

# TOOTHILL CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## 10.30 All Age Service

'To know Christ and to make him known'



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing there is a loop system. Tea and coffee will be served in the foyer afterwards.

To receive the newsletter each Thursday by email contact David at: [newsletter@toothillchurch.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@toothillchurch.org.uk)

Toothill Church web site: <http://www.toothillchurch.org.uk/>

In Partnership (The Partnerships monthly magazine)

<http://wswinyd.org.uk/news/>

**This week:** Rev Anne Carter All Age Service

**Next Week:** Rev Clive Deverell Holy Communion

### **Regular Activities:**

**Sunday:** Messy Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month 4.00pm at HTS

**Sunday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month Pub Lunch £6.00 /head

**Monday:** Home Group 2.30pm every third Monday of the month

**Tuesday:** Lunch Bunch 12.00 on the 4th Tuesday of each month

**Tuesday:** Music Group 2.30pm at Nicola's home

**Thursday:** Toothill Tinies 10.00am – 11.30am

**Saturday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month Men's Breakfast 8.00am

**Next 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Next 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Next 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**This week**

**Next 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012**

### **We pray for church members and friends:**

Please pray: For: Phylis She is taking the two children, Melvin and Kayla, back to Ghana on Sunday for the funeral of her brother. Francis will be staying in Swindon. For: Claire Camm, the Partnership Youth worker, as she has a staged return to work following Glandular fever, For Esther as she awaits the renewal of her visa. For Rosemary whose family have asked for our prayers at this time and all those known to us who need our prayers.



### **Toothill Church Annual Church Meeting 2012**

Our Annual Church Meeting will be held in church at 10:30am on February 26th. If you would like something to be discussed at our ACM please let Anne or one of the Stewards (Dave, David, or Mark) know by February 12th. Please consider whether God is calling you to serve him by standing for the Church Committee. If you would like to know more about what that entails please speak to Anne or one of the Stewards. Nominations for all positions must be submitted on the forms posted on the notice board by February 12th. All nominees must sign the notice to say they are willing to be nominated, and must be supported by at least two Church Members. Voting will take place by secret ballot at the Annual Church Meeting. All offices are elected for a period of one year, except Stewards who are elected for three years.

The names of those who have agreed to stand again are on the nomination forms. We can have up to five Stewards, and up to six committee members who with the Minister, Secretary and, Treasurer form the Church Committee. Mark is standing down from all offices at the Annual Church Meeting. Our Minister the Rev Anne Carter has agreed to stand for Chair of Church Committee. **Toothill Church Committee**

### **Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm at Toothill Church**

Please join us for this service open to all prepared by the Christian Women of Malaysia on the theme 'Let Justice Prevail'. After a service of praise, prayer, thanksgiving and food for thought please stay to enjoy refreshments and fellowship with Christians from West Swindon and Purton Churches. Women's World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women who call the faithful together on the first Friday in March each year to observe a common day of prayer and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. The symbol of the Women's World Day of Prayer was designed in 1982 for the service prepared by women of Ireland, both north and south, and was then adopted as the International Logo. The design comprises arrows converging from the four points of the compass, four figures kneeling in prayer, the Celtic cross and a circle representing the world and our unity through all our diversity.

<http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org/index.asp>





**Shrove Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at Toothill Church 2.30 – 4pm**

Come and enjoy PANCAKES with Friends and songs with the music group.

**If you are able to help with making pancakes or serving tea and coffee please speak to Anne as soon as possible.** Donations in aid of the Building Fund

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March Intercessions workshop at Toothill Church 9.45am (for bacon butties) till 12.30pm**

This workshop is primarily for those who would like to lead intercessions in church,. We will explore a variety of both formal and creative ways to pray, look at some ancient and more modern prayers and also attempt to write some of our own. And most of all we will spend some time actually praying together. However this course is also open to folk from other churches and also to those who would like some help in praying in their own churches and also to those who would like to add some new ideas to their personal prayer times. Please book by ringing Rev. Anne Carter Tel: 692620 Email [annec@rter.biz](mailto:annec@rter.biz)

**February 28th to March 21st The Church Partnership of West Swindon and the Lydiard's Lent Course**

"Everybody Welcome" At Toothill Church, every Tuesday at 7.30 pm and at Lydiard Millicent Church of England Primary School Hall SN5 3LR Wednesdays at 8.00pm. NB Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at All Saints. The welcome course was put together by Bob Jackson it's really great; every participant has a work book. There are 4 main sessions and the fifth is a celebration of all we have done and also details how you can set up a welcome team.

"This course is a must for any church which takes seriously its vocation to reach out to its neighbours with Gods all-embracing love. It's also great fun. Each participant book cost £3.99 and it is well worth getting as an individual resource. It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers so that we can order the books so Contact Dick Gray [dick643@btinternet.com](mailto:dick643@btinternet.com) Tel 01666 860643, or Tudor Roberts on [tudorandtricia@btinternet.com](mailto:tudorandtricia@btinternet.com) Tel 01793 772417

**Marking Christian Commitment**

At the very beginning of April the Partnership will begin a series of classes for those who would like to consider making a public declaration of their faith. There will be several options at the end of the course, depending on your background and Christian tradition. These include Confirmation (this year at Purton on 20th May), Baptism by immersion (for those not previously baptized) or a reaffirmation of baptismal vows. This is a great opportunity for those of you who are wanting to understand more clearly what Christians believe, or who have returned to church after some time away and want to re-visit the basics, as well as for those of you who know already that God is asking you to take a further step of faith. An evening group is provisionally planned for Tuesdays, but days and times will be finalized when we know who wants to be involved with this. This is a great opportunity for ALL to grasp the opportunity of growing in discipleship. Please do use this way of making a major step, young or old, in your commitment to following Christ.

**February Services**

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Partridge	Morning Service
Ash Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rev Tudor Roberts	7.30pm Holy Communion at All Saints Lydiard Millicent
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Anne Carter	Morning Service + AGM

**Other Services.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month 1.30pm Pastor Stone Chituzumu - New Life Ministries International
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month 6.30pm Pastor Stone Chituzumu - New Life Ministries International
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month 1.30pm Krzysztof Widomski Polish church

**Time for a smile with Sam**



- "The best vitamin for a Christian is B1."
- "Seven days without prayer makes one weak."
- "No Jesus - no peace, Know Jesus - Know peace!"
- "Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible."
- "You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving."

Newsletter Admin

Items for the Newsletter by Thursday morning of each week please, mail: [newsletter@toothillchurch.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@toothillchurch.org.uk)

Toothill Church is part of the West Swindon and the Lydiards Church Partnership, we work with the members of Westlea Church, who meet in the school, Holy Trinity, Shaw, St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze and All Saints, Lydiard Millicent. Our Members come from all denominations, or none, but we work closely with and come under the jurisdiction of four denominations: Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Church.

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