



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

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 8th Dec. 2013

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*Beth has Fridays off - Andrew has Saturdays off.  
 Please avoid contacting them at these times if possible.*

## **SERVICES - 8th December—Advent 2**

### **St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Morning Worship & Toy Service	Neil Marshall

*(Sunday Club—All age)*

### **St Tim's**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
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### **Eldene**

10.30am	Christingle/Toy Service	Andrew Wigley
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### **Lectionary Readings 8th December**

Isaiah 11: 1-10  
 Psalm 72: 1-19

Rom. 15: 4-13  
 Matt. 3: 1-12

**The Christmas shoe boxes** did very well this year and are going to Romania Ukraine and Belarus. I am sure the very poor children they going to will be delighted with what has been so generously given. *Jean Gasson*

**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.**

**SERVICES—15th December—Advent 3****St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Beth Brown

10.30am Morning Worship Alex Scott

*Welcome: Anna & Brian, Teas: Hazel & Alison, (Sunday Club—Jo Kirkland, Niki Thompson)***4.00pm** Contemporary Worship Service Andrew Wigley**6.00pm** Guides' Carol Service Andrew Wigley**St. Tim's**10.30am Christingle, Parade  
And Toy Service Stuart Fisher**Eldene**

10.30am Morning Worship Beth Brown

**Please note** that the Contemporary Worship Service at St. Paul's next week will start promptly at **4.00pm** to allow time for the preparation of the Guide's Carol Service.**NEXT WEEK** - Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders.Mon. 9th Dec. 2-4pm Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's  
7.30pm Fellowship and Bible Study at Thorne Rd. EldeneTues. 10th Dec. 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Tim's  
7.30pm Cell Group - Fitzmaurice Close, CovinghamWeds. 11th Dec. 9.30am Tiny Tots at St. Paul's  
1.30pm Tiny Tots at St. Tim's  
10.45am Cell Group - Ravenscoft, Covingham  
7.30pm Cell Group - Tregantle Walk, Nythe.Thurs. 12th Dec. 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Paul's.  
5.55pm Carol Singing at Edgehill (see sep. Notice)  
7.30pm Cell Group - Austen Crescent, Liden  
7.30pm Cell Group - White Edge Moor, Liden  
7.45pm Cell Group - Sutton Road, Eldene`

Sat 14th 7.30pm Carol Singing in the Liden Arms (see sep. notice)

Lee Abbey- 4-6 April 2014 If you have booked a place the deposits are now due, I need your cheque for £50 per person, payable to Lee Abbey. They can be posted to Brenda Fisher, 30 Blakeney Ave, Nythe Swindon, SN3 3NL. If anyone would like to go on a reserve list please let me know.

### **VACANCY UPDATE New Anglican Priest in Charge for Dorcan**

We are pleased to confirm the news announced at services last Sunday. This is that following the interviews on 25th November, Rev Trudie Wigley has been selected to become our new Priest-in-Charge.

At the moment, as many of you will know, Trudie is a curate at Christ Church. The agreement is that she will continue in that role until Easter next year and then move across to Dorcan (exact date still to be decided). We warmly welcome Trudie as she comes to share with Andrew, our Methodist Minister, and others in our ministry team in leading our church forward into the next stage of its journey with the Lord.

Please join with us in welcoming and praying for Trudie.

- Pete Mulcock (on behalf of the Dorcan reps on the interview panel).

### **Note of Thanks.**

Grateful thanks are extended to our representatives in the vacancy process, Viv Craig, Barbara Wilcox, Neil Marshall and Pete Mulcock, for their integrity, diligence, and attention to detail in confidentiality, and their prayerful deliberations. Thanks are also expressed to those who worked on the parish profile, (seems so long ago now) the original paper group, Mick Fry's pictures, and computer knowledge.

We acknowledge with thanks our ministers' support, and the leading of worship, during this period, to everyone who has played some part within this process. We now look forward to Trudie's arrival and this new chapter in the life of our parish.

- Diane Killick (on behalf of the Church Wardens)

**A message from The Revd Trudie Wigley:** *I am delighted to have been chosen to come and serve at the Dorcan Church and I feel very blessed to have been offered this opportunity. Thank you all! I am looking forward to all that God has in store for us and to joining you around Easter time. You will continue to be in my prayers, particularly over the next few months as we hold on just a little longer, and your prayers would be appreciated for Christ Church as I say goodbye, and for myself, Andrew, Ben and Grace as we look forward with excitement at being together with you.*

*With my love and every blessing.*

*Trudie*

**Cakes wanted for next Sunday Dec.15th** for local School teachers to show the Church cares. Would love to hear from you if you are able to bake for us. We as the Dorcan Church will have about 240 children coming to St.Paul's and St.Tim's over 2 weeks to teach them the REAL Christmas story.

**New Years Party** Dec 31st 8pm--12pm.

Ray and I are holding a party for every member of the family. Please come— we will feel silly in the hall on own, bring and share supper and whatever you want to drink , we will do tea and coffee. Let us know if you are interested so we have an idea of numbers. Tel.532849 Thanks *Margaret*

In celebration of our giving this Christmas, **The Christingle, Toy and Parade Services** for the Dorcan Parish are to be held as below.

8th December

St Pauls Covingham - Presentation of gifts and Toys 10.30am

Eldene Church - Christingle Service and presentation of Gift and Toys 10.30am

15th December

St Tims A Combined Parade; Christingle; Toys and Gift ;  
and Presentation of gifts and Toys 10.30am

St Pauls Covingham 'Guides Carols' at 6pm

24th December Tues (Christmas Eve)

St Pauls There will be a Christingle + Crib Service at 4pm  
(with children dressing up in costumes)

We warmly welcome everyone to join any of the services in celebration this Christmas. Wrapped gifts for mums or wrapped toy's will be given with our love to the Swindon Women's Aid (formally the women's refuge) please mark the gift or toy with boy/girl and the approximate age the toy will be suitable for. The toys which are presented unwrapped will be given to the local NSPCC. All the toys or gifts are very much appreciated by both the Women's Aid and the NSPCC. Collections / Donations from ALL the Christingle services will go to 'The Children's Society.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support for these services. *Brenda Robinson*

**Dec 14th 7:30pm Carol singing in the Liden arms.** Children welcome. Let's give a big Dorcan Church welcome to the new owners. Contact Beth or Nathalie for more information. If anyone has a portable keyboard Dave could play on the occasion please also let us know. *Nathalie*

Once again a core group from two cell groups will be leading the **singing of carols** for the residents of **Edgehill Residential Home** in Liden. This is planned for **Thurs 12th Dec from 6pm.** Please come along - we meet in the car park at 5.55pm. *Beth*

**FRIDAY CLUB** meet again on Friday 20th Dec. at St. Paul's from 2-4pm. Apart from coffee/tea and chat there will be an opportunity to try some line dancing with Diane Killick and eat mince pies !

If you are meaning to enter our **photographic competition**, (subject FUN) please let me have your entries by the 13th December. (either printed or e.mailed). *Anna.*

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

**Anna Newman by Thursday 12th December**

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