



St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
Eldene Church
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20th, 27th December, 2009
and 3rd January, 2010

Ministers:	Rev. Tony Knapp	Tel: 525130
	Rev. Derek Collins	Tel: 523810
	Rev. Beth Brown	Tel: 747926

Please avoid contacting Ministers on their days off:- Derek - Mon: Tony - Friday: Beth - Mon/Fri

SERVICES - 20th. December

St. Paul's

8.45 am.	No Service	
10.30 am.	Holy Communion	Derek Collins

Refreshments after this service – please stay if you can.

6.30 pm.	Carols by Candlelight	Tony Knapp
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St. Tim's

10.30am.	At Eldene	
4.00 pm.	Carols by Candlelight	Beth Brown

Eldene

10.30am.	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp & Edward Pilkington
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LECTIONARY READINGS:	Micah 5: 2-5a	Heb 10: 5-10
20 th . Dec.	Ps 80: 1-7	Luke 1: 39-45

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 – 20th. December		
St. Paul's		
8.45 am	No Service	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Derek Collins
<i>Welcome: Marilyn & John Stott , Teas: Jo & Stan Akhurst , Crèche: Helen Newman</i>		
6.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight	Tony Knapp
St. Tim's		
10.30 am	At Eldene	
4.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	
Eldene		
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Tony Knapp
Special Christmas Services		
Christmas Eve		
St. Paul's	3.00 pm	Nativity Service Tony, Derek & Beth.
	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day		
St. Timothy's	8.45 am	Christmas Morning Communion Derek Collins
St. Paul's	10.00 am	Christmas Celebration Tony Knapp & Beth Brown
Services - 27th December		
St. Paul's		
8.45 am/ 10.30 am	No service	
St. Tim's		
10.30 am	United All age service with Holy Communion	Tony Knapp & Beth Brown
Eldene		
10.30 am.	No Service	
Services - 3rd. January		

St. Paul's

8.45 am. No Service

10.30 am United Covenant Service Derek Collins
With Holy Communion

Welcome: Dennis G./ Carole B. Teas: Jenny Collins. Crèche:

St. Tim's

10.30 am At St. Paul's

Eldene

10.30 am At St. Paul's

Next few weeks

Wed. 30th. Dec. **NO** Holy Communion at St. Tim's

Thu. 31st. Dec. **NO** Holy Communion at St. Paul's

No Cell Groups or Tiny Tots until the week beginning 4th. January

Tue. 5th. Jan. 1.45 pm. Tiny Tots at St. Paul's

Wed. 6th. Jan. 10.00 am. Holy Communion at St. Tim's
1.45 pm. Tiny Tots at St. Tim's

Thu. 7th. January 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Paul's

To All our Church Family

Thank you for your cards and good wishes for Christmas. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and God's blessings in the New Year.

Tony, Cathy, Derek, Jenny and Beth

Liden Arms Carol Singing

A big thank you and a Happy Christmas to everyone who supported this enjoyable event last week.

Toys for the NSPCC

The unwrapped toys from the Toy Services in Dorcan have been taken to the NSPCC office in Victoria Road. They will be taken to the Penhill Family Centre where they will make a very welcome addition to the facilities available for the children there.

The NSPCC staff asked me to thank all who donated the toys and wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Thank you everyone for your support.

Colin Parsons

We would like to thank everyone for all your support and kind wishes recently during Malcolm's illness. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Pauline Bates*

Christmas Eve Nativity Service

A rehearsal for those taking part will be held at 1.00pm and the Service will start at 3.00pm. The Mayor of Swindon is due to attend this service.

In January, we as a church will begin an initiative that came from one of our Cell groups. We aim to systematically pray for all the roads in the Dorcan Parish, beginning with Covingham, then extending to Nythe, Eldene and Liden.

This will be quite a mammoth task, as we only intend to pray for a few roads at a time, on the third Sunday in each month. The residents of the roads we'll be praying for will receive letters to that effect, with an invitation to join us if they wish... but this isn't specifically aimed at getting folk into church. What we are praying for is a pouring out of God's Holy Spirit upon our neighbourhood, so that folk will recognise God for who He is.

This is where you come in... we think we have all the ends tied up, but obviously, until we begin, we won't quite know how it will pan out. So it would be wonderful if you could remember this initiative in your prayers? There are also a few more practical needs. As we don't wish to be a financial burden on the church resources, donations of new envelopes would be greatly appreciated. Also, as and when it's the turn of your road to be prayed for, if you could offer to deliver some letters, that would be most helpful.

Please speak to me if you wish to know more, or if you can offer help in any way.

Many thanks, *Barbara Wilcox*

-- For Your Diaries --

The Immanuel Dramatic Society, with the Estelle School of Dance will present "**Cinderella**" at the Church Hall in Upham Road from 15th - 23rd January 2010 at 7.30pm. Matinees will be held on both Saturdays (16th and 23rd) at 2.30pm.

Adult tickets cost £6.00: children and concessions £5. Please phone the Box Office for tickets (01793 531710)

NEXT NOTICES will be on 10th January, 2010

All items for inclusion in next week's notices should be sent to Anna Newman by Thursday 7th. January 2010
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