



<b>What's on this week -</b>		
Monday 4th December	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 5th December	9.00am 9.30am 10am-1pm 1-2.00pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	What a busy day! Morning Prayer, St Paul's Christmas Unwrapped, Liden, St Tims Safeguarding training: Recruitment S1, St. Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Senior Citizens Carol Service Methodist Circuit meeting, Stratton
Wed. 6th December	8.45am 10 - 2.30pm 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! St Tim's Chapter meeting, Christ Church Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 7th December	9.30am 9.45am 10.00am 3.00pm 8-9.00pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's vestry Christmas Unwrapped, Eldene, St Tims Safeguarding Training: leadership C2, St Paul's Funeral of RJ, Kingsdown Crematorium Dorcan Church football night. Dorcan Academy
Friday 8th December	9.30am 9:45am	Christmas Unwrapped, Covingham, St Paul's Christmas Unwrapped, Eldene, St Tims

**Services - Sunday 10th December  
2nd Sunday of Advent**

<b>St. Paul's</b>		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30	All Age Toy Service	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
Welcome: <i>Hazel &amp; Janice</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy &amp; Friends</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Ignite</i> : Crèche: <i>All Age Service</i>		
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship Toy and Christingle Service	Rev'd Rob Smith

### **Funeral of Dennis Goacher:**

Following the sad news last week that Dennis Goacher has died, arrangements for his funeral have now been confirmed.

The Committal will be held at 2:30pm on Wednesday 13th December at Kingsdown Crematorium, followed at 3:30pm with a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's. All are welcome to attend.

Please continue to pray for daughter Sarah and sister Jill, and for those who were particularly close to him, that they may have the assurance that Dennis rests in God's peaceful care, who surrounds us all with his love. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS! AVAILABLE TODAY!** A big thank you to our young people for their designs for our Parish Christmas Card. We couldn't choose one, so we used four designs in a collage! A big thank you to Emily, Beth, Callum and Grace for their masterpieces!

These cards now need to be delivered and we wonder whether we can beat our distribution of 3,500 cards from last year? Hope so as we've printed 4,000 this year! **Please would you help distribute Christmas cards in the parish?** After today's service our young people are off delivering, Tea and Toast are getting involved, and so are Tiny Tots – can you join in too? There is a list available today at the United service at St Pauls, so please do put your name next to those streets you are able to deliver to. Those roads in Eldene and Liden do not have the number of houses in each street so if you deliver there it would be helpful to know how many are in that street for subsequent years - please let Jackie know. From next week the Eldene and Liden lists will be at St Tim's.

Thank you for your help in delivering. This is an important part of our outreach as we invite people to join us at our Christmas services to hear about the Good News of Jesus' coming. Thank you.

**I am writing on behalf of Diane to ask you to please make sure that if you are the last person to leave the centre that you check that all the lights are turned off and the doors are locked.**

On two occasions this week ( Monday & Wednesday) the lights have been left on overnight in the vestry and some doors left unlocked. Your help in ensuring that the chapel and centre are secure and that we are not wasting electricity would be very much appreciated. Also, now that the library hours have been reduced there will be more occasions when people will be in the building alone and it is recommended in the Lone Working Policy that for your own safety :

- ‘Outside doors should be locked whilst working in the building and a mobile phone should be charged and switched on’

If you would like to discuss this further please speak to Diane.

Jackie Hancock, Centre Administrator



**#GodWithUs:**

**Your Christmas Journey:**

As we enter Advent next week and journey towards Christmas, you are invited to join in the #GodWithUs resources which are new this year.

You will see this hash tag and the gold logo on our publicity and leaflets this year and as part of the resources is an invitation to share in the Christmas Journey through a series of 13 reflections which start next Advent Sunday and go through to New Year's Day. 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:

- By texting GODWITHUS to 88802
- Online at [www.churchofengland.org/christmas](http://www.churchofengland.org/christmas)
- In a booklet (we have limited number)

This information will also be on all our publicity and we pray that others might engage and come closer to God this Advent and Christmas period. If there are people you know who you think would welcome journeying towards Christmas in this way, then please do pass them one of the booklets which are available today in each centre.

Next week at both St Paul's and St Tim's we will be holding our Toy Services. Please bring toys to give to those in need - either wrapped or unwrapped - with gender and age suitability on the outside.

As in previous years we are supporting NSPCC and Women's Aid, and wrapped gifts for the those women seeking refuge through Women's Aid would also be greatly welcomed. Thank you.

**The men's group have been asked to arrange a bring and share tea after the thanksgiving service of Dennis's life.**

We would appreciate contributions of savoury and sweet items of food, for a bring and share tea after the 3.30pm service at St Paul's on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

I will be at St Paul's from 10.00am -12.00pm, setting up tables, and will be able to receive any contributions on that Morning.

Also could two or three people help with the serving of tea & coffee during the tea. I would be most grateful for any support.

God bless,  
Paul Tayler

**Christmas is clearly approaching** and we would like to involve others, young and older in a music group for the Carol service on December 17th. This will involve attending some practises beforehand, days and times to be decided.

Please see Dave or Sue as soon as possible, so we can gauge interest and have some idea of availability! Thank-you.

**Volunteers needed to make the Christingles**

on Fri. Dec.22nd at St.Pauls - 9.30am.

The more the merrier and job done quicker.

Let me have names please phone 532849

*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*

## **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.*



## **Weekly Notices**

Every week I send around 45 copies of the notices out by e.mail.

For the last two weeks about 12 copies have been returned to me 'undeliverable'. Having studied the ones that come back, I notice that they are all either btinternet, or btopenworld users.

The accompanying message says that the recipient's server has rejected the notices as 'junk'.

I am at present at a loss to know what to do about it. If you have not received notices recently, please pick up a paper copy in church for the time being.

*Anna*

**Future dates for the diary as at December 2017**

***Tuesday 16th January 2018***

Good News for Swindon Prayer Event Lyd-  
iard Millicent Church of England Primary School, 7.30pm

***Sunday 4th February 2018***

United Service Turning point Trust Emily & Moses Obiti,  
the new UK mission partners are visiting

***Wednesday 28th February 2018***

Deanery Synod, 7pm at Tadpole farm, CEVA School

***Sunday 29th April 2018***

Annual General Meeting

***Sunday 13th May 2018***

Archdeacon's visitation to Swindon at St Paul's Church

***Wednesday 20th June 2018***

Deanery Synod, 7pm at St Paul's  
with Linda Culling Principal Deanery Academy

***Sunday 9th September 2018***

Swindon Half Marathon

***Thursday 8th November 2018***

Deanery Synod, 7pm, Oliver Tomkins School

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 6th 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**