



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
 www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
 7th December, 2014

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

Advent 1

“The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
 I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
 I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise with the Holy Spirit”
 Mark 1:7-8

SERVICES - 7th December—Advent 1		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Barbara Wilcox & Revd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Baptism & Toy Service	Revd. Stuart Fisher
We welcome Michael, Natalie & Harriet Fowler with their family and friends, for the baptism of Thomas.		
St. Tim's	No Service	
Eldene	Christingle and toy service	The Revd Trudie Wigley
This morning Paul Taylor is at Stanton and The Revd Andrew Wigley is at Queens Drive		
Lectionary	Isaiah 40: 1-11	2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Readings: 7th December	Ps.85: 1-2, 8-13	Mark 1: 1-8
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 8th December	1.30pm 2-4pm	Nythe School Christmas unwrapped at St Paul's (TW) Scrabble & Dominoes at St. Tim's
Tuesday 9th December	9.30am	Eldene School Christmas unwrapped at St Tim's (TW)
Wednesday 10th December	9.00am 1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thursday 11th December	9.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion at St Timothy's (AW) Carol singing at Edgehill Care home
Friday 12th December	9.45am	Nythe pre-school Christingle (TW)
Saturday 13th December	11.00am	Service of thanksgiving for the life of Marion Lovell at St Paul's (SF)

Reminder— THE FRIDAY CLUB meet for lunch on Friday 12th December at the White Hart, Stratton, at 12.30pm

SERVICES—14th December		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Paul Taylor & Revd Trudie Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
<i>Welcome: John & Joan, Teas: Rosemary & Amy:</i>		
6.00pm	Guides' Carol Service	Revd. Andrew Wigley
St. Tim's 10.30pm	Toy Service, Christingle & Parade	Revd. Trudie Wigley
Eldene		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Alex Scott

Marion Lovell:

We are sorry to share the sad news that Marion Lovell died early on Tuesday morning, having taken ill a few days earlier. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Marion's life at St Paul's on Saturday 13th December at 11 am, followed by refreshments, to which all are invited.

The family are attending a private Committal Service prior to that. Please continue to hold daughter Sue, son Steven, brother Roger and their family and friends in your prayers.

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!

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/>

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

A huge THANK YOU to everyone, involved with the Christmas Fayre, in whatever shape or form - we raised over£1300

The items left were distributed to various charities across the town, the books to 3 charities in Gorse Hill, most of the White Elephant to Restore (sister to Foodbank) and some craft items for a stall raising funds for Breakfast Club

Many thanks, *Diane*

I would like to thank the church for the gift and card with nice sentiments I received last Sunday which as you know was my last day on the organ stool. Andrew did give me the opportunity to say a few words on that occasion but I was very conscious of the clock ticking and didn't want to prolong proceedings. However please accept my grateful thanks! Janet was also delighted with the roses and sends her thanks.

Francis May

For your prayers -

- For those who are bereaved, especially the family and friends of Marjorie Webb and Marion Lovell at this time
- For all those who are unwell, thinking particularly of a number of our church family in hospital
- For the various events with schools over the next few weeks including Christmas unwrapped, carol services and Christmas assemblies
- For those working hard in delivering our letters, cards and parcels at this busy time of year. We particularly think of the Royal Mail depot in our parish.
- For ourselves, that this Advent may be a time of reflection and preparation to receive Jesus anew

Advance notice - Tiny Tots—last week before Christmas is Dec.17th and we resume Jan.7th .

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



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 532849

let me know if you are thinking of coming

so I have some idea of numbers.

Margaret Hylton



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.

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

For your diaries -

Thursday 11th December: Carol singing at Edgehill Care home 6:30pm

Sunday 14th December: Christingle parade and Toy service 10:30 St Tim's

Sunday 21st December:

Carols and Christmas Communion 10:30 St Tim's;

Carol Service 6pm St Paul's

Wednesday 24th December:

Crib Service & Christingle 4pm St Pauls;

Christmas Communion 11:30pm St Pauls

Thursday 25th December: Christmas communion 9am St Paul's; Christmas all age celebration 10:30 St Pauls

Sunday 28th December: United Christmas Communion 10:30 at St Tims

Wednesday 31st December: New Year's Eve Party –

Ray & Margaret Hylton

Sunday 4th January 2015: Epiphany United Communion 10:30 St Pauls

Sunday 18 January 2015: Covenant Sunday across all 4 services

Sunday 15th February 2015: Launch of Lent courses, including lunch

Saturday 28th February 2015: Bristol Diocesan Synod

Mon 13th July 2015: Dorcan church is hosting the deanery ecumenical confirmation at St Paul's in the evening.

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

Anna Newman by **11th December**

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