

Christian Aid week 13th -19th May 2012, volunteers are required to assist with the door to door envelope collection, and with counting the collection, once all has been collected. If you are able to assist with this worthwhile task, please do.

Please pray for Christian aid, and all who will be involved this year. Envelopes will be in Centres Sunday 13th May. *John* 01793 827627

Saturday 12th May **Concert in Aid of Christian Aid** @ Queens Drive Methodist Church, Martin John Nichols acclaimed singer song writer, and human rights activist, plus Brazilian dance group, and Brazilian style supper, 6.30pm supper, Concert 7.30 pm, supper and concert £10, concert only £7, Tickets Barbara 01793 536815, or admin@flamefm.co.uk.

To enable me to try to complete the next rota would all folk who help with the services i.e readers/church cleaners, etc etc kindly let me know dates they would be unable to attend. *Diane K*

FOR YOUR DIARIES - - - - -

Swindon Male Voice Choir will be singing at St. Paul's Church on May 12th. All proceeds will go to Turning Point. Tickets—Jean & Tony Gasson

We are having a **Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** at St. Tims on 12th May from 10 am till 12 noon. Contributions of cakes and plants will be gratefully received. *Sarah Paterson*

Uganda Fire: Uganda Fire are returning to the diocese of Bristol, bringing the rhythms and music of Africa. You cannot listen to them and sit still. They play and sing with lots of humour, express their faith clearly and are a joy to listen to. We will have two opportunities to hear them in Swindon: Monday May 14 at 7:30pm in Christ Church; and Tuesday May 22 at 7:30pm at the Trinity Centre (Gateway church). Both events are free. Please don't just come yourself – but bring a friend. It will be an unforgettable evening.

The Big Jubilee Lunch As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the Queen is inviting the entire nation to join this event on **Sunday 3rd June**. We are arranging a bring-and-share picnic and will invite the whole community to join us! In the morning we will have a grand united service including Enlightenment Ministries, who usually worship at St. Paul's on Sunday afternoons.

Starlight Walk Saturday 30th June in aid of Prospect Hospice. It has been suggested in our cell group that we partake in the walk in memory of our dear friend Margaret Hill who died last year. Registration is £15 and the walk is 10k, if anyone would like to join us please contact Diane 336420

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 10th May
Tel: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(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
6th May, 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 - 6th May

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
10.30	Baptisms	Beth Brown

Today we welcome Ross & Amy Whitehouse with Rhubyn David, and John & Lucy Simoncsics with Emily Lenke for baptism and all their family and friends.
Sunday Tots (Jo Kirkland, Lucy Curtis); Sunday Club—Activity Packs

St Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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Eldene

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Refreshments are served after the 10.30am services- please stay if you can.

Lectionary Readings 6th May	Acts 8: 26-40 Psalm 22: 25-31	1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8
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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.

SERVICES—13th May		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Morning Worship	Tony Knapp
10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
<i>Welcome: Pam & Marie, Teas: Pam & Marie</i> <i>Sunday Tots (Cathy Knapp), Sunday Club: (Nathalie M., Helen N., Lucy C.)</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
Eldene		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Neil Marshall
<u>NEXT WEEK</u> — Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders		
Mon. 7th May	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Road
Tues. 8th May	11.15am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Brief Committal Service at Kingsdown Crematorium for Evelyn Merritt followed by Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's + refreshments Cell Group— Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Wed. 9th May	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 'Everybody Welcome' next steps—at St. Tim's
Thurs. 10th May	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group— Ravenscroft, Covingham Cell Group— Austen Crescent, Liden Cell Group— Sedgebrook, Liden
Sat. 12th May	10-12noon 7.00pm	Coffee Morning and Plant Sale at St. Tim's Swindon Male Voice Choir at St. Paul's (see notice below)

Funeral of Evelyn Merritt Tuesday 8th May. Arrangements as follows:-
11.15am Brief committal at Kingsdown Crematorium.
12.30pm Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Church, Covingham,
followed by refreshments in the hall.
Everybody will be welcome to join us for any part of the above. *Anna*

Funeral of Carole Blacklaws Monday 14th May. Arrangements as follows:-
1.30pm Brief committal at Kingsdown Crematorium.
2.00pm Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Church, Covingham,
followed by refreshments in the hall.
Everybody will be welcome to join us for any part of the above. *Dennis*

'Everybody Welcome' – next steps - Wednesday 9th May

This course during Lent made us think hard about how we can make the Dorcan Church more truly welcoming. Now that we've had 3 weeks or so to think about all that we've learned, we invite you to take part in a time of reflecting and sharing ideas. Together we will seek to identify the next steps, and to find ways to carry them forward. Do come to St Tim's at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th May.

START! Course

Do you have questions about life and the Christian faith? Do you know someone who's looking for answers? Why don't you invite them to make a *Start*? This is a 6 session course to help people discover the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes some short DVD programmes, then time to talk, listen and ask questions. Mondays 7.30pm to 9.00pm at 89 Ridge Nether Moor, Liden – 14th, 21st, 28th May, 11th, 25th June and 2nd July.

For more information and to let us know who's coming, contact Cathy Knapp 525130 or Dianne Lane 639863. Who could you invite? *Start* praying! Leaflets are available in church centres for you or a friend.

Flame FM will broadcast 24 hours a day for the Month of May with a mix of good music, comment, news and Christian content. The content will be as varied as the presenters—and we have people from many Christian denominations and none. It is billed as community radio with a Christian flavour. I hope that you will listen to a least some of the station's output which is sponsored by Swindon Churches Together. It's on FM 87.7 and streamed via www.flamefm.co.uk.

You might like to tune in on Tuesday mornings from 11 to 12 noon for Andrew's programme 'New Rev on the Block'.

Andrew is also leading a Service of Communion at 6:30pm on Sunday at Queens Drive Methodist Church, which is being broadcast live on Flame FM. If anyone would like to join in, they would be most welcome.

Would you rather come to Church or have a leisurely breakfast with the Sunday papers? Now you can do both—**Breakfast Service, St. Paul's Church, Sunday, 20th May at 10.15am** This replaces our usual 10.30am Service.

This is a relaxed chance to come into church. We serve breakfast from 10.15 and have music, short talk/discussion and prayer at 10.45 to 11.30 am. You can come and join in or read the Sunday Papers, eat some breakfast or have a drink. Everyone is welcome though children under 16's need to be supervised by an adult. Everyone can join in together with activities for all ages, and there are toys and crèche available for younger children.

Would anyone like to help out occasionally with **Sunday Tots at St Pauls**? We could do with a couple more willing volunteers to join the rota for helping to look after the under fives during the 10.30am Service. You would only need to help once a month. Please see Jo Kirkland or Nathalie Marshall if you would like any more information, or to volunteer! *Jo Kirkland*