



St. Paul's Covingham  
St. Timothy's, Liden  
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20th December, 2015

*Transforming lives and communities  
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



**Mary's song of praise**  
*"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
And my spirit rejoices in God my saviour"*  
(Luke 1:36-47)

## SERVICES - 20th December

### St. Paul's

10.30am	Advent Morning Worship	Barbara Wilcox
6.00pm	United Carol Service	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

### St. Tim's

10.30am	Carols & Christmas Communion	Rev'd Trudie 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 – Immanuel. Happy Christmas!

Lectionary	Micah 5: 2-5a	Luke 1: 39-45
Readings	Hebrews 10: 5-10	

## 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.**

### What's on this week -

Small groups and Cell Groups - please keep in touch with your leaders for dates and venues. If you would like to join one, please speak to one of the Ministers or Church Wardens.

Monday 21st Dec.	11.00am	Funeral of Phyllis Cole at Whitworth NO Monday Club (see separate notice)
Wednesday 23rd Dec.	9.00am 9.30am 1.30pm	NO Tiny Tots at St Paul's <b>(Next - 6th Jan)</b> Making Christingles at St. Paul's (see sep.notice) NO Tiny Tots at St Tim's <b>(Next 13th Jan)</b>
Thursday 24th Dec.	4.00pm 11.30pm	Crib & Christingle service Christmas Midnight Communion
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.00am 10.00am	Said Christmas Communion All age worship
Saturday 26th Dec.		Boxing Day

**Monday Club at St. Tim's** is not meeting now until the 4th January, with lunch at 12.30pm. *Leila*

### **Carol Service 6pm Sunday 20th December**

Refreshments will be available after this service; we would appreciate donations of mince pies, and biscuits please. Many thanks *Diane*

### **Services for the next 2 weeks -**

#### **Christmas Eve - St. Paul's**

<b>4.00pm</b>	Crib & Christingle Service	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
<b>11.30pm</b>	Midnight Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley

#### **Christmas Day - St. Paul's**

<b>9.00am</b>	Said Holy Communion	Rev'd Trudie Wigley
<b>10.00am</b>	Christmas All-age Celebration	Rev'd Stuart Fisher

#### **Sunday 27th December - St. Tim's**

<b>10.30am</b>	United Holy Communion	Rev'ds Trudie and Andrew Wigley
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#### **Sunday 3rd January - St. Paul's**

<b>10.30am</b>	United Holy Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
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Welcome: *Hazel & Janice*, Teas: *Hazel & Alison*, Sunday Club: *Epiphany Party*

**Thursday mid-week communion:** our mid-week communion services will resume in the New year on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January at St Tim's.

***For your prayers:***

- ***For those who will come to our Christmas services,*** that they will see Jesus afresh, or for the first time, and want to find out more
- ***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
- ***Those in our home town of Swindon who will find Christmas difficult,*** whether through loneliness, illness or financially
- ***For Christmas Care,*** for the setting up and arrangements of all those involved, and for those with no home who will come
- ***Those who are bereaved,*** and for whom this time of year brings memories of loved ones who are missed

**It's not too late to invite someone to our Christmas services!**

Our carol service is tonight and we also look forward to our Christmas Eve and Christmas day services of celebration. A personal invitation can make a lot of difference so are you going to invite someone?

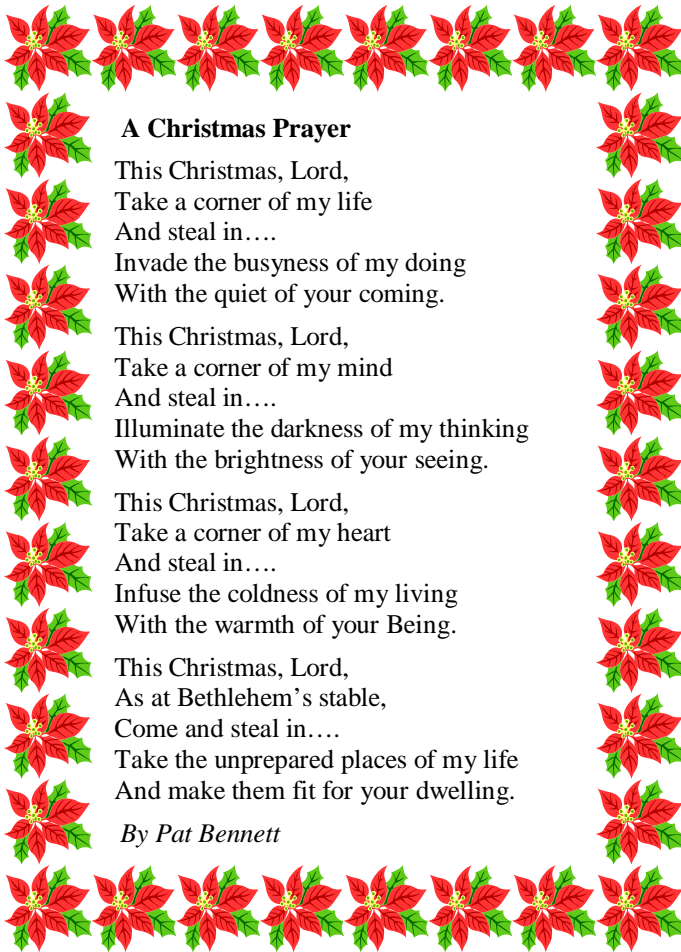
**Thank you** for the **cakes** given for the Local School Teachers

**AND** also for the **In School Teams** [from both Church Centres] for their hard work for sharing Christmas Unwrapped with over 200 children..

*Margaret H,*

**Thank you to everyone who was involved with the Christingle and toy service at Tims** last Sunday; thank you Trudi it was wonderful. It was lovely to see the Church so full we had people standing. Thank you to the girls who shared their Christmas preparation and gave a wonderful rendition of a new Christmas song. The service was fun with a serious message of sharing and giving. The service raised over £120 - just simply thank you. *Brenda R.*

**Next card class led by Claire** will be held Sat 9th Jan ,9.30am in the youth room. Please pay by Jan 3rd. Thanks, *Sandra*



### **A Christmas Prayer**

This Christmas, Lord,  
Take a corner of my life  
And steal in....  
Invade the busyness of my doing  
With the quiet of your coming.

This Christmas, Lord,  
Take a corner of my mind  
And steal in....  
Illuminate the darkness of my thinking  
With the brightness of your seeing.

This Christmas, Lord,  
Take a corner of my heart  
And steal in....  
Infuse the coldness of my living  
With the warmth of your Being.

This Christmas, Lord,  
As at Bethlehem's stable,  
Come and steal in....  
Take the unprepared places of my life  
And make them fit for your dwelling.

*By Pat Bennett*

**New Years Eve Party - Dec 31st 8pm - 12pm - at Paul's Centre**  
**Bring & share supper (and your own drinks) quiz, family games and dancing!**  
**All welcome for a fun family evening - let us know if you are coming-**  
**Margaret & Ray 532849**

PLEASE NOTE -

The next edition of the Notices will be published on the 3rd January.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to  
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(please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email)