



St. Paul's Covingham
 St. Timothy's, Liden
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 13th December, 2015

*Transforming lives and communities
 Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



*“ With many other words, John exhorted the people
 And preached the good news to them”
 (Luke 3:18)*

Third Sunday of Advent

SERVICES - 13th December

St. Paul's

8.45am Holy Communion Revd Sandy Railton

We warmly welcome Revd Sandy Railton to lead our worship at 8:45 this morning.

10.30am All Age Toy Service Rev'd Stuart Fisher

4.00pm Christmas Messy Church The Team!

St. Tim's

10.30am Christingle & Toy Service Rev'd Trudie Wigley

We welcome our friends from the local uniformed organisation to our service today.

Today, Revd Andrew Wigley is at Queens Drive and Paul Tayler is at Coleview, supporting the wider Methodist circuit and Anglican deanery respectively.

Lectionary Zeph 3: 14-20 Philippians 4: 4-7
 Readings Isaiah 12: 2-6 Luke 3: 7-18

**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 10.30 at St Paul's All-Age service.

If you are able to see this notice before the service, please bring a candle of ANY description to church to help in the worship. ANY candle will do, used, new, coloured, large, small, scented. For people only reading this notice on Sunday, or who *forget, don't panic, we will have other candles.* *Stuart*

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 14th Dec.	2-4pm Eve Eve	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Dorcan School Carol Concert Eldene Christmas Meal
Tuesday 15th Dec.	11.30am 11.45am Eve	Funeral of Elaine Cook at St Pauls Funeral of Lynn Courtney at Christ Church Men's Fellowship Christmas Meal
Wednesday 16th Dec.	9.00am 1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St Paul's (Next Tiny Tots will be on January 6th) Tiny Tots at St Tim's
Thursday 17th Dec.	am 9.30am 12. noon 6.30pm	Liden Christmas carol services at St Tims Covingham carol service at St Pauls St. Tim's Christmas Lunch Carol singing at Edgehill

SERVICES - 20th December**St. Paul's**

10.30am Morning Worship Barbara Wilcox

Welcome: *Joy & Dennis*, Teas: *Cathy & Friends*, Sunday Club: *Cathy & Mary*

6.00pm United Carol Service Rev'd Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am Carols & Christmas Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Toy Service TODAY! At both St Pauls' and St Tim's: Thank you for the gifts you have brought today and they will be appreciated by those who receive them. 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 will also make their way to them. Thank you for your generosity – these gifts will brighten up the Christmas for many mums and children.

Thursday mid-week communion: our mid-week communion services will resume in the New year on Thursday 7th January at St Tim's.

For your prayers:

- ***For the good news of Jesus to be shared:*** that the world will hear and give space to the story of Jesus' birth in Christmas preparations.
- ***For those who are bereaved:*** for those who mourn and miss loved ones.
- ***For those unwell:*** for healing, and the medical staff who are for those who are poorly.
- ***For those flooded:*** we think of those who have had to leave their homes and for those who are helping in the clear-up and restoration.

Funeral of Elaine Cook - daughter of Derek & Doreen Seeley:

A number of you will remember Derek and Doreen who were part of the Dorcan church from its beginning.

It is with sadness they share that Elaine died last week, and it was her wish for her funeral service be held at St Paul's where she was baptised and married.

Her service will be held in St Paul's at 11:30pm on Tuesday 15th December and please remember her family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

Safeguarding going forward:

With Sandra stepping down and the changes to Safeguarding over recent years, we are looking at a new approach to the area of safeguarding at The Dorcan church. This will see the overall role and its responsibilities shared within a team into manageable areas.

At the current time, we see three main areas of focus: the first being to keep an eye on changes to national policy and ensuring our policies and procedures are up to date; the second being that of Recruitment involving DBS checks and reference; and the third being pastoral support.

This will be a new ways of doing things, so please do pray for this area of our church life going forward, and for those who may feel this is an area they are called to serve in. Thank you for your support and prayers. *Trudie Wigley*

Thank you for the **cakes** given for the Local School Teachers

AND also for the **In School Teams** [from both Church Centres] for their hard work for sharing Christmas Unwrapped with over 200 children..

Margaret H,

Good news – we have been awarded a heating grant!

We found out this week that The Garfield Weston Foundation have awarded us a grant of £3,500 towards our replacement heating. This is fantastic news and is in addition to the £4,000 already awarded from Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

We give thanks to the generosity of these grants, and also a massive thank you to Tony Prichard who completed all the paperwork and submitted the forms to apply for these grants. These applications take a lot of time, and we are very grateful - thank you Tony!

Trudie Wigley and the Finance Committee

Carol Service 6pm Sunday 20th December

Refreshments will be available after this service; we would appreciate donations of mince pies, and biscuits please. Many thanks *Diane*

We will be making Christingles on 23rd Dec, 9.30am in the church.

These will be given out during the 4pm service Christmas Eve .

If you would like to help, please give your name to Pam or me.

All ages welcome.

Thank you *Sandra*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 17th December
Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)