



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

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21st December, 2014

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Trudie and Andrew have Saturdays off. Please avoid contacting them at this time if possible.

Advent 4 - Joy

“You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.
He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High”
Luke 1:31-32

SERVICES - 21st December

St. Paul's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew Wigley
6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Revd. Trudie Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	Carols with Communion	Revd. Stuart Fisher
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Lectionary	2 Sam. 7: 1-11, 16	Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26
Readings: 21st December	Luke 1: 46b-55	Luke 2: 1-14

Christmas greetings from the Ministry team: We would like to wish everyone a blessed and Happy Christmas. Thank you for your support, and all that you do in the Dorcan church, and in the community and work place as we reach out to others. Thank you from us all for your kind Christmas gifts and cards of good wishes, and we pray for a peaceful and joyful Christmas for you, and your family and friends, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord – Immanuel. Happy Christmas!

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.**

United Services.

Our next two services will be united services with communion, details as follows. We look forward to worshipping together.

Sunday 28th December: 10:30am at St Timothy

Revds. Trudie & Andrew Wigley

Sunday 4th January: 10:30am at St Pauls

Rev. Stuart Fisher

A Christmas Blessing

God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.



Who are you going to invite? Please do think and pray about who you might invite to one of our Christmas services to share the good news which we celebrate at Christmas. There is something for everyone from the noisy crib service on Christmas eve to the traditional candlelight service of lessons and favourite carols **which is tonight!** Please personally invite someone you know to come with you to hear about the birth of Jesus – the Light of the world

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Christingle at St Timothy's this year. Derek returned to play for us, his comment was that the singing was the best he had heard during a Christingle service at St Tims and he has played for many. It was wonderful to see the Church so full - heart warming. The message of giving - and many presents were presented, The light of Christ in our lives represented in the Christingle, a joyous service beautifully lead - Thank you Trudie. The money raised for the Children's Society was a total of £135.13 - well done and Thank you. *Brenda Robinson*

For your prayers -

- Those who are bereaved, and for whom this time of year brings memories of loved ones who are missed
- For the events at the Army School in Pakistan and all the families who have lost children and loved ones
- For those who will come to our Christmas services, that they will see Jesus afresh, or for the first time, and want to find out more
- Those in our home town of Swindon who will find Christmas difficult, whether through loneliness, illness or financially
- For the setting up and arrangements of all those involved in Christmas Care, and for those with no home who will come
- For ourselves, that we will have the confidence to invite someone to one of our services to hear the good news at the heart of Christmas

A huge thank you for the faithful cake bakers who provided cakes for the Schools in our Parish. As always they were gratefully received , we also include a card thanking them for the Term's hard work and wishing them a Happy Christmas. Ray and I bumped into the Wanborough Teacher [in Dunelm], of the class who had done Christmas Unwrapped she went out of her way to thank us again for doing it and how much the children had enjoyed it. Small seeds sown.

Margaret Hylton

Christingle offering:

The offerings at our various Christingle Services across the Dorcan church this summer will be going to the Children's Society. The charity does an amazing job transforming the lives of Children and our generosity will enable them to continue in this work. Do take a look at their website to see the great work that they do with our young people

<http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>

Toy Services: Thank you to you all for your generosity in the toys you are offering in our various toy services across the Dorcan church this Christmas. The wrapped toys will be going to the Women's Aid and the unwrapped to the NSPCC, and they will bring joy and a smile to the children who will receive them so thank you!

CHAIR FUND UPDATE -

This week the Chair fund stands at £3567.

Keep up the good work.

Tony Prichard - Tel: 520734 e-mail tony@dorcanchurch.org.uk

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY.

St. Paul's - 8pm—midnight

bring food to share and whatever you want to drink.

Come and have family fun instead of sitting at home.

If you want to know what we get up to see me or phone

07756987198 or 01793 532849

let me know if you are thinking of coming

so I have some idea of numbers.

Margaret Hylton

New Year's Eve.

Last New Year John and I went along to the social evening at St Paul's that Margaret and Ray had organised. We had a great evening, fun and games, a quiz and food to share and music for dancing.

We would like to encourage others to come along and join in this time. If we can help with transport from home to St Paul's and home again after, please, just ask!

Angela Davidson

NB. The next notices will be published on Sunday 4th January.

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

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