



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



## Services - 2nd December - 1st Sunday in Advent

### St. Paul's

10.30am      United Holy Communion      Rev'd Andrew & Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Rosemary & Amy*, Teas: *Hazel & Pam*,  
Sunday Club: *Mary & Hazel*, Crèche: *Nicki & Niki*

During communion, and after the service, the prayer team will be available if you would like to receive prayer for yourself or for another.

This morning Neil Marshall is at Pewsey supporting the Methodist circuit.

**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.**

| <b>What's on next week -</b> |  |  |
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| Monday<br>3rd December       | 1.30pm   | Liden & Chalet Christmas Unwrapped   |
| Tuesday<br>4th December      | 9.00am<br>10.00am<br>1.00pm<br>1.30pm                  | Morning Prayers - St. Paul's chapel<br>Morning prayers at St. Tim's<br>Christian Union, Dorcan Academy<br>Liden Christmas unwrapped  |
| Wednesday<br>5th December    | 8.45am<br>9.00am<br>1.30pm                             | Tea & Toast, St. Tim's<br>Tiny Tots at St. Paul's<br>Tiny Tots at St. Tim's  |
| Thursday<br>6th November     | 9 for 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>7.00pm<br>7.30pm<br>8-9.00pm | Covingham school, Christmas Unwrapped<br>Holy Communion, St. Paul's Vestry<br>Baptism prep, Merlin Way,<br>Circuit meeting, Lyneham<br>Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre,<br>followed by the Messenger |

| <b>Services - 9th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>   |                           |                                      |
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| <b>St. Paul's</b>   |                           |                                      |
| 8.45am  | Holy Communion            | Sue Morgans<br>& Rev'd Trudie Wigley |
| 10.30am   | Toy Service               | Rev'd Stuart Fisher                  |
| Welcome: <i>Joy &amp; Angie</i> , Teas: <i>Jean &amp; Joan</i> ,<br>Sunday Club: <i>tbc, details tbc</i> , Crèche: None |                           |                                      |
| 4.00pm  | Advent Tea & Praise       | Rev'd Andrew Wigley                  |
| <b>St. Timothy's</b>  |                           |                                      |
| 10.30am   | Christingle & Toy Service | Rev'd Rob Smith                      |

**Christmas Cards for the parish available today!  
– please help distribute!**

Christmas Cards are now available inviting people to come and join us at our Christmas services and to hear about the Good News of Jesus' coming. If we are to reach as many in the parish as possible, **help is needed to deliver cards please.**

We have the road names and numbers of each street in the parish next week for you to look at and put your name beside those streets you are able to deliver to. Some of us may be able to deliver to many streets, others perhaps just our own, yet every contribution helps, so please do look out and take some cards next week and deliver near you. Last year we delivered 4,000 and ran out of cards so we've stepped out and printed 5,000 this year!

Thank you for your support.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 10:30am Toy Service in each centre -  
Unwrapped toys, wrapping items, and monetary donations please!**

Following discussions by ECC, this year we will be collecting gifts for NSPCC only. They are always greatly appreciative of our gifts that help others in need, and to support them they ask that gifts are UNWRAPPED, yet with an offering of wrapping paper/Sellotape/gift bags to help them wrap the gifts once they have been gender and age sorted. Thank you for your continuing support of NSPCC.

This year we also invite monetary donations to support the "Gift of Good News" to those in our community. This will be used to purchase Christmas booklets to give out, such as "*The new noisy neighbor*" which is the Bible Society Children's booklet, "*Why Christmas*" for adults and literature from the Church of England #*Follow the Star* campaign. We ran out of all our literature last year so with these monetary gifts we will be able to buy more booklets to share with others the news of the gift of Jesus at Christmas



### **Holy Habits Worship and witness**

As you are aware our Holy Habit at the moment is Worship. Some of us are going to be putting a silhouette of the Nativity in our windows as an act of worship and witness. If you would like to join in this venture, black paper and templates will be available after the united service on the 2nd of

Decem-

ber. Between us we could

make an impact in our community.

#### **Future gathering dates -**

We had originally suggested meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> - 7pm to do some forward thinking of some habits, namely "*Sharing Resources*" (March-April) and "*Biblical Teaching*" (May- June).

As we will be in the heart of winter, we are going to postpone this evening meeting and instead continue to do some "*Eating Together*" as we forward plan.

**We will therefore be having a soup, bread and cake lunch on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019** immediately after the United Service. We can spend this time in fellowship eating together, as well as thinking ahead to our next two habits. We will aim to finish by 1:45pm. Arrangements for lunch will be communicated nearer the time, but to give you the heads up we will need volunteers to make some soup and cakes(!) and we will all be asked to bring our own bowls, cutlery, drink etc. to minimize setting and clearing up.

Put the date in your diary!

## **Parenting Course for Parents of Babies and Children under 5**

I am hoping to run a course in the New Year, probably on a Monday evening at St Paul's for 6 weeks, if enough parents wish to attend.

The course is free and explores topics such as emotional security, play, parenting styles, handling difficult behaviour etc.

Sharing ideas with other parents is a key element and discussions are based around real-life scenarios.

Each session includes space to try out new ideas in your parenting and an opportunity to discuss how it's working.

If you are interested, please speak to me after the service or email me : [jennypoole@virginmedia.com](mailto:jennypoole@virginmedia.com)

Jenny

**A HUGE THANK YOU**

to everyone involved with our Christmas Fayre;

The setter uppers,  
    all who donated,  
        both time, energy and goods,  
those who purchased,  
    all stall holders,  
        all who assisted in the kitchen,  
those who helped tidy up,  
    those involved with the games,  
        the bakers,  
and not forgetting Father Christmas,  
    and of course The Turkey.

The amount raised was fantastic,  
with very grateful thanks

*Angela & Diane*



***Saturday 22nd December***

9.30am at St. Paul's.

Making Christingles

all ages welcomed.



At this moment in time we have over 300 angels - amazing! If anyone is still busy knitting could you please let me have them by Sunday 2nd ready for tagging. Thank you all so much.

### **Christmas shopping on- line?**

Then don't forget you can support us through easy fundraising. Over 2,700 retailers will make a donation to The Dorcan Church if you use the easy fundraising system

For details go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dorcanchurchswindon/>

*Tony Prichard*

Angela and I are arranging a **New Years Eve Party** from 8 -- 12pm. All are welcome - if you are a family or on your own.  
Further details later. Margaret Hylton.

**Future dates for your diary as at December 2018**

***Sunday 9th December***

Christmas Toy services 10.30am St. Paul's and St. Tim's

***Sunday 16th December***

Carols and Communion St. Tim's 10.30am

***Saturday 22nd December 2018***

9.30am at St. Paul's.

Making Christingles - all ages welcomed.

***Sunday 23rd December***

United Carol Service St. Paul's 6.00pm

***Sunday 4th February 2019***

Soup and cake lunch after united service until 1.45pm latest. Exploring next 2 Holy Habits of Sharing resources and Biblical teaching.

***Sunday 24th March 2019***

Sunday School for All 10.30am St. Paul's

***7th April 2019***

10.00am United Service with Communion  
Followed by the Annual General Meeting at 11.30am

***Sunday 12th May 2019***

3.30pm Ecumenical Confirmation at Purton

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 5th December**. 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**