



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



Version with corrected dates and times

Services Sunday 18th December 2016

St. Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
6.00pm	"Carols by Candlelight"	Rev'd Trudie Wigley & Rev'd Stuart Fisher

St. Tim's

10.30am	Carols and Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
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Christmas greetings from the Ministry team:

We would like to wish everyone a blessed and Happy Christmas.

Thank you for your support, and all that you do in the Dorcan church, the community and work places as we reach out to others and "Build God's house".

Thank you from us all for your kind Christmas cards of good wishes, and we pray for a peaceful and joyful Christmas for you, your family and friends, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Emmanuel – God is with us!

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the new year.

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 24th December - Christmas Eve !**St. Paul's**

4.00pm	Crib and Christingle Service	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
11.30pm	Midnight Christmas Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher

SERVICES 25th December - Christmas Day !**St. Paul's** (please note change of times !)

9.00am	Said Christmas Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
10.00am	All Age Christmas Celebration	Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *Chris*, Teas: *tbc*, Sunday Club: All age

SERVICES 1st January 2017 - New Year's Day !**St. Tim's**

10.30pm	United Service with Holy Communion	Rev'ds Trudie And Andrew Wigley
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SERVICES Sunday 8th January 2017 - Epiphany**St. Paul's**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.00am	All Age Worship With Baptism Welcome	Rev'd Trudie Wigley

Welcome: *John & Joan*, Teas: *Rosemary & Amy*, Sunday Club: All Age Service

4.00pm	Tea and Praise	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
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St. Tim's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Paul Tayler
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What's on - the next 3 weeks		
Monday 19th December	2-4pm	Monday Club at St. Tim's
Wednesday 21st December	9.15am 7.30pm	Breakfast with Santa (ticket event) Christmas Music Group rehearsal, St. Paul's
Thursday 22nd December	9.30am	NO Midweek Communion (next communion will be on the 5th January)
Friday 23rd December	9.30am	Christingle making, St. Paul's Hall Helpers Please !
Saturday 31st December	8.00pm - midnight	Bring & Share New Year's Eve Party, St. Paul's Hall
Wednesday 4th January	8.45am 9.00am	Tea, Toast, Talk, Today! At St Tim's Tiny Tots at St. Paul's NO Tiny Tots at St. Tim's - Starts next week
Thursday 5th January	9.30am	Midweek Communion at St. Tim's

Christmas Cards – A BIG thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped distribute Christmas Cards across the parish. We delivered a whopping 3,250 of them! This was a great effort and a great opportunity to invite those in our community to hear about the Good News of Jesus' coming. Thank you!

Offerings at Christmas Services:

ECC confirmed that we will support the following charities as a church at our special Christmas services. Thank you for your support of these causes.

Christingle Services at St Tim's and St Pauls:	Children's Society and Action for Children
Carols by Candlelight	Swindon Youth for Christ

**A Christmas poem
“On a Sunday”
By Ken Taylor**

That particular year
Christmas Day fell on a Sunday –
Sunday, itself a celebration,
The Day of Resurrection.

And there they were together –
the two great days
On which the Church is built;
It was quite a celebration!

Christmas and Easter,
Incarnation and Resurrection,
Twin truths about new life,
The great uniquely Christian mysteries,
The essence of our faith.

Incarnation is beyond my understanding
And so is Resurrection:

He was dead, really dead,
(they made sure of that),
Dead and buried,
A lifeless corpse....

And somehow
God raised him to life,
A new quality of life,
With a new kind of body,
And very much alive,
The beginning of a new creation!

I can't understand
Either Incarnation or Resurrection
But I believe them to be true:

That God is love,
Love incarnate in Christ,
Love far stronger than death.

This is my faith.
I don't understand,
How or why
But I believe it.

I stake my life on it.

CHRISTINGLE SEVICE. We will be making Christingles for the Christmas eve family service on Friday 23rd Dec. at 9.30am in the hall. If you can help please let me know. Many hands make light work, all ages welcome.

Sandra

Dear Friends,

I am really grateful for your support during my illness: your prayers every Sunday, lifts to and from the hospital, phone calls and visits, have helped me get through my treatment. For the first time in 5yrs I am off medication, my joints are stiff but this should ease in time.

Thank you all and I wish you all very happy Christmas and 2017.

Alan Christopher.



New Years Eve Church Party

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

Contact Margaret Hylton on 01793 532849 / 07756987198



All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by Thursday 8th January

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Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by e.mail