



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

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Services - 9th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Paul's

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| 8.45am | Holy Communion | Sue Morgan & Rev'd Trudie Wigley |
| 10.30am | Toy Service | Rev'd Stuart Fisher & youngsters |
| Welcome: <i>Joy & Angie</i> , Teas: <i>Jean & Joan</i> , Sunday Club: <i>tbcb</i> , details <i>tbcb</i> , Crèche: None | | |
| 4.00pm | Advent Tea & Praise | Revd Andrew Wigley |

St. Tim's

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| 10.30am | Christingle & Toy Service | Rev'd Rob Smith |
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This morning Alex Scott is at Christchurch, Marlborough, and Colin Parsons is at Bath Road Methodist, both supporting the wider Methodist circuit. Paul Tayler is at St Johns supporting the Anglican deanery.

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.

Advent Tea & Praise – TODAY! 4pm

Come along and join us for refreshments before we sing some of Graham Kendrick's great Christmas songs from his albums *Rumours of Angels* and *The Gift*.

A warm welcome awaits, whatever the weather! And of course there's an early glimpse of the Christ-child – what could be better than that?!

| What's on next week - | | |
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| Tuesday 11th December | 9.00am 9.30am 1.00pm 1.30pm 7.00pm | Morning Prayers - St. Paul's chapel Eldene Christmas unwrapped, St. Tim's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Liden & Chalet Christmas unwrapped Men's Fellowship group - meal out. |
| Wednesday 12th December | 8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm | Tea & Toast, St. Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's |
| Thursday 13th November | 9.30am 1.30pm 8-9.00pm | Holy Communion, St. Tim's Eldene Christmas Unwrapped, St. Tim's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger |
| Friday 14th December | Am | Covingham Christmas service (repeated) |

Services - 16th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Cathy's Group*,
Sunday Club, *Deb & Mary* Crèche: *None*

4.00pm Christmas Messy ! The Gang !

St. Timothy's

10.30am Carols & Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

TOY SERVICE – TODAY

Thank you for bringing your toys to give to the NSPCC this morning. They are always greatly appreciative of our gifts that help others in need.

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

Future gathering dates -

We had originally suggested meeting on January 8th - 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 3rd 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!

CAROL SINGERS OF ALL AGES NEEDED

Once again, we have been invited to sing carols at Edgehill Nursing Home, Liden. This year it will be on **Wednesday December 19th at 5.30pm**. Please note the earlier time, specially requested by the staff as later is not so popular with the residents.

We will take carol sheets. Refreshments are kindly provided for us afterwards, so please aim to stay an extra half hour to talk to the residents.

Jenny

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

Jenny

Window Nativity

Thank you to those who came and took things to make a nativity scene in their windows. If anyone else would like to do it there will be stencils and black paper available after the Service on Sunday - please help yourself as I will be out with the youngsters delivering Christmas cards. Deb.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

– there are still some to deliver!

Loads of the Christmas cards have already been delivered so thank you everyone. There are still some left and Covingham and Eldene are less well covered, so please do consider if you might be able to help. This is a great way to outreach to our community!

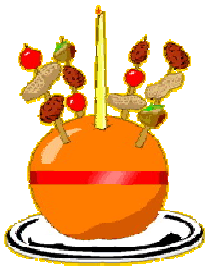
We thank your young people for their Christmas card designs, and a big well done to James and Jacob for their designs which appear on our cards. I'm sure you'll agree that they look great! Thank you both and congratulations!

Cakes Needed for Schools on Sunday 16th December.

We give 6 cakes to Covingham, 4 to Nythe and 2 to Nyland.

We have such good links with these Schools and I had a conversation with a Nythe Teacher who came for Christmas Unwrapped and they would love more contact with us.

Margaret Hylton



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Saturday 22nd December

9.30am at St. Paul's.

Making Christingles

ages welcomed.

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. If you are thinking of coming, please let us know so that we have rough numbers.

Further details later.

Margaret Hylton .

Diana Kelly is looking for a **workman to do some work on her gutters**. She is willing to pay but would like to know if anybody can recommend a person she can trust for safety reasons. ?

Margaret Hylton

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 12th December**. Tel 695698 or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email