

Keep the date: Open House at Tony & Cathy's, 23 Sedgebrook on Saturday 5th January. Call in between 10am and 4pm for light refreshments.

Make sure you have the 12th & 13th January in your new diaries
CATHY & TONY'S FAREWELL WEEKEND
 starts 7pm Saturday 12th, (see your warden for further details), and on Sunday 13th January Tony will lead his final service in the Dorcan Church at St Paul's

Date for your Diaries:- Thurs 20th Dec 6.30pm
 Carol Singing at Edgehill Residential Home, Liden.
 Please join us if you're able. Thanks *Beth*

Carols by Candle light, 6pm Sunday 23rd Dec at St Paul's. If anyone is interested in joining a small informal music group (singing or instrumentalist) please contact Nathalie ASAP. Due to other commitments we will only be getting together in the afternoon before the service on the Sunday, and possibly briefly on the Friday evening. All abilities welcome.
 Nathalie (Tel 421549)

The Thames Water Amateur Theatrical Society have been performing an annual pantomime at the Wyvern Theatre for the past 16 years, and have raised over £160,000 for local and national charities. This year, they are performing their own unique version of Snow White and the D.W.A.R.V.E.S. on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 January 2013, at 7.30pm. The charities being supported this year are WaterAid, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Tickets are £10 direct from the Wyvern Theatre, for any more information contact Jo Kirkland on 611580.
 It really is a great family show, please come along and support us!

NB—Next notices on the 16th December will be the last until the 6th January.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 13th December
 Tel: 695698 or Email: anagram673@hotmail.co.uk
 (please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
 www.dorcanchurch.org.uk
 9th December, 2012

Staff Team:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 826444
	Rev. Andrew Wigley	Tel: 523810

*Tony & Beth both have Fridays off - Andrew has Tuesdays and Saturdays off.
 Please avoid contacting them at these times if possible.*

SERVICES - 9th December—Advent 2

St. Paul's

8.45am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
10.30am	Toy Service	Andrew Wigley

(Sunday Tots - Lucy Curtis; Sunday Club – Jo Kirkland, Helen Newman)

St Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
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Eldene

10.30am	Christingle & Toy Service	Beth Brown
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Christmas Fayre

Many thanks to EVERYONE who contributed to the success of the Christmas Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many people attending such an enjoyable event, which raised over £1200. Special thanks are due to Diane and Clare all their helpers – we are all very grateful!

Lectionary Readings	Mal.3: 1-4	Phil. 1: 3-11
9th December	Luke 1: 68-79	Luke 3: 1-6

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 —Sunday 16th December—Advent 3		
St. Paul's		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
10.30am	Holy Communion	Beth Brown
<i>Welcome : Joan & John, Teas: Hazel & Allison (Sunday Tots: Lucy Curtis, Sunday Club: Joining Vybe for Christmas Party)</i>		
St. Tim's		
10.30am	Christingle Parade and Toy Service Cash Collection for Children's Soc.	Tony Knapp
Eldene		
10.30am	Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
St. Paul's 6.30pm	Guides' Carol Service	Tony Knapp

<u>NEXT WEEK</u> Normal weekly church and small group activities unless you are notified otherwise by group leaders		
Mon. 10th Dec.	2-4pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Scrabble & Dominos at St. Tim's Fellowship & Bible Study at Thorne Road, Eldene. Ministry Team meeting at Fairlawn, Liden
Tues. 11th Dec.	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Tim's Cell Group at Fitzmaurice Close, Covingham The Men's Fellowship Group will be going for a Christmas meal at the Messenger, Covingham
Wed 12th Dec.	9.30am 1.30pm	Tiny Tots at St. Paul's Tiny Tots at St. Tim's
Thurs. 13th Dec.	10.00am 1.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cell Group at Ravenscroft, Covingham Cell Group Meal – Sedgebrook, Liden Cell Group at Austen Crescent,

Christmas Unwrapped
Many thanks to Margaret and Leila, and to the wonderful teams of helpers at St Paul's and St Tim's, who worked so hard to bring the Christmas Story to life for all the children who visited our churches.

"Christmas Unwrapped" was well received by the children from Eldene and Liden Schools. It was unfortunate that one class from Liden School were unable to come, but there will be an opportunity for them to attend next year. Thanks are due to Tony and Beth for their input, to all who worked with the groups and also those who assisted in the preparation work (special thanks to Cathy for all she has done in the past and her help in making this year's boxes). All the sessions went smoothly, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves; they seemed to really engage with the Christmas Story.
Leila

Vacancy Development
After Tony retires in January, there will be a period of vacancy before a replacement Rector is appointed for the Dorcan Church. The Diocese has provided Melanie Griffiths as a consultant to help us discern the direction God is leading the Church. Melanie is keen to speak to church members – if you'd like to meet Melanie Melanie will be happy to meet you locally at a convenient time.

Cakes wanted please for the teachers of the local Schools to show we care and appreciate all their hard work.

Over the last 2 weeks the two Church Centres will have told the Christmas Story to nearly 300 Year 4 children and hopefully we have shown Gods love.

Please bring cakes on Sunday 16th. Many thanks Margaret Tel 532849

Toy Services will be held today at St Paul's and Eldene; and on 16th December at St Tim's. Unwrapped toys will be given to the local Swindon branch of the NSPCC. Wrapped toys should be marked 'boy/girl aged xx' or 'lady' (Containing toiletries). Wrapped toys/gifts will be given to the Women's Refuge.

Christingle Services
will be held today at Eldene, Sunday 16th December at St. Tim's and on Monday 24th December at St. Paul's (at 4pm)
Collections will be forwarded to the Children's Society.

St Paul's Christingle and Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm
We will be meeting at St Paul's at 9.30am on Christmas Eve to make up 150 Christingles for the 4.00pm service. If anybody can help please contact Brenda on 643949, or Cathy Knapp on 525130