



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



Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?
Matthew 11:3

Services Sunday 11th December 2016

St. Paul's

8.45am	Advent Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	All Age Toy Service	Neil Marshall
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am	Christingle, Toy Service & Parade	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
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TOY SERVICES this week -

Today we will be making our offering of toys to those in need and thank you for supporting this act of love for others. Wrapped toys will be given to Women's Aid (please remember to mark on the outside the gender and age the toy is suitable for) and Unwrapped toys will go to the NSPCC.

Presents for the mums being helped by the Women's Aid are also welcome, including toiletries, and they will be given to them. Thank you for your generosity – these gifts will brighten up the Christmas for many women and children.

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.**

What's on this week - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 12th December	2-4pm 1.40pm 5.00pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's Dorcan Academy Christmas assembly Brownies and Guides Carol Service
Tuesday 13th December	1.40pm Evening	Dorcan Academy Christmas assembly Men's Fellowship Group - meal out.
Wednesday 14th December	8.45am 9.00am 12.00noon 1.30pm 1.40pm 7.30pm	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! At St Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Friday Club meal out at Brewers Arms Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Dorcan Academy Christmas assembly Christmas Music Group rehearsal, St. Paul's
Thursday 15th December	9.30am 1.40pm 6.30pm 7.45pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Dorcan Academy Christmas assembly Carol Singing at Edgehill Churchwarden meeting
Friday 16th December	9.15am 10.30am	Covingham School Carol Service Covingham School Carol Service

SERVICES 18th December

St. Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
6.00pm	"Carols by Candlelight"	Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Welcome: *tbc*, Teas: *tbc*, Sunday Club: *tbc*

St. Tim's

10.30am	Carols and Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
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TODAY! More Christmas Cards for the parish – please take to distribute!

Thank you for taking away the 1,200 cards printed for last week. We have more available today **so please take some and sign your name on roads that you are going to deliver to so we don't duplicate.** Our young people will be busy immediately after the service delivering to some of the unassigned streets so thank you to them! This is a great opportunity to invite those in our community to come and join us at our Christmas services and to hear about the Good News of

Gift Day Offering: A MASSIVE thank you.

We shared last week in our united service that our offering totalled £4,116 at our Gift Day on Advent Sunday! This is a tremendous amount and thank you for stepping out in faith with your ECC and making your offering in recognition of God's faithfulness and generosity to us. This will support the whole church, and enables us to both maintain, and further develop the mission of church.

It is for funding expenditure where there is need across the two centres – both missional and ministry - as well as our buildings which enable and support that mission and ministry. So as 2016 comes to a close, thank you for your generosity and faith, and your trust in our faithful God.
Trudie

The final total of funds raised at our Christmas Fayre was £1444.

If you are ordering on-line for Christmas then don't forget to use <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and we get a small donation from every purchase. You can also use easysearch.org.uk and every completed search adds to the total.
Tony Prichard

Offerings at Christmas Services:

ECC confirmed that we will support the following charities as a church at our special Christmas services. Thank you for your support of these causes.

Christingle Services at St Tim's and St Pauls:	Children's Society and Action for Children
Carols by Candlelight	Swindon Youth for Christ

For your prayers:

- For our continuing preparations for our Christmas services
- That those who hear the Christmas story will see God anew in the wonder of the nativity
- For ourselves, that we will have the confidence to invite someone to one of our services to hear the good news at the heart of Christmas
- For smooth preparation and planning for Christmas Care as they set up in a new location at Buckhurst Community Centre
- All those who are in need of God's healing and peace at this time
- For those who are bereaved, having lost loved ones.

Thursday mid-week communion: the last communion before Christmas will be on Thursday 15th December at St Pauls, and we will recommence this weekly worship on Thursday 5th January at St Tim's.

CHRISTINGLE SEVICE. We will be making Christingles for the Christmas eve family service on Friday 23rd Dec. at 9.30am in the hall. If you can help please let me know. Many hands make light work, all ages welcome.

Sandra



CAROL SINGING AT EDGEHILL CARE HOME



More singers are **urgently needed to** join us this Thursday, December 15th at 6.30pm. Carol sheets will be provided and Dave has kindly agreed to accompany us. Our cell group arranges this every year, but there are only 9 of us, so please come along and join in.

Everyone welcome.

Jenny Poole

Mari and Eric Wheatley would like to wish everyone at the Dorcan Church a Very Happy Christmas. Instead of sending cards to the church family we will be making a donation to the Big Breakfast Plus Club. Thanks. **Mari**



New Years Eve Church Party

Family fun, bring and share food and whatever drink you want to drink St Pauls Hall 8pm till 12.

Contact Margaret H.
on 532849

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 15th December
Tel: 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail