

Thanks for the cakes!

Susan Joslin and Heather Kellett, the Joint Headteachers of Eldene Primary School, have sent an email: "Thank you very much for the lovely cakes that you have brought over this morning - they are very much appreciated. Please give our thanks to your busy bakers! Happy Christmas to everyone at Dorcan Church from the Governors and Staff". I'm sure the staff of our other local schools are also very grateful – well done, all those who have been generously baking!

CHURCH FLOWERS

As you will know, Audrey has been doing the Church flowers for many years so it's time we gave her a BIG THANKYOU and a well deserved rest. I have agreed to oversee the flower rota and to fill in the gaps, As this is new to me, if you put your name on the rota, I will contact you as some people donate money for flowers and others arrange flowers themselves.

Angela Davidson

Singers and Musicians for Carols by Candlelight, St Paul's, 18.30, Sun 18th Dec.

It would be really good to have a group of singers and musicians for this special service. If you feel that you could sing or play as part of this group (this would involve attending a practice and participating in the service itself) or you know of somebody who might be willing to participate, please would you let either Nathalie or Pete (535939), know as soon as possible.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 5th January. Tel: 695698 or Email: angram673@hotmail.co.uk (please let me know if you would like notices by email)



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
18th & 25th Dec, 2011 & 1st Jan. 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 - 18th December

St. Paul's

8.45am

No Service

10.30am

Holy Communion

Beth Brown

6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Tony Knapp/Stuart Fisher

St Tim's

10.30am

Joint Service at Eldene

4.00pm

Carols by Candlelight

Beth Brown

Eldene

10.30am

Holy Communion

Andrew Wigley

Refreshments are served after the 10.30am services - please stay if you can.

Lectionary Readings -

18th December

2 Sam 7: 1-11

Rom 15: 25-27

Luke 1: 47-55

Luke 1: 26-38

25th December

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Heb 1: 1-12

Psalm 98

John 1: 1-14

1st January

Eccl 3: 1-13

Rev 21: 1-6a

Psalm 8

Matt 25: 31-46

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.

SERVICES - 24th December - Christmas Eve		
St. Paul's		
4.00pm	Christingle & Crib Service (see below)	Beth Brown, Stuart Fisher & Tony Knapp
11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
25th December - Christmas Day (please note the times!)		
St. Paul's		
9.00am	Christmas Morning Communion	Beth Brown
10.00am	Christmas Celebration for All ages	Tony Knapp/Stuart Fisher
1st January - New Year's Day		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	United Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
8th January - The Covenant Services at all our churches include Holy Communion		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Covenant Service	Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Covenant Service	Andrew Wigley
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Covenant Service	Beth Brown
Eldene		
10.30am	Covenant Service	Tony Knapp

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

As a change from our usual Nativity, this year we are holding a Crib and Christingle Service, about 40 minutes long. Children may come dressed up as shepherds, angels, kings or animals if they wish. There will be no rehearsal, but if you wish to borrow a costume, please come 20 minutes early. We will be meeting at St. Paul's at 9.30am on Christmas Eve to make up the Christingles with oranges and candles etc. If anybody can help, please contact Brenda on 643949, or Cathy on 525130.

Next 3 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.

TinyTots resumes on 10th January at St. Paul's
and 11th January at St. Tim's

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.

Mid-week Communion Services

Wednesday 21st Dec. 10:00am Holy Communion at St Tim's
Thursday 22nd Dec. 10:00am Holy Communion at St Paul's

The next Communion at St Tim's is on Wednesday 4th January.
The next Communion at St Paul's is on Thursday 5th January.

Gwynneth Cooke

Many of you will remember Gwynneth who has worshipped at St Paul's for many years. Her funeral service will be held at St Paul's at 1.00pm on Thursday 22nd December.

A Village Nativity

We are invited to join the people of Hinton Parva for their Nativity on Wednesday 21st December. There will be a short service in the church at 6.30pm; a procession round the village, including a real donkey; and refreshments. Wrap up warm, with boots and a torch. Parking in the village is not plentiful, so be prepared to walk a bit!

Christmas Greetings from Uganda

Duncan Mugume and family send their greetings to all of us.

"May the celebration of Christmas increase your Love and Peace given by the Lord Jesus Christ"

Prayer Initiative

Beginning in January, we will be covering the roads in Eldene.

From the 8th January we will be praying for the residents of Bevisland. Please also remember them in your private prayers.