



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
 15th Dec. 2013

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*Beth has Fridays off - Andrew has Saturdays off.
 Please avoid contacting them at these times if possible.*

SERVICES - 15th December—Advent 3

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
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10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
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(Sunday Club—Jo Kirkland, Niki Thompson)

4.00pm	Contemporary Worship Service	Andrew Wigley
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6.00pm	Guides' Carol Service	Beth Brown
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Please note that the Contemporary Worship Service at St. Paul's will start promptly at **4.00pm** to allow time for the preparation of the Guides' Carol Service afterwards.

St Tim's

10.30am	Christingle, Parade and Toy Service	Stuart Fisher
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Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Beth Brown
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Lectionary Readings 15th December

Isaiah 35: 1-10
 Luke 1: 47-55

James 5: 7-10
 Matt. 11: 2-11

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.

SERVICES—22nd December—Advent 4**St. Paul's**

8.45am	No Service	
10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
<i>Welcome: Rosemary & Amy, Teas: Jean & Joan</i> <i>(Sunday Club—Christmas Party with Vybe, Nathalie Marshall, Helen Newman)</i>		
6.00pm	Carol Service	Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	At Eldene	
4.00pm	Carol Service	Beth Brown

Eldene

10.30am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
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NEXT WEEK - Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.

Mon. 16th Dec.	2-4pm 7.30pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's Fellowship and Bible Study at 7 Thorne Rd. Eldene
Tues. 17th Dec.	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
Weds. 18th Dec.	9.30am 1.30pm 10.45am	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's (last meeting—restart 8th Jan) Tiny Tots at St. Tim's (last meeting—restart 8th Jan) Cell Group - Ravenscoft, Covingham
Thurs. 19th Dec.	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's. Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden Cell Group - White Edge Moor, Liden Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene`
Friday 20th Dec.	2-4pm	Friday Club at St. Paul's

If you are helping with the **making of Christingles**, please meet at St. Paul's on Monday 23rd Dec. at 9.30am. Thank you.

All our children & youth groups would welcome extra leaders, but there is an **urgent need at Tiny Tots at St Timothy's**. We meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm - 3pm, with leaders setting up from 1pm & clearing up afterwards. This group is much appreciated by parents / carers & their children and is an excellent bridge between church and community. Please contact Beth to find out more.

Christmas Greetings from Penarth

We can't believe it's almost a year since we left Dorcan. This Christmas will be very different from the last one – no services to prepare, no Christmas dinners and parties, but we will be going to our daughter's for Christmas, and to Cathy's sister's in York for New Year, so we will be spending time with our three grandchildren. We will also be able to enjoy Carol Services and concerts at our church here – 'All Saints', where we have been made very welcome. We have joined a home group, Tony has taken a couple of services, and Cathy has helped with 'Messy Church', but mostly we are just able to 'be'.

We love being able to walk to the sea, church, shops and even Cardiff across the barrage. Sometimes we get the boat back! We've spent the year holidaying in Florida, gardening, harvesting apples, baking apple cakes, putting in some new kitchen units and wardrobes, painting the house, visiting family and friends and welcoming people here. We've really appreciated having time to relax with people again, some of whom we hadn't seen for a long time. As you can see, Tony's drill has been put to good use, and we've used some of the garden vouchers to buy a garden table and chairs. There are more left for plants in the Spring, so "thank you."

We think of you often and send our love to you all. We pray that the New Year will bring God's peace, love, joy and hope, as you wait for Trudie to start her ministry at Dorcan.
God bless you all, *Cathy and Tony*

Christmas Services

Please think & pray about who you could ask to accompany you to one of the Christmas Services - family member(s), neighbour(s), work colleague(s)....?? The Carol Services on Sun Dec 22nd (4pm at St Timothy's; 6pm at St Paul's) would be good 'invitation services'; Crib & Christingle 4pm on Christmas Eve at St. Paul's will be particularly suitable for those with children. Children can arrive in nativity costumes or borrow a costume when they arrive at church. *Beth*

New Years Party Dec 31st 8pm--12pm.

Ray and I are holding a party for every member of the family. Please come— we will feel silly in the hall on own, bring and share supper and whatever you want to drink, we will do tea and coffee. Let us know if you are interested so we have an idea of numbers.
Tel.532849 or 07756987198 Thanks *Margaret*

Lee Abbey- 4-6 April 2014 If you have booked a place the deposits are now due, I need your cheque for £50 per person, payable to Lee Abbey. They can be posted to Brenda Fisher, 30 Blakeney Ave, Nythe Swindon, SN3 3NL. If anyone would like to go on a reserve list please let me know.

Carol Service at St. Paul's—6pm next Sunday 22nd December

This service promises to be a brilliant night, and refreshments will be served after the service. Donations of **Mince pies needed please**. Thanks. *Diane*

FRIDAY CLUB meet again on Friday 20th Dec. at St. Paul's from 2-4pm. Apart from coffee/tea and chat there will be an opportunity to try some line dancing with Diane Killick and eat mince pies !

If you are intending to enter our **photographic competition**, (subject FUN) please let me have your entries **TODAY** (either printed or e.mailed).

Anna.

Card Class

The next card making class led by Claire will be 11th Jan. 2014 at St. Paul's in the back room, 9.30am till 12.30pm. Cost - £9, by 5th Jan. You can book on Swindon 638593. Thank you. *Sandra*

We have a '**Just Text Giving**' account to help with our fundraising. At the moment there is just a general appeal but we can run up to ten for different campaigns. We can ask visitors who don't have cash on them to text 'DCFA14 £5 to 70070' in order to donate £5 to our funds.

More details are available from Tony Prichard

Tel: 520734

Remember Rev. Hilary Cooke and her 'Tales from the Toy cupboard'. She has written some short stories, poetry and a novel all of which can be viewed on her website. <http://hilaryswords.wordpress.com>

Uganda Link Visitors. Plans are progressing to bring several people to visit us in the Swindon Deanery. We need to raise funds to facilitate this and other churches in the Deanery have pledged just over £2,000. Look out for some fundraising in the new Year. *Tony Prichard*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

Anna Newman by Thursday 19th December

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)