pm will be an illustrated talk by Ian and Margaret Strike about their travels in India. All welcome to come - £1.20 to include coffee/tea and biscuits.

I am now starting to plan the **Rota for Dec-Feb**: Please let me know any dates you cannot cover - thank you. *Sandra (638593)*

CRB checks. Helen Toomer will be at St. Paul's on Saturday 6th November to check documents for all those waiting for a CRB check. I will contact everyone nearer the date with a time between 10am and 12 noon. *Sandra.*



Prayer Initiative

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

God calls people to be Worship Leaders

Worship Leaders are members of the church who have been appointed to lead worship in their local church.

Worship is our response to God. Worship Leaders help a congregation to engage in worship and help to bring together the good news of the Christian faith and the hopes, concerns, needs and prayers of the congregation. Worship Leaders are trained and then commissioned by their local Church. (Worship Leaders are not preachers.)

If you feel this may be something you are being called to, please contact Wendy Tucker for further details. A worship Leader course is to be held on Monday evenings - dates and timings to be confirmed (course duration 7 weeks).

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. You will find leaflets with labels at each of our Church Centres - please do check the leaflet carefully for the list of items which are acceptable. We have received leaflets intended for Ireland, the details are the same, except that a donation of 3 Euros is requested for transportation. Please put £2.50 in the envelope provided in the leaflet.

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 chose the right age group*. We will receive and dedicate the boxes on Sunday 21st November.

The **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is rapidly approaching. It will be opened by the Mayor of Swindon, Councillor Rex Barnett on Saturday November 13th at 11am. We require cakes, biscuits, raffle prizes, toiletries and other tombola items and donations for our hamper. Offers of help would also be appreciated. Another date for your diary is Saturday November 27th - Advent Party, 4pm until 8pm - come along for a traditional fun filled family time. Music, entertainment, games, something for everyone. Thanks. *Diane (336420)*

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 for one of the games.

Bring & Share tea, drinks provided.

Remember the theme 'Party Time'