



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



“We saw his star in the East and have come to worship him”
Matthew 2:2

Services Sunday 8th January 2017 Epiphany / Baptism of Christ

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion for Epiphany	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All Age Worship for Epiphany With baptism welcome	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
4.00pm	Tea & Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Today at St Paul's, we warmly welcome the friends and family of Ralph Harper and Daisy Thomas as they receive their candles following their recent baptisms.

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship, Baptism of Christ	Paul Tayler
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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.**

Tea and Praise informal worship - 4pm TODAY – all welcome

Our monthly Tea and Praise informal worship continues today after the recent break. Do come along for tea, cake and fellowship followed by a time of informal worship led by Andrew.

Christmas offerings: Following our Christmas offerings, we are pleased to share that £230 has been sent to each of The Children's Society and Action for Children from the Christingle services, and £90 to Swindon Youth for Christ from the Carols by Candlelight. Thank you everyone!

Before Christmas a friend of mine made a cake which we raffled and the sum of £65.00 was raised. The money was donated to Christmas Care. Thank you to all who supported by buying tickets. *Pauline Bates*

What's on this week -

Monday 9th January	2-4pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's Centre Management committee, St Pauls Ministry team, venue TBD
Tuesday 10th January	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group Hatherley Road, - Planning
Wednesday 11th January	8.45am 9.00am 1.30am	Tea & Toast, St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 12th January	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's

Men's Fellowship opening meeting is Tuesday Jan 10th at Hatherley Rd 7-30pm. This is an evening open to all male members of the church, social get together, to chat on any subject, just turn up.

SERVICES Sunday 15th January 2017

St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

Welcome: *Martin & Simone*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*, Sunday Club: Cathy & Niki

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

Future dates for the diary as at January 2017

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th January 2017

Lay Ministers conference at Brunel Manor in Torquay

Sunday 5th February 2017

The Very Rev Dr David Hoyle Dean of Bristol Cathedral preaching at St Paul's

Thursday 23rd February 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Peter's, Penhill

18th/19th March

Flower Festival in celebration of 40th anniversary of
the opening of St Timothy's.

10:30am Sunday 19th March service led by

Revd Hilary Cooke

Sunday 2nd April 2017

United Service of Holy Communion at 10am followed by AGM at 11.15am

Wednesday 26th April 2017

"Creating Connections" Diocesan conference

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Diocesan Visitation 7.30pm at Christ Church

13th - 22nd June 2017

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - further details from Paul Tayler

Thursday 15th June 2017

7pm Confirmation for Dorcan and West Swindon Ecumenical
Partnerships at Toothill Church

Tuesday 20th June 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Mark's

12th September,

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at Liddington Village Hall

For your prayers -

- Pray for all those who came to our Christmas activities and services - that the message of Jesus stays with them in the year ahead
- For ourselves as we start this new year, that it may be one of increased riches of his grace (see blessing below)
- For our Licensed Lay Ministers who are attending their bi-annual conference in Torquay. That they will be filled and refreshed in their ministry.
- For those who start the New year in a difficult place, that they might sense the presence of Jesus and the hope he brings into every situation, however seemingly hopeless.



A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who supported and helped make all the Christmas activities happen and run so smoothly. It was a full Christmas schedule and would not have happened without the hard work of so many of you, in many different ways.

The Christmas activities and services all went so well and we have had significant positive feedback and thanks from a broad range of people, including many from the community. Our services at both St Pauls and St Tim's saw attendance which we have not had for many years, and we now have the lovely challenge of thinking through how we more efficiently fit everyone in, and more comfortably!

What we have seen this Christmas is some of the fruit of our focus on "*Building God's House*" and more people than ever heard the greatest story of Jesus this Christmas. Thank you for your trust, commitment and pulling together as we continue working alongside God in what he is doing.

We approach 2017 with excitement for all that it may bring for us as God's church. With grateful thanks, as ever. *Trudie Wigley*

Saturday 4th Feb 7.30pm Jonathan Veira: Performing "Songs and Tales" at St. Mary's Church, Cheney Manor Road in support of Swindon Night Shelter, Tickets – suggested donation of £10 on the night.

New year Blessing:

A number of people have asked me for the Blessing used on New Year's day. Here it is, written by Roy Lessin. *Trudie*

*May the coming year be one of increased riches of grace –
Hearing His voice more clearly,
Knowing His heart more deeply,
Resting in His love more fully,
Trusting in His care more completely,
Walking his pathway more peacefully,
Knowing His presence more intimately,
Blessed by His goodness more abundantly*

Its Pantomime Time – oh yes it is!!

Staff from Thames Water return for their 20th Year. This time they are making a pantomime, about making a pantomime! Come and get a glimpse of a small village Women's Institute attempt at putting on their annual pantomime, Aladdin, with hilarious and disastrous consequences.

The Thamesville Women's Institute Theatrical Society (T.W.I.T.S) are staging their 20th Annual Pantomime. They bring in a big West End producer to make this the best show ever. Or so they think. In a village full of Ego's and idiots the version of Aladdin slowly comes together, then as they perform it quickly falls apart!

All proceeds from this years charity pantomime are going to Wateraid. Wateraid is an international organisation whose mission is to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalised people by improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Tickets are £10.00 from Jo Kirkland (email dougnjo@tesco.net) or £12 (plus £1 booking fee) direct from the Wyvern theatre.
Performances 27 and 28 January 2017, 7.30pm.

Thanks - *Jo Kirkland*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
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Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail