



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



*Prepare the way for the Lord,
 Make straight paths for him*
 Mark 1:3

**Services Sunday 10th December 2017
 2nd Sunday of Advent**

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30am	All Age Toy Service	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
Welcome: <i>Hazel & Janice</i> , Teas: <i>Cathy & Friends</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Ignite</i> : Crèche: <i>All Age Service</i>		
4.00pm	Messy Church	The Team !

St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship Toy and Christingle Service	Rev'd Rob Smith
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**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.**

Today are our **Toy Services at both centres**. 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.



What's on this week -

Monday 11th December	8.45am 5-6.30pm 2-4pm	Dorcan Academy Christmas assembly Girl Guiding Carol Service, St Paul's Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 12th December	8.45am 9-9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 1-2.00pm Eve	Dorcan Academy Christmas assembly Morning Prayer, St Paul's Chalet School Christmas service, St Tim's Morning Prayer at St. Tim's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy Men's Fellowship meal
Wed. 13th December	8.45am 8.45am 9.00am 12.00noon 1.30pm pm	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! St Tim's Dorcan Academy Christmas assembly Tiny Tots at St Paul's The Friday Club Christmas Meal. White Hart Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Funeral of Dennis Goacher. All are welcome. 2.30pm Committal at Kingsdown followed by 3.30pm Thanksgiving St. Paul's with refreshments afterwards
Thursday 14th December	8.45am 9.30am 9.30am 8-9.00pm	Dorcan Academy Christmas assembly Holy Communion at St. Tim's Christmas Unwrapped, Nythe, St Paul's Dorcan Church football night. Dorcan Academy
Friday 15th December	9-10.45am 12.15pm	Covingham school Christmas service Funeral of Kevin O'Dowd, Kingsdown

**Services - Sunday 17th December
3rd Sunday of Advent**

St. Paul's

10.30 Morning Worship Neil Marshall

Welcome: *Diane & John*, Teas: *Sandra Cell Group*,
Sunday Club: Ignite: Crèche: *tbc*

6.00pm United Carol Service Rev'd Trudie Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am Carols and Communion Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Next week is our Carol Service and is a time when we welcome those who come from our community as we celebrate Christmas together. This is a super opportunity for us as a church family to get to know new people and catch up with familiar faces from our neighbourhood, so please do come along and help extend a very warm welcome.

Funeral of Dennis Goacher:

Following the sad news 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.

**#GodWithUs:
Your Christmas Journey**



As we continue in Advent 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
- 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.

Christingle services,

Sunday 10th at St Tim's and Christmas Eve at St Paul's.

All monies will be shared between the Children's Society and Action for Children.

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 13th 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

The Monday morning cell group will be organising and serving **refreshments after the carol service** on Sunday evening 17th Dec. Donations of mince pies would be gratefully please leave in the kitchen on Sunday morning or give to Colleen or Sandra.

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 either 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

CHRISTMAS CARDS – WOW!

You have all been so busy and we only have a few Christmas cards left to distribute. Thank you so much! If you have any unused ones then please bring them back to either centre so that others can take them for the streets that haven't yet been covered.

Lists for Covingham and Nythe are at St Pauls and for Eldene and Liden at St Tim's.

Only a few more to be delivered so please do consider which other streets you may be able to deliver to. #GodWithUs

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.



An Advent prayer

God of hope
be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
be with us in our meeting
and in our traveling together,
be with us in our worship
and our praying together,
be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
our God of hope.

http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Advent.htm#ixzz50VYrUC3V

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 13th December** - Tel 695698
or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail