



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



*“And she gave birth to her firstborn son  
and wrapped him in bands of cloth,  
and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no place for them in the inn”  
Luke 2:7*

**SERVICES - 22nd December 2019 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

**St. Paul's**

No morning services

6.00pm

United Carol Service

Rev'd Stuart Fisher  
& Rev'd Rob Smith

**St. Tim's**

10.30pm

Holy Communion

Rev'd Rob Smith

**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 for the next few weeks		
Week Commencing 23rd Dec.		
Monday 23rd December	9.00am 2.00pm	Christingle making St. Paul's House Group - Alex Scott
Wednesday 25th December		CHRISTMAS DAY !
Thursday 26th December	10.00am	Boxing Day Communion (see below)
Friday 27th December	10.30am	Holy Communion at Edgehill
Week Commencing 30th December		
Monday 30th December	2.00pm	House Group - Alex Scott
Tuesday 31st December	11.45am 8 - 12pm	Funeral at St. Tim's New Year's Eve Party
Wednesday 1st January		NEW YEAR'S DAY !
Week Commencing 6th January		
Tuesday 7th January	9.00am pm	Morning prayers, St Paul's Dorcan Christian union
Wednesday 8th January	8.45am 6.00pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Blaze Kidz club, St Paul's
Thursday 9th January	9:30am 8.00pm	Holy Communion, St Paul's Footie at Dorcan academy +Messenger
Friday 10th January	12.30pm	St. Paul's Office Meeting

**Fr. Nathan Mulcock** will be leading a said Communion for the feast of St. Stephen at St Tim's starting at 10AM on the 26th December (Boxing Day). All are warmly invited.

**SERVICES - Tuesday 24th December 2019 - Christmas Eve****St. Paul's**

4.00pm Crib &amp; Christingle Service All the Revs.

11.30pm Midnight Mass Rev'd Stuart Fisher

**SERVICES - Wednesday 25th December 2019 - Christmas Day****St. Paul's**

9.00am Said Christmas Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am All-Age Celebration Rev'd Rob Smith

**SERVICES - Thursday 26th December 2019 - Boxing Day****St. Tim's**10.00am Said Communion for the Fr. Nathan Mulcock  
feast of St. Stephen**SERVICES - Sunday 29th December 2019 - Christmas 1****St. Timothy's**

10.30am All-Age Celebration Rev'd Rob Smith

**SERVICES - Sunday 5th January 2020 - Epiphany****St. Paul's**10.30am United Communion Alex Scott  
and Rev'd Rob Smith**SERVICES - Sunday 12th January 2020 -  
Epiphany 1 and Covenant Sunday****St. Paul's**

8.45am Covenant Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

10.30am All Age Covenant Communion Rev'ds Trudie Wigley  
& Rob Smith**St. Timothy's**

10.30am Covenant Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher



You will be aware that our publicity as a church followed the national theme of #FollowTheStar, which continued for this year. As part of this theme we are again invited to share in following the star through a series of 12 reflections which start on Christmas Day and go through to Epiphany. It would be great to journey together, so can I encourage you to join in and sign up to the reflections? These can be accessed in a number of ways:

- Pick up a leaflet which gives full details of how to engage on the journey;
- An app on iOS and Android "Follow the Star";
- Signing up online at <https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar>;
- In a fuller booklet available in both centres which contains all the reflection for those who cannot access electronically. There are limited copies of these.

At both the Carol service and Christingle service we will be sharing details of how to access these resources and inviting our community to join with us in these reflection which are highly accessible to all. Will you come and follow the star with us? It rests over the place where Jesus lay as a new born and together may we marvel once more at the coming of God amongst us.  
#FollowTheStar

### **Time to find out more? - Exploring Christianity**

Would you like to delve deeper into your faith and explore theology with others? Do you feel you need stretching in your thinking and study? If so, you may wish to prayerfully consider joining the "Exploring Christianity" course which is being held in Swindon.

It is a course open to all and is an excellent opportunity to consider areas including prayer, spirituality, church history, Biblical studies, church, mission and ministry. This is the course which Licensed Lay Ministers attend as part of their training so please do ask Sue Morgan to share how she found the course. Unlike Sue, nobody has to do the written assignments though – unless you want to!

Each module comprises 10 sessions and there is no compulsion to attend all the modules so maybe start and see how you go? It is being hosted at St John's, Parks, on Tuesday evenings starting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you are interested then please do pick up a leaflet, talk to Sue and I'd love to hear from you too.

*Trudie*

### **Christmas greetings from the Ministry team:**

We would like to wish everyone a blessed and Happy Christmas.

Thank you for your support, and all that you do in the Dorcan Church, the community and your work places as we reach out to others and share the Good news of Jesus.

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the new year.

We will be meeting in the hall at St. Paul's at 9.30am on Monday December 23rd to make **200 Christingles** ready for Christmas Eve.

Please come and help, all ages welcome. With enough helpers this will take about an hour.

Any queries, please speak to Sandra or Colleen.

**It is not too late to invite someone to our services this Christmas!**

Our Christmas and Epiphany services are super opportunities for us as a church family to invite someone to hear about Jesus and to get to know new people and our community. So please do think and pray who you might invite and come along with them!

**Mid-week communion – 9:30am Thursdays:** We are now having a pause, and will be starting again in the new year on Thursday 9th January at St Paul's. Thank you to all those who come to this mid-week time of worshipping God - for your fellowship and journeying together in our faith.

Please note that the next **Morning Prayers at St. Timothy's** will be on Tuesday 7th January.

To: Dorcan church

Merry Christmas and Happy 2020!

From: Everyone at Wednesday church ,St Tim's

We 'bounce' back as following .....  
TTTTODAY returns 8th January 2020  
Tiny Tots returns 15th January 2020

### **NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

Angela and I are arranging a New Years Eve Party 8 -12pm, it's for all the Church family ages 0 -- 90 yrs. Please bring food to share and the drink that you want to drink. We have quizzes, games and usually end with a bit of music to dance to [ if you want ].

If you haven't been before ask around to find out what it's like: it would be helpful to know numbers so please let Angela or I know if you are planning on coming.

We look forward to seeing you there.  
Margaret 532849

*Thanks*

## **The WORD**

The Word became  
Words,  
Millions of words,  
Tumbling off pages,  
Running across screens,  
Communicating,  
explaining,  
informing,  
amusing,  
tedious,  
arguing, pompous,  
tentative,  
authoritative,  
confused,  
hating,  
loving.  
The Word  
became  
A human being.  
The Word is in the world.

Margaret Harvey

The **next notices** will be for Sunday the 5th January. It will be a short version including contact details and what's on for future months.

*Anna*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 1st January** Tel 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.  
**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email**