

Keep the date: Open House at Tony & Cathy's, 23 Sedgebrook on Saturday 5th January. Call in between 10am and 4pm for light refreshments.

AND Make sure you have the 12th & 13th January in your new diaries as well - **CATHY & TONY'S FAREWELL WEEKEND** starts 7pm Saturday 12th January (see your warden for further details), and on Sunday 13th January Tony will lead his final service in the Dorcan Church at St Paul's

Toy Service Gifts

Thank you to all who brought gifts to the Toy Services last Sunday at St Paul's and Eldene, or to the Toy Service today at St Tim's. Unwrapped toys will be given to the local Swindon branch of the NSPCC; wrapped toys/gifts will be given to the Women's Refuge.

The cash collection at all our **Christingle Services** will be forwarded to the Children's Society.

St Paul's Christingle and Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm

Children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men or animals from the Nativity Story. There will be no rehearsal, but if you wish to borrow a costume, just come 20 minutes early.

We will be meeting at St Paul's at 9.30am on Christmas Eve to make up 150 Christingles for the 4.00pm service. If anybody can help please contact Brenda B. on 643949, or Cathy Knapp on 525130.

Beth Brown is unwell and has been signed off for a month by her doctor. Please pray for Beth for rest and recovery.

Help to set up Tiny Tots Is there anyone who would be able to help set up chairs and tables at St Paul's at 8.00am on a Wednesday during term time? A plan of what is required would be provided. Please contact Ray Hylton on 532849. Thank you.

The Thames Water Amateur Theatrical Society have been performing an annual pantomime at the Wyvern Theatre for the past 16 years, and have raised over £160,000 for local and national charities. This year, they are performing their own unique version of Snow White and the D.W.A.R.V.E.S. on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 January 2013, at 7.30pm. The charities being supported this year are WaterAid, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Tickets are £10 direct from the Wyvern Theatre, for any more information contact Jo K. on 611580.

It really is a great family show, please come along and support us!

NB—Next notices on the 6th January.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to

Anna Newman by Thursday 3rd January

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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)



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

www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
16th., 23rd., & 30th. Dec. 2012

Staff Team:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 826444
	Rev. Andrew Wigley	Tel: 523810

*Tony & Beth both have Fridays off - Andrew has Tuesdays and Saturdays off.
Please avoid contacting them at these times if possible.*

SERVICES - 16th December—Advent 3

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher & Beth Lamb
10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher & Beth Lamb

(Sunday Tots - Lucy Curtis; Sunday Club join Vybe for Christmas Party)

St Tim's

10.30am	Christingle Parade and Toy Service—Cash Collection for Children's Society	Tony Knapp
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Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
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St. Paul's

Guides' Carol Service	Tony Knapp
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Lectionary Readings

16th December	Zeph 3: 14-20.	Isaiah 12: 2-6.	Phil 4: 4-7.	Luke 3: 7-18
23rd December	Micah 5: 2-5a.	Luke 1: 46-55.	Heb 10: 5-10.	Luke 1: 39-45
30th December	1 Sam 2: 18-20, 26.	Psalm 148.	Col 3: 12-17.	Luke 2: 41-52

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.

Christmas Greetings

Tony and Cathy, Beth, Andrew and Trudie would like to thank all of you for your Christmas greetings and cards. We wish you all a Happy Christmas, and God's blessing for the New Year.

SERVICES—Sunday 23rd December—Advent 4

St. Paul's

8.45am NO early service
10.30am Holy Communion Tony Knapp

*Welcome : Anna & Brian, Teas: Rosemary & Amy
(Sunday Tots/Sunday Club: Combined Christmas Party— Jo Nathalie, Helen, Niki, Lucy)*

St. Tim's

10.30am No Service—at Eldene

Eldene

10.30am Holy Communion Stuart Fisher

St. Tim's

4.00pm Carol Service Andrew Wigley

St. Paul's

6.30pm Carol Service Stuart Fisher & Tony Knapp

SERVICES—Monday 24th December—Christmas Eve

St. Paul's

4.00pm Christingle & Crib Service Tony Knapp & Stuart Fisher

Children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men or animals from the Nativity Story; or arrive early and borrow a costume.

11.30pm Midnight Communion Stuart Fisher & Tony Knapp

SERVICES St. Paul's —25th December—Christmas Day

9.00am Christmas (said) Communion Stuart Fisher

10.00am Christmas All-age Celebration Beth Lamb & Tony Knapp

SERVICES St. Tim's—30th December—Sunday after Christmas

10.30am Holy Communion Beth Lamb & Tony Knapp

St. Paul's/Eldene United Service at St. Tim's

SERVICES—6th January—Epiphany

The Covenant Services at all our Church Centres include Holy Communion

St. Paul's

8.45am Covenant Service Tony Knapp

10.30am Covenant Service Paul Rush

*Welcome : Martin & Simone, Teas: Jean & Joan
(Sunday Tots/ Nathalie Marshall Sunday Club: Jo Kirkland, Niki Thompson)*

St. Tim's

10.30am Covenant Service Stuart Fisher

Eldene

10.30am Covenant Service Tony Knapp

NEXT THREE WEEKS

The weekly small groups are generally taking a break over Christmas and New Year. Please check with the group leaders for when they start again in January.

Mid-week Communion Services

Tuesday 18th Dec **11:00am** Holy Communion at St Tim's

Thursday 20th Dec 10:00am Holy Communion in St Paul's **vestry**

The next Communion at St Tim's is on Tuesday 8th January.

The next Communion at St Paul's is on Thursday 3rd January.

Tiny Tots

Wednesday 19th Dec 9.30am Tiny Tots party at St Paul's

1.30pm Tiny Tots party at St Tim's

Tiny Tots resumes on 16th January at St Paul's and St Tim's.

Edgehill Nursing Home, Liden

Thursday 20th Dec 3.30pm Holy Communion

6.30pm Carol Singing – all welcome

Vacancy Development

After Tony retires in January, there will be a period of vacancy before a replacement Rector is appointed for the Dorcan Church. The Diocese has provided Melanie Griffiths as a consultant to help us discern the direction God is leading the Church. Melanie is keen to speak to church members – if you'd like to meet Melanie for a one-to-one session please phone her at the Diocesan Office on 0117 906 0100. Melanie will be happy to meet you locally at a convenient time.