



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

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30th November, 2014

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

“Arise! Shine! For your light arrives!

The splendour of the LORD shines on you!

² For, look, darkness covers the earth and deep darkness covers the nations,
but the LORD shines on you; his splendour appears over you.

³ Nations come to your light, kings to your bright light.

Isaiah 60:1-3

SERVICES - 30th November—Advent Sunday

St. Paul's

10.30am Advent United Service Revd Andrew Wigley
of Holy Communion

Sunday Club: Nathalie & Helen: Ignite: Hannah Vybe: Debs
Revd Trudie Wigley will be with our young people today in their groups

Service of Advent Prayer: All are invited to Holy Family Roman Catholic church for a service of advent prayer and reflection at 4pm this afternoon.

Lectionary Isa 64: 1-9 1 Cor 1: 3-9
Readings: 30th November Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 Mark 13: 24-37

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.

THIS WEEK— (Please see group leaders for details of Cell Groups)		
Monday 1st December	12 noon 1.30pm 2-4pm	Funeral of Marjorie Webb at Kingsdown (TW) Liden Christmas Unwrapped (St Tims) Covingham Christmas Unwrapped (St Pauls) Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
Tuesday 2nd December	8.00am 2.00pm	Swindon Churches Together prayer gathering Senior Citizens Christmas carol service (TW)
Wednesday 3rd December	9.00am 12 noon 1.30pm 2.15pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Horizons AGM: promoting wellbeing in the Eldene Community (AW) Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Funeral of Emily Hawkins at Kingsdown (AW)
Thursday 4th December	9.30am 1.30pm	Holy Communion at St Paul's (TW) Dorcan team to Wanborough Christmas Unwrapped
Saturday 6th December	9.30am	Diocesan Synod (TW)

SERVICES—7th December		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Barbara Wilcox Revd. Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Baptism & Toy Service	Revd. Stuart Fisher
<i>Welcome: Joy & Dennis , Teas: Janice & Shanice Sunday Club: tbc</i>		
St. Tim's	No Service	
Eldene	10.30am	Christingle & Toy Service Revd. Trudie Wigley

Marjorie Webb.
 Marjorie, who was a regular worshipper at St. Timothy's for many years, until she moved to Fitzwarren House, passed peacefully away on Thursday 13th November. Many of you will remember Marjorie, a lovely lady with a kind word and welcoming smile for everyone.
 Her funeral will be held at Kingsdown Crematorium at 12noon on Monday 1st December and all are welcome to come. The family would like to extend a warm invitation to a gathering immediately after the service at Fizwarren House.

For your prayers -

- For those who find this time of year difficult for many different reasons.
- For chaplains throughout the town who share the compassion of Jesus with others: in the hospital, businesses, police force, colleges, residential homes
- For “Christmas Unwrapped”. Please pray for those who help make this happen and the children from our local schools who will hear the Christmas story.
- For ourselves, that this Advent may be a time of reflection and preparation to receive Jesus anew
- For ourselves, and the confidence to proclaim Jesus as our king

Welfare funding: The government is currently consulting on how local welfare provision should be funded in 2015 to 2016, and is looking at ceasing emergency hardship funding. This will severely affect the vulnerable in our society who are already struggling with the changes in the benefits systems. Over 3,000 people in Swindon have had the need to access this hardship funding over the last year.

If you share this concern then please consider writing to our MPs Robert Buckland and Justin Tomlinson. Trudie has a letter that has been sent by a number of the Swindon clergy if you would like some suggested wording.

Thanks to Francis: On 25th January 2004 a new name appeared on the Dorcan Church music rota. Ever since, Francis has been playing regularly at our services. However, following some recent eyesight problems he has now asked to stand down from playing. This Sunday is Francis’s last regular service on our organ stool, at least for the time being. Francis, we are extremely thankful for all the playing you have done for us over these 10+ years, not only at our regular services but also at a considerable number of weddings and funerals. We are grateful for your willingness to play at our different worship centres and for covering many gaps in our music rota. We shall very much miss your energetic and enthusiastic playing, and our grateful thanks and best wishes go to you and Janet.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who sponsored me for Children in Need. At the moment I have raised well over £500. I would be grateful for any outstanding monies as soon as possible.
Ben Mulcock

CAROL SINGING

Our Cell Group is going to sing carols at Edgehill Nursing Home once again this year and we would like to invite any members of the congregation, both young and old, to come along and join us on Thursday December 11th at 6.30pm. Meet in the car park at 6.20pm. Colleen & Jenny

THRESHOLD SLEEPOUT

Chris and Clare Rose will be taking part again in the sleepout to raise money for Threshold Housing Link on Friday 5th December (over night). Should anyone wish to sponsor them please contact Chris or add name to form available.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY.

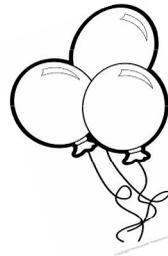
St. Paul's - 8pm—midnight

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.

Let me know if you are thinking of coming so I have some idea of numbers. *Margaret H*



What a wonderful lot of shoe boxes we had this year at all 3 centres. Thanks to all who contributed in any way—knitting, checking, paying for transport etc. Thanks also to Colin and Richard and Gunhild for taking them to Dixon St.

I can just imagine the excitement of all the youngsters as they are told they will be receiving them and the anticipation of waiting for the vans to arrive to deliver them and for them to be allowed to open them?

Last year I heard of a couple of twins who each lovingly filled their shoe boxes and sent them off, with their photos inside. The twins at the other country who received them were sitting in different classes and received a shoe box each, only to find that a set of twins had filled them for them. Only our heavenly father could have arranged that!

The children are given a Christian booklet and invited to join a course named the greatest journey and when they complete that, then they receive a bible in their own language. *Christine Parsons*

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)