



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

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 14th December, 2014

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

Advent 3

“Among you stands one you do not know.
 He is the one who comes after me,
 the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie”
 John 1:26-27

SERVICES - 14th December

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Paul Taylor and Revd. Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Taylor
6.00pm	Guides Carol Service	Revd. Andrew Wigley

St. Tim's

10.30am	Christingle, Toy Service & Parade	Revd. Trudie Wigley
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Eldene

10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott
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Lectionary	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11	1 Thess 5: 16-24
Readings: 14th December	Ps. 126 or Luke 1: 46b-55	John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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 15th December	2-4pm Evening	Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's Dorcan Academy Christmas Concert (AW)
Tuesday 16th December	9.30am Evening	Eldene School Christmas unwrapped at St Tim's (TW) Men's Fellowship meet for a meal out.
Wednesday 17th December	9.00am 1.30pm 15.15pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's Funeral of John Thwaites at West Wiltshire Crematorium
Thursday 18th December	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am	Covingham Park School Christmas service at St Paul's (TW) Liden School Christmas service at St Tims (Hanna Mulcock) Morning Worship in the Vestry, (Paul Taylor)

SERVICES —21st December—Advent 4		
St. Paul's		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew Wigley
6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Revd. Trudie Wigley
<i>Welcome: Cell Group, Teas: Cell Group</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30pm	Carols with Communion	Revd. Stuart Fisher
Eldene	No Service	

Who are you going to invite?

Over the next week, 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 to the traditional candlelight service of lessons and favourite carols.

Please do take one of the flyers and pray about who you might personally invite to come to hear about the birth of Jesus – the Light of the world.

Music practice for the carol service:

A group of us are getting together to practise some of the carols (and descants!) for the carol service. We are meeting at 8pm at St Tim's on Thursday 18th December and we'd love you to join us.

Please do just turn up but if you are able to tell us you are coming then it helps with music.

See you there. Dave Jones/Nathalie Marshall/Trudie Wigley

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!

Mavis would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes. She is now making very good progress.

Dorcan Church Walkers held their last walk before Christmas on Sunday 7th December. We all assembled opposite the Parklands Hotel at Ogbourne St. George at 2.00pm. Though the weather in the morning was wet and miserable, the afternoon, though cold, turned out to be really sunny and all enjoyed a circular three and a half mile walk in the surrounding countryside.

We returned to the cars for fruit cake, stolen, mince pies and hot mulled wine.

Marion Lovell was a regular walker with our group for many years, and all present raised their glasses to her just as the sun was setting. It was a very special moment.

Richard Bailey

Volunteers needed

The Barnardo's charity shop in Cavendish square are appealing for help: if you can spare a few hours please contact Jody or Rachel tel. 616659.

Brenda Fisher

CAKES WANTED to be taken into Schools in our Parish to thank the Teachers for all their hard work this Term. Please bring them to St.Pauls and St.Tims next Sunday Dec.14th .

Over the last couple of weeks we have done Christmas Unwrapped and are thrilled that 200 more children know the real Christmas Story. -that the reason for the season is Jesus !

Margaret & Leila

For your prayers -

- Those who are bereaved, especially the family and friends of Marion Lovell and John Thwaites at this time
- For tension across the world in its various forms
- Those in our home town of Swindon and beyond who are finding the run up to Christmas difficult, whether financially, emotionally or through illness
- 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

Advance notice - Tiny Tots—last week before Christmas is Dec.17th. St. Paul's resume on the 7th January and St. Tim's will re-start on January 14th at 1.30pm.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas.

We have decided not to send Christmas cards to our friends at church, but for every card we receive we will donate a tin of beans or tomatoes to the Big Breakfast Plus.

God Bless you all, love *Marie & Eric Wheatley*

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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

Chair Fund

At last week's Christmas Fayre several chairs were displayed as possible replacements for the chairs at St. Timothy's and St. Paul's .

The Chair fund currently stands at £3438.00 with at least another £2000.00 promised.

The ECC has agreed that we should aim for around 150 chairs at approximately £80 each. This means that we have already raised enough for about half the number required!



To help raise the balance you can contribute in one of the following ways:

- Cash in a donation envelope available in St. Paul's and St. Timothy's marked 'Chair Fund'
- By cheque payable to ' The Dorcan Church' and endorsed on the back 'Chair Fund'
- By BACS transfer to Co-operative Bank Account -
The Dorcan Church, Sort Code 08-92-99,
a/c no. 65312775 using the reference 'Chair Fund'
- By making on line purchases through 'Easy Fundraising'
- By making a donation when you sell on ebay through the PayPal Giving Fund.
- By cash in a donation envelope.
- By text: 'DCFA14 £5' to 70070 to donate £5

Your donation will go into a restricted fund which will only be used for the purchase of chairs unless the fund is oversubscribed when any surplus will go into the General Fund.

CHAIR FUND UPDATE -

*The Chair fund now stands at £3532. Keep up the good work.
Tony Prichard - Tel: 520734 e-mail tony@dorcanchurch.org.uk*

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **18th December**

Tel: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk

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