



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

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 22nd Dec. 2013

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

**SERVICES - 22nd December**  
**Advent 4**



**St. Paul's**

8.45am	No Service	
10.30am	Holy Communion	Stuart Fisher
<i>(Sunday Club—Christmas Party with Vybe, Nathalie Marshall, Helen Newman)</i>		
<b>6.00pm</b>	Carol Service	Andrew Wigley
	Followed by refreshments with mince-pies	

**St Tim's**

10.30am	At Eldene	
<b>4.00pm</b>	Carol Service	Beth Brown

**Eldene**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Andrew Wigley
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**Lectionary Readings**  
**22nd December**

Isaiah 7: 10-16  
 Psalm 80: 1-19

Rom. 1: 1-7  
 Matt. 1: 18-25

**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.**

**Carol Service at St. Paul's**—6pm TODAY Sunday 22nd December  
This service promises to be a brilliant night, and refreshments will be served after the service. Donations of **Mincepies needed please.**  
Thanks. *Diane*

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

### **Tues. 24th Dec.** **St. Paul's**

**4.00pm** Christingle & Crib Service Andrew Wigley

**11.30 pm** Midnight Communion Beth Brown

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

**9.00am** Said Holy Communion Stuart Fisher

**10.00am** All Age Christmas Celebration Beth Brown

### **Sun. 29th Dec.** **St. Tim's**

**10.30am** United Holy Communion Andrew Wigley

## **NEXT TWO WEEKS -**

Please contact Group leaders for details of small group meetings.  
Scrabble and Dominoes at St. Tim's will re-start on 30th December.

## **SERVICES—5th January**

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

8.45am Covenant Service Andrew Wigley

10.30am Covenant Service Andrew Wigley

*Welcome: Joan & John, Teas: Rosemary & Amy*  
*(Sunday Club—JoKirkland, Helen Newman)*

### **St. Tim's**

10.30am Covenant Service Beth Brown

### **Eldene**

10.30am Covenant Service George Fleming

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services today.

**Thank you to all who supported the carol singing** at Edgehill on Thursday evening, which was much appreciated by the residents & staff, and at the Liden Arms on Saturday evening. Here approx. £40 was collected for Christmas Care

**Womens Aid and the NSPCC were overwhelmed** with the generosity of the gifts and toys given by the Dorcan church. They were very grateful and send their thanks. *Diane Killick*

All our children & youth groups would welcome extra leaders, but there is an **urgent need at Tiny Tots at St Timothy's**. We meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm - 3pm, with leaders setting up from 1pm & clearing up afterwards. This group is much appreciated by parents / carers & their children and is an excellent bridge between church and community. Please contact Beth to find out more.

### **Christmas Services**

Please think & pray about who you could ask to accompany you to one of the Christmas Services - family member(s), neighbour(s), work colleague(s)....?? The Carol Services on Sun Dec 22nd (4pm at St Timothy's; 6pm at St Paul's) would be good 'invitation services'; Crib & Christingle 4pm on Christmas Eve at St. Paul's will be particularly suitable for those with children. Children can arrive in nativity costumes or borrow a costume when they arrive at church. *Beth*

### **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*

**Thank you** to all who made the Christingle and Toy service at St Tim's a success. Thank you to every one who helped with the organisation and to Stuart for leading and making the service very enjoyable. A total of £88 was raised which will be forwarded to the Children's Society shortly. Please can I ask for those who hold a Children's society collection box to bring them to Church in January for the annual opening. Many Thanks Brenda Robinson

### **Card Class**

The next card making class led by Claire will be 11th Jan. 2014 at St. Paul's in the back room, 9.30am till 12.30pm. Cost - £9, by 5th Jan. You can book on Swindon 638593. Thank you. *Sandra*

We have a '**Just Text Giving**' account to help with our fundraising. At the moment there is just a general appeal but we can run up to ten for different campaigns. We can ask visitors who don't have cash on them to text 'DCFA14 £5 to 70070' in order to donate £5 to our funds. More details are available from Tony Prichard Tel: 520734

**Remember Rev. Hilary Cooke** and her 'Tales from the Toybox'. She has written some short stories, poetry and a novel all of which can be viewed on her website. <http://hilaryswords.wordpress.com>

**Uganda Link Visitors.** Plans are progressing to bring several people to visit us in the Swindon Deanery. We need to raise funds to facilitate this and other churches in the Deanery have pledged just over £2,000. Look out for some fundraising in the new Year. *Tony Prichard*

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

**Anna Newman by Thursday 2nd January**

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