



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



*“And she gave birth to her firstborn son  
and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no place for them in the inn”  
Luke 2:7*

**Services this week - All at St. Paul's**

**23rd December - 4th Sunday of Advent**

8.45am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew Wigley
6.00pm	United Carol Service By Candlelight	Revd Trudie Wigley and Revd Rob Smith

**24th December - Christmas Eve**

4.00pm	Crib & Christingle Service	Everyone !
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Rev'd Rob Smith

**25th December - Christmas Day !**

9.00am	Said Christmas Communion	Rev'd Stuart Fisher
10.00am	Christmas All-Age Service	Rev'd Trudie Wigley

**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 -(continued)****30th December - 1st Sunday of Christmas****St. Tim's**

10.30am United Christmas Communion Revds Trudie &amp; Andrew Wigley

**6th January 2019 - Epiphany****St. Paul's**

10.30pm United Holy Communion Rev'ds Stuart Fisher &amp; Rob Smith

**13th January 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany/Baptism of Christ****St. Paul's**

8.45am Holy Communion Rev'd Trudie Wigley

10.30am All Age celebration Rev'd Rob Smith

4.00pm Tea and Praise Rev'd Andrew Wigley

**St. Tim's****10.30am** Morning Worship Rev'd Andrew Wigley**What's on - next two weeks -**

Monday 31st December	8-12pm	New Year's Eve party, St Paul's (let Margaret Hylton know if coming if poss)
Thursday 3rd January	9.30am 8.00- 9.00pm	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Footie at Dorcan Leisure Centre, followed by the Messenger
Tuesday 8th January	9.00am 1.00pm	Morning prayers at St. Paul's Christian Union, Dorcan Academy
Wednesday 9th January	8.45am 9.00am 4.00pm	Tea & Toast - St. Tim's Tiny Tots starts at St. Paul's Centre Management Committee, St. Paul's
Thursday 10th January	9.30am 7.00pm	Holy Communion at St. Tim's Baptism prep. Merlin Way
Wednesday 15th January	1.30pm	Tiny Tots starts at St. Tim's

You will know that our publicity for this Christmas is following the #FollowTheStar hash tag and logo which you may also see in other churches across the country. As part of this we are all invited to share in following the star through a series of 14 reflections which start on Christmas Eve and go through to Epiphany. It would be great to journey together, so can I encourage you to join in and sign up to the reflections? These

can be accessed in a number of ways:

- An app on iOS and Android
- Signing up online at <https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar>
- In a booklet available in both centres, if you cannot access using the above

At both the Carol service and Christingle service we will be giving copies of the booklet away inviting our community to join with us in these reflection which are highly accessible to all. Will you come and follow the star with us? It rests over the place where Jesus lay as a new born and together may we marvel once more at the coming of God amongst us. #FollowTheStar

### **St. Tim's Prayer Group Meetings.**

Due to the festive period, we have agreed our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 10a.m. I am letting you know regarding this as Tricia Pilkington who normally looks after this type of thing is currently poorly and I do not want her to worry over anything that is not necessary. Although we are a small group, we are growing and new "people" are always very welcome.

### **CRICKLADE UNITED CHURCH (United Reformed/Methodist) Celebrating 50 years as a United Church**

Plans are in hand for the church to celebrate its 50th Anniversary year as a United Church in 2019. During the year there will be a number of special services and invited preachers plus a celebration weekend in July. The first of these events will be on **6th January 2019 at 3pm**, when **Revd Hilary Cooke** will be leading the annual Covenant Service. This will be followed by light refreshments.

**You will be very welcome at any of these events - please come and help us celebrate. Further information is available from  
Richard and Margaret Roberts ( 01793 751063 )**

## **Parenting Course for Parents of Babies and Children under 5**

I am hoping to run a course in the New Year, probably on a Monday evening at St Paul's for 6 weeks, if enough parents wish to attend.

The course is free and explores topics such as emotional security, play, parenting styles, handling difficult behaviour etc.

Sharing ideas with other parents is a key element and discussions are based around real-life scenarios.

Each session includes space to try out new ideas in your parenting and an opportunity to discuss how it's working.

If you are interested, please speak to me after the service or email me : [jennypoole@virginmedia.com](mailto:jennypoole@virginmedia.com)

Jenny

### **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 your work places as we reach out to others and share the Good news of Jesus.

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.

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to Anna Newman by **Wednesday 3rd January**. Tel 695698 or email [anagram673@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anagram673@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.

**Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email**