



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

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 24th Nov. & 1st Dec. 2013

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

### **SERVICES - 24th November**

#### **St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown

*(Sunday Club—Nathalie Marshall, Helen Newman & Lucy Curtis)*

#### **St Tim's**

10.30am	Baptism	Stuart Fisher
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We welcome Samantha, Kyle and Isabella Leith with their family and friends, who join us to celebrate the Baptism of Sienna Florence.

#### **Eldene**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
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#### **Lectionary Readings 24th November**

Jer.23: 1-6  
 Luke 1: 68-79

Col 1: 11-20  
 Luke 23: 33-43

#### **1st December**

Isaiah 2: 1-5  
 Psalm 122

Rom. 13: 11-14  
 Matt. 24: 36-44

**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—1st December****St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Stuart Fisher

10.30am Baptism Beth Brown

*Welcome: Pam & Mari, Teas: Janice & Shanice (Sunday Club—Activity Packs/own books)***St. Tim's**

10.30am Holy Communion Stuart Fisher

4-6pm Advent Angels (See sep notice)

**Eldene**

10.30am At St. Tim's

**SERVICES—8th December****St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Andrew Wigley

10.30am Café &amp; Toy Service Neil Marshall

*Welcome: Vybe, Teas: Café (Sunday Club—All age)***St. Tim's**

10.30am Holy Communion Beth Brown

**Eldene**

10.30am Christingle/Toy Service AndrewWigley

**VACANCY UPDATE** Priest-in-Charge Interviews.

Just a reminder that the interviews are taking place tomorrow (Monday 25th). Two candidates are attending. Please pray for both of them, also for Bishop Mike and all members of the interview panel, that we may be guided by God in the decisions that are made. (Please note that the outcome of these interviews will be made known as soon as possible, but it may be a while before this can happen. Formal processes following the interviews are likely to take time. Please be patient!)

**Reminder for St. Paul's and St. Tim's that Christmas Unwrapped** training is in Church at St. Paul's Thurs.28th 9.30am. If anyone would like to join us who hasn't been involved before they are very welcome. The biggest need is for spare hands to help the children do their crafts, no one is on their own and I can guarantee the pleasure and joy we get out of it is huge. Please phone 532849 for more info. Thanks *Margaret*

**NEXT 2 WEEKS** - Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.

Mon. 25th	2-4pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's
Nov, 2nd Dec.	7.30pm	Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Rd. Eld
	7.45pm	Advent Angels Planning 7.45 at Sutton Rd. <b>(25th)</b>
Tues.	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Tim's
26th Nov.	7.30pm	Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham
& 3rd Dec.	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group at 4Hatherly Rd. <b>(26th)</b>
Weds.	9.30am	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's
27th Nov.	1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
& 4th Dec.	10.45am	Cell Group - Ravenscoft, Covingham
	7.30pm	Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe.
Thurs	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Paul's.
28th Nov.	7.30pm	Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden
& 5th Dec.	7.30pm	Cell Group - White Edge Moor, Liden
	7.45pm	Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene

In celebration of our giving this Christmas, **The Christingle, Toy and Parade Services** for the Dorcan Parish are to be held as below.

**8th December**

- St Pauls Covingham - Presentation of gifts and Toys 10.30am
- Eldene Church - Christingle Service and presentation of Gift and Toys 10.30am

**15th December**

- St Tims A Combined Parade; Christingle; Toys and Gift ; and Presentation of gifts and Toys 10.30am
- St Pauls Covingham 'Guides Carols' at 4pm

**24th December** Tues (Christmas Eve)

- St Pauls There will be a Christingle + Crib Service at 4pm (with children dressing up in costumes)

We warmly welcome everyone to join any of the services in celebration this Christmas.

Wrapped gifts for mums or wrapped toy's will be given with our love to the Swindon Women's Aid (formally the women's refuge) please mark the gift or toy with boy/girl and the approximate age the toy will be suitable for. The toys which are presented unwrapped will be given to the local NSPCC. All the toys or gifts are very much appreciated by both the Women's Aid and the NSPCC.

Collections / Donations from ALL the Christingle services will go to 'The Children's Society

Thank you to everyone for your continued support for these services.

*Brenda Robinson*

**What a lovely collection of brightly coloured filled Shoe boxes;** you all did a wonderful job finding things to go inside them. Samaritan Purse **Thank You** all, to those who made up and filled shoe boxes, for those who donated money, and knitters and those who supplied the different items to be added into the boxes. Once again they were picked up by Mike and taken to the hall in Dixon street for checking by volunteers - new helpers are always welcome.

On Friday the boxes will be taken onto the big vans to begin their long journey through Europe; the children will be waiting with excitement and anticipation to receive their visit; they will, I expect sing to the Samaritan Purse volunteer's, who will be giving the boxes and Christian books out and teach them about our Christian faith with stories and songs. Some of the children will be encouraged to go on a course to learn more about the Christian faith. The shoe box makes a great impact on the children and their families (if they have one) who all come from poor areas, whose parents can not afford to buy them any toys or things. Christine Parsons

**'Advent Angels' (Sun 1st Dec, 4-6pm at St Timothy's)** is less than a **month away**. **I'm recruiting for team members from now** - I need more than 'responded to the call for **'Autumn Antics'**. (team 3-6.30pm if possible). Planning Meeting on the 25th November at Sutton Road, Eldene, at 7.45pm. *Beth*

**Dec 14th 7:30pm Carol singing in the Liden Arms.** Children welcome. Let's give a big Dorcan Church welcome to the new owners. Contact Beth or Nathalie for more information. If anyone has a portable keyboard Dave could play on the occasion please also let us know. *Nathalie*

Once again a core group from two cell groups will be leading the **singing of carols** for the residents of **Edgehill Residential Home** in Liden. This is planned for **Thurs 12th Dec from 6pm**. If you are able / willing to join us please come along - we meet in the car park at 5.55pm. *Beth*

We are delighted to announce that the first episode of the epic TV mini-series **THE BIBLE** will be broadcast at **9pm on Saturday 30th November on Channel 5**. Find out more at [www.thebibleuk.org/tx](http://www.thebibleuk.org/tx)

NOTICES will continue weekly from 8th December.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)