



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



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing"
Romans 15:13

Services Sunday 4th December 2016

St. Paul's

10.30am	United Service of Holy Communion	Rev'ds Trudie Wigley & Andrew Wigley
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This morning we warmly welcome Sherryl Bareham,
Head Teacher at Dorcan Academy, to our worship.
We look forward to getting to know her and sharing with her.

During communion there will be an opportunity to receive the ministry of prayer for yourself and others

There will be **no** tea and Praise this afternoon at 4pm

This morning Paul Tayler is at Stanton supporting the Anglican deanery, and Colin Parsons is at Christ Church, Marlborough, and Alex Scott is at Central Church supporting the 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.

What's on this week - Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.		
Monday 5th December	AM 2-4pm	Eldene Christmas unwrapped at St Tims Monday Club at St. Tim's
Tuesday 6th December	AM PM 2.00pm	Liden Christmas unwrapped, St Tims Liden Christmas unwrapped, St Tims Senior citizens Christmas service, St Pauls
Wednesday 7th December	8.45am 9.00am 1.30pm	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! At St Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 8th December	9.30am AM AM PM Eve	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Nythe Christmas unwrapped, St Pauls Clergy chapter at St Barnabus Covingham Christmas assembly Circuit meeting
Friday 9th December	AM	Nylands Christmas unwrapped at school

Toy Services next week at both St Pauls and St Tim's:

Next week we will be making our offering of toys to those in need and thank you for supporting this act of love for others. Wrapped toys will be given to Women's Aid (please remember to mark on the outside the gender and age the toy is suitable for) and unwrapped toys will go to the NSPCC.

Presents for the mums being helped by the Women's Aid are also welcome, including toiletries, and they will be given to them.

Thank you for your generosity – these gifts will brighten up the Christmas for many women and children.

SERVICES 11th December		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Advent Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	All Age Toy Service	Neil Marshall
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Welcome: <i>Dennis & Joy</i> , Teas: <i>Jean & Joan</i> , Sunday Club: tba		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Christingle, Toy Service & Parade	Rev'd Stuart Fisher

Thursday mid-week communion: the last communion before Christmas will be on Thursday 15th December at St Pauls, and we will recommence this weekly worship on Thursday 5th January at St Tim's.

TODAY! Christmas Cards for the parish – please take to distribute!

We have a lovely Christmas card available today which invites those in our community to come and join us at our Christmas services and to hear about the Good News of Jesus' coming.

If we are to reach as many in the parish as possible, then everybody is needed to take their part. On the table as you leave there are piles of cards as well as a list of road names of each street in the parish. Please put your name by which streets you feel able to deliver to and take a bundle of cards. Some of us may be able to deliver to many streets, others perhaps just our own, yet every contribution helps, so please do take some cards and deliver near you!

More will be available from Jackie in the office from Wednesday this week, together with the road list, so please do pop in for more! *Thank you.*

For your prayers:

- Ourselves that we may journey this Advent ever watchful and awake to Jesus
- For the depot and staff at Dorcan Royal Mail as they enter their busy time
- For our primary schools as they visit us for Christmas unwrapped and hear the good news of Jesus' birth
- For Dorcan Academy, and particularly Sherryl Bareham and the team in their leadership
- For our Christmas preparations as a church, and that God will stir people to come to our services and hear the story afresh
- For all those who are in need of God's healing and peace at this time
- For those who are bereaved, having lost loved ones.

New crèche: We are starting a creche during the 10.30 service at St Paul in the very near future. If you would like to be involved in this and join the helper's rota, please speak to Sue Morgans, Jan Shellard or Nikki Clinch. Thank you!

Cakes needed for the Schools next week. If you are able to supply any please let Margaret Hylton have them by next Sunday - 11th December.

Christmas Music Group

The first meeting of our Christmas music / singing group is this Wednesday from 7:30pm at St Paul's Church Centre. The purpose is to work together with a view to providing music to help lead worship during Christmas services. There will be two more get togethers on Wednesday 14th December and Wednesday 21st December. It is not compulsory to attend all three weeks. If you are not free for this Wednesday, 7th December, please don't let that stop you coming the following weeks. Everyone is welcome to come and join in. Enthusiasm is more important than exams and experience! For more details, please speak to Dave Jones.



New Years Eve Church Party

Family fun, bring and share food and whatever drink you want to drink
St Pauls Hall 8pm till 12.



Contact Margaret Hylton on 532849

“Creating Connections”:

The second issue of the Diocese “Creating Connections” newsletter has just been published. Do take a copy and have a look at some of the activities going on across the Bristol Diocese as part of “Creating Connections” and prioritising making disciples, growing leaders and engaging younger gener-

Men's Fellowship Group - Meal out on Tuesday 13th December
- All orders for food should be with Paul Tayler by the 6th December please.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 8th December
Tel: 695698 or e.mail anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail

Future dates for the diary as at December 2016

Saturday 3rd December 2016

Bristol Diocesan Synod

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th January 2017

Lay Ministers conference at Brunel Manor in Torquay

Saturday 31st December

New Year's Eve Party at St. Paul's 8.00 - 12.00pm

Sunday 5th February 2017

The Very Rev Dr David Hoyle Dean of Bristol Cathedral preaching at
St Paul's

Thursday 23rd February 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Peter's, Penhill

18th/19th March

Flower Festival in celebration of 40th anniversary of the
opening of St Timothy's.

10:30am Sunday 19th March service led by
Revd Hilary Cooke

Sunday 2nd April 2017

United Service of Holy Communion at 10am followed by AGM at
11.15am

Wednesday 26th April 2017

"Creating Connections" Diocesan conference

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Diocesan Visitation 7.30pm at Christ Church

13th - 22nd June 2017

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - further details from Paul Taylor

Thursday 15th June 2017

7pm Confirmation for Dorcan and West Swindon Ecumenical
Partnerships at Toothill Church

Tuesday 20th June 2017

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Mark's