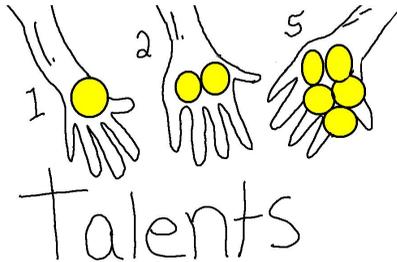




St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
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*Transforming lives and communities  
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



*"Well done you good and faithful servant"*  
**Matthew 25:21**

### Services Sunday 19th November 2017 - 2nd Sunday before Advent

#### St. Paul's

10.30am Morning Worship Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *John & Joan*, Teas: *Pam & Mari*

Sunday Club: *Nathalie & Niki*, Ignite: *Deb & Hazel*, Creche: *None*

1.00pm Baptism Rev'd Rob Smith

We welcome the friends and family of Zara-Khaleesi and Romarni Joseph as they are baptised

4.00pm Messy Church The Team !

#### St. Tim's

10.30am Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Wigley

This morning Alex is at Central Church, supporting the wider Methodist circuit.

**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.**

<b>What's on this week -</b>		
Monday 20th November	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 21st November	9.00am 1-2pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer, St Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy ECC at St. Tim's
Wed. 22nd November	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! St Tim's Tiny Tots at St Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Deanery Synod, St Aldelm's
Thursday 23rd November	9.30am 8-9.00pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Dorcan Church football night. Dorcan Academy <b>(note new earlier time!)</b>
Friday 24th November	9-11.00am 11.00am 2.30pm	Christmas unwrapped training, St Paul's Chalet School Assembly Eldene School ~Assembly
Saturday 25th November	11-1.30pm 11.30am 11.45am	<b>Christmas Fayre</b> Official "opening" of new screen with the Mayor and Community First (grant making body); Father Christmas arriving!

<b>Services - Sunday 26th November</b>		
<b>St. Paul's</b>		
08.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.30	Morning Worship	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
Welcome: <i>Hazel &amp; Janice</i> , Teas: <i>Amy &amp; Rosemary</i> , Sunday Club: <i>Cathy &amp; Alison</i> , Ignite: <i>Deb &amp; Mary</i> , Creche: <i>Sue &amp; Judy</i>		
<b>St. Tim's</b>		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Rob Smith

**Christmas Unwrapped Training** will take place this Friday -Nov. 24th at St.Paul's for Dorcan Church., Kettle will be on 9am for a 9.30am start.

If anyone hasn't volunteered yet but wants to be involved please come along - a pair of willing hands will never be refused.

**Turning Point – visiting us on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018!**

The new UK mission partners for Turning Point are Emily and Moses Obiti and they are coming to visit us in February and

sharing during our united morning service. In the meantime you'll find some copies of the latest *Viewpoint* at <https://tptrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Viewpoint-Oct-2017.pdf> and there are also a few copies printed at each centre. The website has lots of up to date news and can be found at <https://tptrust.org/>

There are also some great ideas for Christmas presents to help support Turning Point!

**In preparation for their visit, if you are the contact on behalf of Dorcan church, please could you let me know?** With thanks.  
*Trudie*

## **Tuesday Morning prayer – 9am St Pauls:**

This gathering started last month and we are enjoying not only praying together, but reading the Bible together - we are currently reading Nehemiah and Ephesians.

We discuss the passages, share insights and then prayer together, and it is a great way to start the day in a relaxed and friendly group. How about joining us?

There will be a **Street Pastor Information Evening** on December 15th, at Freshbrook Church, Worsley Road, from 7.15pm



Are you passionate about serving Christ and our community? Street Pastors engage with people on the streets to care for them, listen to them and help them. They work together with other partners in the night-time economy to make communities safe.

Swindon Street Pastors are looking to recruit more local Christians to expand our team. Could you consider committing yourself once a month on a Friday or Saturday night to put God's work into action?

We are holding an information evening to answer any questions that you may have about Swindon Street Pastors. Come and find out more on how we serve Christ on the streets of Swindon!

For more information and an Application Pack contact - Nancy Williams, Swindon Street Pastor Co-ordinator (07825202005)

Or email: [swindon@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:swindon@streetpastors.org.uk)



### **Dorcan Church Thursday night football!**

All abilities and all welcome.

8-9pm at Dorcan Academy £5.

Note the **new earlier** time! For more info see Rob.

### **UCB Word For Today**

#### **BIBLE READING NOTES are available**

There are a number of UCB Bible Reading Notes on the table at St Pauls to encourage you to read Gods Word each day. Please take one home and think about ordering your own copy for next spring and making a small donation for it.

In the booklet we can read about Gods work around the world. Let's allow Gods Word to help us to draw closer to him and to know him as our Heavenly Father.

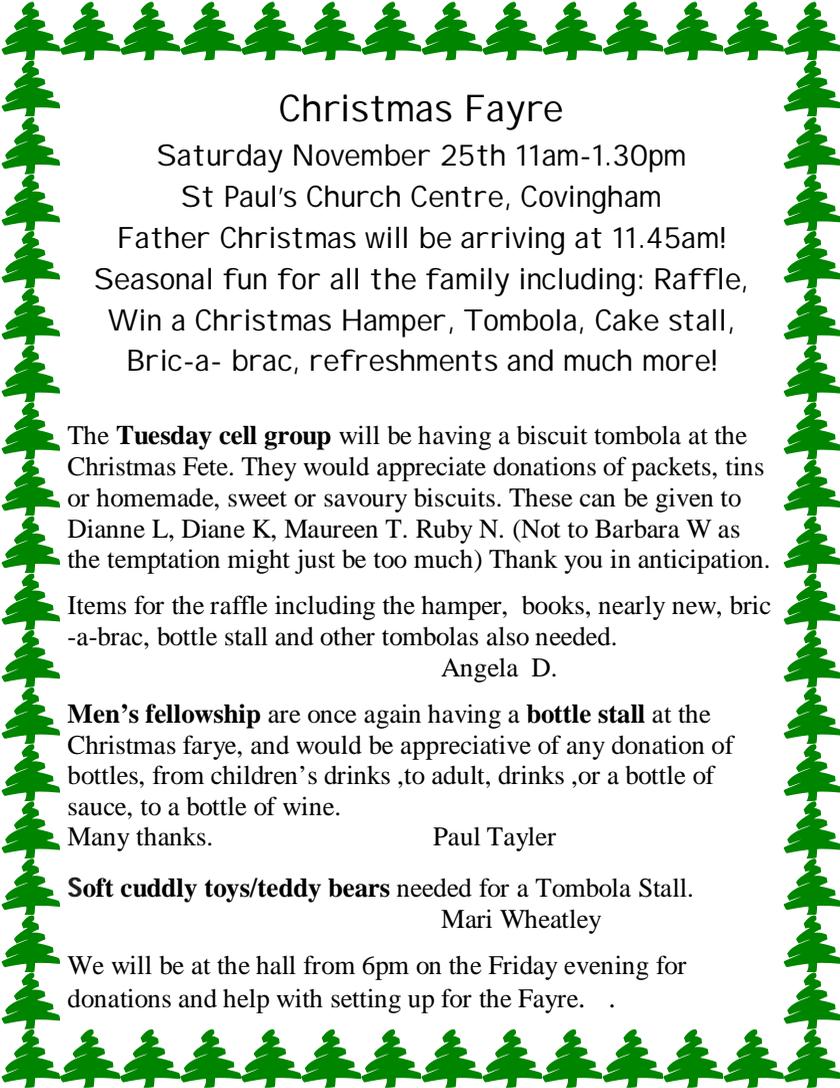
**You can order your own copy at UCB 0845 6040 401 or on line [ucb.co.uk](http://ucb.co.uk)**

Christine Parsons

**St. Paul's Rota** Hello luvrly people

First and foremost, thank you for all you do, it really is appreciated, and St Pauls would not function without your help. It seems impossible but we are rapidly approaching the end of 2017 with a new year on the horizon, and I need to prepare the next rota. Would you kindly inform me of any dates you are not available, and also, in particular for December, let me know of any special services you could help with.

May you be blessed in abundance. *Diane*



## Christmas Fayre

Saturday November 25th 11am-1.30pm

St Paul's Church Centre, Covingham

Father Christmas will be arriving at 11.45am!

Seasonal fun for all the family including: Raffle,

Win a Christmas Hamper, Tombola, Cake stall,

Bric-a- brac, refreshments and much more!

The **Tuesday cell group** will be having a biscuit tombola at the Christmas Fete. They would appreciate donations of packets, tins or homemade, sweet or savoury biscuits. These can be given to Dianne L, Diane K, Maureen T. Ruby N. (Not to Barbara W as the temptation might just be too much) Thank you in anticipation.

Items for the raffle including the hamper, books, nearly new, bric-a-brac, bottle stall and other tombolas also needed.

Angela D.

**Men's fellowship** are once again having a **bottle stall** at the Christmas faye, and would be appreciative of any donation of bottles, from children's drinks ,to adult, drinks ,or a bottle of sauce, to a bottle of wine.

Many thanks.

Paul Tayler

**Soft cuddly toys/teddy bears** needed for a Tombola Stall.

Mari Wheatley

We will be at the hall from 6pm on the Friday evening for donations and help with setting up for the Fayre. . .

**Do you enjoy decorating the Christmas tree,**

would you like to decorate the one in St Paul's??

We are looking for volunteers to decorate the tree in time for Advent.

If you are interested please contact me

Diane K. 336420

**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.

### **The Mayor of Swindon is to officially open the new partition screen**

The Mayor of Swindon, Councillor Maureen Penny, will officially open the new partition screen at St Paul's during the Christmas Fayre at 11:30am on Saturday 25th November.

This gives us the opportunity to celebrate the recent refurbishment of the church and hall with the new floor and partition for the benefit of the community, and to thank Hills Group Ltd for a grant of £5,000 made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which is administered for Hills by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire.

Please do come and support the Christmas Fayre as we celebrate and raise funds for the church.

### **Advanced notice for Christmas**

I'm hoping that you see this notice before you begin to write out this year's Christmas cards, and I'm wondering if you would consider sending only ONE Christmas card to your friends at church, and donating what you save to a favourite charity? Of course, this is only a suggestion, and you may wish to follow your usual Christmas routine. However, for the past few years an increasing number of people have done just this, and will continue to do so this year.

The cards will be displayed in church... on the wire cross at St. Pauls', and somewhere appropriate at St. Tim's.

Wishing you God's peace as the build-up for Christmas begins. *Barbara W.*

### **Link Workers (formerly known as pastoral carers)**

Please note that, in line with the Bristol Diocesan Safe guarding Policy, all volunteers in the church have to agree and sign a job description of their role.

I have written a brief job description for Link Workers in consultation with your leader, Barbara Wilcox, who now has them to distribute. Please make sure you get one, keep one copy for yourself, and return the other signed one to me for countersigning and filing. Thank you.

Jenny Poole (Recruitment Officer)

### **St Timothy's – hot and cold news!**

**Hot news:** the fault in the church at St Timothy's has now been identified, parts are being ordered and are due to be fitted this coming Tuesday. In the meantime, we will rely on heating from the hall, supplemented with a fan heater in the church. We apologise for the delay, and look forward to heating being restored!

**Cold news:** And if that makes you feel a bit too warm, then there is good news that a new fridge-freezer has arrived in the kitchen. Thank you to those who kindly contributed towards the purchase.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 22nd November** - 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**