



**St. Paul's Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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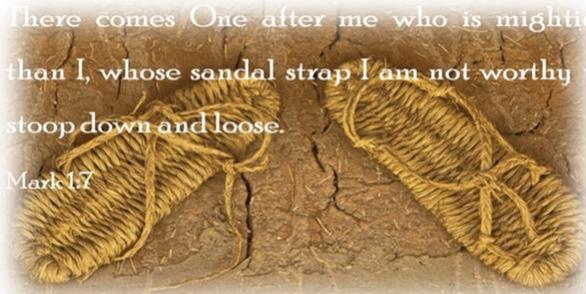
*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*

Sunday 6th November 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

There comes One after me who is mightier
than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to
stoop down and loose.

Mark 17



Services 6th December

We are delighted that St. Timothy's will be gathering for the first time today since March and we think and pray for them this morning.

St. Paul's. 10.30am. Advent Communion. Rev'd Trudie Wigley

St. Tim's. 10.30am. Advent Communion. Rev'd Stuart Fisher

The service from St. Paul's will be posted as live on the Facebook page "Dorcan Church Notice Board" which you can find at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindon/>

At 11:30am ish we are hoping to host after service coffee and chat on Zoom, but is dependent on the availability of a host. Please look out on the closed Facebook group for details if we are able to gather.

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.

Sunday, December 13th 10:30am. Third Sunday of Advent

St Paul's 10:30am

Toy Service

Revd Neil Marshall

Web addresses for service and reflection posted in the last week:

Sunday 29th November:

<https://www.facebook.com/199619460387075/videos/211387253777987>

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Almighty God,

As your kingdom dawns,

Turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,

That we may be ready to meet you

In our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 8th December

2pm Start-up team

Thursday 10th December

Private Prayer at St Paul's Church.

St Paul's chapel will be open for Private prayers on Thursday mornings from 9.45 to 11.30 am and will continue until Christmas.

Circuit Meeting. 7.30pm

Toy Service – St Paul’s 13th Dec. **NEXT WEEK**

Each year we offer gifts of toys to be distributed to those in need. This year our usual charity, the NSPCC, are unable to take gifts and therefore ECC have agreed to support The Swindon Churches Christmas Toy Appeal. Last year they helped over 350 children, with need even higher this year. They provide some helpful ideas for gifts which are shared below, so please bring your unwrapped gifts to the service where we will pray them on their way.

If you know anyone in need who would benefit from being included as a recipient of the toy appeal, please do talk with Trudie to ensure that we follow the GDPR compliant referral guidelines.

0-3: Dolls, teddy bears, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles, educational toys (sorting) and role play items.

3-5: Dolls and action figures, cars and lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles, Play-Doh sets and role play items.

5-9: Educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs and family-friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords, craft sets, annuals and novelty back packs.

9-12: Games and toys, gadgets and novelty toys, stationery, DVDs, books, hair accessories, annuals, novelty back packs.

13-16: Books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergenic ingredients if possible), hair accessories, gift vouchers, gadgets and novelty items.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- Saturday 5 December to Friday 18 December** **Hope Nativity Trail**
There are two trails: one in Covingham/Nythe, and one in Liden/Eldene. See our Facebook page or website for how you can join in and have fun.
- Sunday 13 December** **All-Age Toy Service**
St Paul's 10:30 am
If you would like to, please bring an unwrapped gift for the Swindon Churches Christmas Toy Appeal.
- Saturday 19 December** **Advent Angels**
Look out for our knitted Advent Angels which will be appearing around the neighbourhood.
- Sunday 20 December 6:00 pm** **Online Carol Service**
Sing along at home. Watch on our Facebook page, or for those not able to access it, either book on Eventbrite or by phone to watch the video on the screen at St Paul's.
- Thursday 24 December 4.00pm Christmas Eve** **Online Crib Service and Christingle**
Watch on our Facebook page, or for those not able to access it, either book on Eventbrite or phone to watch the video on the screen at St Paul's. (Book on Eventbrite or phone to collect your free Christingle DIY bag on Sunday 20 December from 4-5 pm)
- Midnight Mass**
St Paul's. 11:30 pm
Book on Eventbrite or phone to reserve your seat.
- Friday 25 December Christmas Day** **All-Age Celebration**
St Paul's. 10:00 am
Join with us for a short time of all-age celebration.

Eventbrite bookings: www.DorcanChurch.eventbrite.com
Phone: 01793 435987 **Website:** www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
Facebook: Dorcan Church Notice Board
www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindon

Christmas Cards have arrived! – please can you help deliver?

Our Christmas cards have arrived and need delivering to our community. Please, are you able to post through the doors of those who live near you? There is a list of all the streets with approximate numbers, and cards are available at the times below for picking up.

As well as details of our activities, the cards include a short message of hope. Will you help spread that hope through the doors in our neighbourhood? Please do help if you can. Thank you.

Saturday 5 th December	2-3pm St Paul's, side entrance
Sunday 6 th December	After 10:30am service, St Paul's
Monday 7 th December	1:30-2pm Outside St Timothy's 5:30pm-6pm Outside St Paul's, front entrance
Thursday 10 th December	10-11am St Paul's, side entrance 1:30pm-2pm Outside St Timothy's

Nativity Trail

Hello all. Liz Pearce and I are organising a Nativity trail and hope that you will be able to join in. There will be two trails running consecutively one covering Nythe and Covingham and one covering Eldene and Liden.

We would like people to decorate their front window(s) with a scene from the Nativity story (we will let you know which one!). Each window will also need the word Hope on it and a letter. The idea is that people view the windows in a particular order to follow the Nativity story. Fairy lights around your display will also be a good idea.

The letters will make up a word/phrase and people who do it will win a small prize. If you live out of those areas but would like to make a display that someone else could put in their window that would also be great and of course anyone willing to have a display in their window but feel they can't make one that would be fab too!! The trail will take place from Saturday 5th Dec (needs to be up the night before) until Sunday Eve 13thDec.

This will be a great outreach to our community and if you feel able to offer any of the above can you please reply to this post in the first instance and we will get in touch. Your display can be as simple or as detailed as you like (its about telling the story - not about who can produce the best display!!)

I do hope we can make these trails really worthwhile so please consider supporting this!!!

Many thanks Deb

The Lighthouse Christian Bookshop, Highworth.



The Lighthouse will be re-opening next Wednesday, 2nd December, after the national lockdown.

The Lighthouse is extremely well stocked with Christmas cards from various Christian Charities such as Samaritan's Purse, Tearfund, Leprosy Mission and others. We also stock Advent books, Advent Calendars (including the Meaningful Chocolate Co) and Advent Candles to help with your preparation for Christmas.

Do remember that when you buy charity cards from the Lighthouse you are supporting 2 charities – the one of your card choice and also Seekers Light Trust (for which The Lighthouse Bookshop is the trading name).

The opening hours are:

Mon – Thurs 9am – 3pm.

Friday CLOSED

Saturday 9am – 1pm

Contact details: The Lighthouse Bookshop, 40 High Street, Highworth, SN6 7AQ.

01793 763337. info@lighthouse.books.plus.com

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Wednesday 9th December
Tel: 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.
Please let me know if you know of anyone else who would like to receive notices by email.