



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



**Services Sunday 17th December 2017**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**St. Paul's**

10.30am Morning Worship Neil Marshall

Welcome: *Diane & John*, Teas: *Sandra Cell Group*,  
Sunday Club: *Ignite*: Crèche: *tbc*

6.00pm United Carol Service Rev'd Trudie Wigley

**St. Tim's**

10.30am Carols and Christmas Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Today Andrew Wigley is at Wroughton Methodist Church

**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.**



**TODAY  
17<sup>th</sup> December  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of Advent**

This evening is our **Carol Service** and is a time when we welcome those who come from our community as we celebrate Christmas together.

This is a super opportunity for us as a church family to get to know new people and catch up with familiar faces from our neighbourhood, so **please do come along and help extend a very warm welcome to our community.**

**Calling all singers.....**all welcome to join us for the Carol service on Sunday. We are having a short practise at 4.30pm on Sunday before the service.

Just turn up then or e mail [suemorgans.sm@gmail.com](mailto:suemorgans.sm@gmail.com)

<b>What's on this week -</b>		
Monday 18th December	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 19th December	9-9.45am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer, St Paul's Funeral of Michael Thomas, Kingsdown
Wed. 20th December	Lunchtime 12.15pm	St Tim's, Christmas lunch Funeral of Edward Spice, St Paul's, followed by burial at Kingsdown
Thursday 21st December	6.00pm	NO midweek communion Edgehill Carol Singing
Friday 22nd December	9.30am	Christingle making for Christmas eve, St Paul's

**Services - Sunday 24th December  
4th Sunday of Advent**

**St. Paul's only**

9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
4.00pm	Christingle & Crib Service	Rev'ds Trudie/Rob/Andrew
11.30pm	Christmas Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

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Sunday Club: Ignite: Crèche: *tbc*

**Services - 25th December  
Christmas Day !**

**St. Paul's only**

9.00am	Said Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.00pm	All Age Christmas Celebration	Rev'd Rob Smith

**Services - 31st December  
1st Sunday of Christmas**

**St. Tim's only**

10.30am	Christmas Communion	Rev'ds Trudie & Andrew Wigley
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**Mid-week communion**

There is no mid-week communion this coming week and we will restart on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30 at St Paul's.

The Monday morning cell group will be organising and serving **refreshments after the carol service** on Sunday evening 17th Dec.

Donations of mince pies would be gratefully please leave in the kitchen on Sunday morning or give to Colleen or Sandra.

Thank you

**St Tims Christingle and Toy service.**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this service so successful; It's good to struggle to find empty chairs for the last family who arrived because the Church was full - can God's Church ever be 'Full'? We enjoyed a fabulous fun Christingle and toy service with a serious message for everyone- thank you Rob we had lots of very positive feedback of your easy relaxed style and thank you Pete for playing for us. We raised £54 for the Children's Society and many gift present brought for the Women's refuge and NSPCC.

Just simply thank you to everyone who helped and was involved. *Brenda Robinson*

**Donations for Tearfund;** every pound you give today will be matched by the UK government meaning this will double the impact in places in Central African Republic.

Send your donations to

Tearfund, 100 Church Road, Teddington, Tw11 8QE

Or Telephone 020 3906 3906

or on line [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

Why not sign up and find out what tearfund are doing and get their magazine each quarter.

**Volunteers needed  
to make the Christingles**

on Fri. Dec.22nd at St.Paul's - 9.30am.

The more the merrier and job done quicker.

Let me have names please

either phone

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*Margaret*





## **CAROL SINGING AT EDGEHILL NURSING HOME, LIDEN**

Please put this date in your diary to support our annual visit to sing carols at Edgehill Nursing Home.

It will be on Thursday, December 21st at 6.30pm.

Singers of all ages very welcome.

If you can make it look Christmassy in any way to draw attention to it I would much appreciate it.

Many thanks. *Jenny*

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS – WOW!**

A massive thank you for delivering our Christmas Cards – all 4,000 of them! It is great that we have managed to share the good news with so many of our community and we continue in prayer that those who come to our services will see something of Jesus this Christmas. #GodWithUs

## **New Year's Eve**

I would like to organise a get together on New Years Eve at St Paul's if there are enough people interested. Ray and Margaret have hosted a very enjoyable evening in the past and it would be great if we can continue.

Please let me know if you can come.

*Angela Davidson.*



## **Thought for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Prepare the way of God!  
Make straight the royal way.  
A choir of voices shall proclaim  
The advent of God's day.

Each valley shall be filled,  
And hill and mount made low.  
The crooked places shall be straight,  
And smooth the roughest road.

A single voice shall cry  
Upon the Jordan's shore  
And speak the words that bring new life  
To us, for evermore.

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*Michael Jacob Kooiman*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 20th December** - Tel 695698  
or e.mail [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.

**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail**