**Community Notices**

**The Pilgrim Singers** warmly invite you to their **Christmas Concert** on **Sunday 8th December** at **7pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Wincanton**. The concert will be Advent and Christmas music & readings in aid of MHA (Methodist homes for the aged). The choir will be joined by Marta Fontanals-Simmons mezzo-soprano accompanied by her sister Nuri. There will be mulled wine and delicious finger food in the ticket priced £12, available from Wincanton Post Office, choir members, on the door or 01963 33695.

**A Christmas Feast of Music –** Wincanton Choral Society perform Vivaldi’s Gloria, together with Rutter’s Magnificat. The evening ends with a Christmas flavour in the **Church of St Luke and St Teresa** in **Wincanton** on **Sunday 15th December** at **7.30pm**. Tickets: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society), on the door. 01749 860457

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’”.

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like immediate prayers for yourself or someone you know please contact the following (requests passed in confidence): Penny Ashton 07733 162342 or Judy Chiplen 33834. If you wish to join the prayer chain, contact Judy 33834. If you wish to be added to our Prayer List, contact Penny, Judy or Rachel in the Parish Office.

**Please continue to pray for** those of our fellowship and friends whoare ill or recovering from operations: June Beech, Ann & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Mike Gray, Brenda Piper, Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Oliver Feltham, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Elizabeth Wise, Brian Dicker, Christopher Browne, Sandra Jones, Ken and Ann Madeley, Josie Dukes, Ben White, Sylvie Pattison, Anne Beaven, Grace Cox, Sandra James, Gill Abbott, Elizabeth Baxter, Doug Puckett.

**Please remember** the long-term sick, the housebound & their carers.

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Irene Rix, Janet Standen.

We are praying for Nicky & Chut King and their family, especially Peter & Sarah and their family. Please hold them all close in your prayers at this time.

* We pray for our interregnum and for our churches coming together with our neighbouring parishes of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford and for our vacancy process for a new Priest.
* We pray for His Majesty King Charles III and Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales both recovering from cancer.

***CONTACT US:*** *Administrator -* ***Rachel Feltham*** *01963 824503 in the Parish Office* *office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk* *Office hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:30-1pm. The Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Website for Wincanton:* [*www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*](http://www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk) *Pen Selwood:* [*www.penselwood.ning*](http://www.penselwood.ning) *Facebook Page: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches. Find us on* [*www.achurchnearyou.com*](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)*.*

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*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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 **1st December Advent Sunday**

**Everyone is very warmly welcome to our services:**

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 1st December:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service with Penny Ashton

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

 **4:00pm** Wincanton – Christingle Service with Penny Ashton & Nicky King

 **Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Luke 21: 25-36**

**Please join us for tea and coffee after the services**

A loop system operates at both churches. Large print service sheets are also available, please ask a Churchwarden for them. ‘Play bags’ are available for children in the play corner at Wincanton. A public toilet is available just outside the North gate up the road on the right-hand side at Wincanton. At Pen Selwood toilet facilities are in the adjacent village hall (please obtain the key from a sides-person/helper).

**SUNDAY 8th December:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Brian McConnell

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Lydia Avery

 **Readings: Pen Selwood: Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6**

 **Wincanton: Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6**

 ***Please take a copy of this newsletter to a friend or neighbour who is not in church today so that they may keep in touch with Church/parish events.***

**DIARY DATES**

**Black Bin Café** Held in Pen Selwood Village Hall every other Friday **10:30am – 12:30pm** a great social event and well worth a visit. Tea, coffee and wonderful cakes. Café is next open on **Dec 13th**. Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**14th December Christmas Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church –** **10:00am – 12:00.** Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Refreshments, Book stall and Raffle! Come along and enjoy this friendly, social event. **All welcome**! Includes the amazing **Christmas Hamper Raffle** too!

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**Readings for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 2nd December | 50 | Revelation 19 |
| Tuesday 3rd December | 80 | Revelation 20 |
| Wednesday 4th December | 7 | Revelation 21: 1-8 |
| Thursday 5th December | 42 | Revelation 21: 9-21  |
| Friday 6thDecember | 25 | Revelation 21: 22-end 22: 5 |
| Saturday 7th December | 23 | Revelation 22: 6-end |

#### Church Diary



Sun 1st Dec 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

 4:00pm Wincanton – Christingle Service (Penny Ashton & Nicky King)

Tues 3rd Dec 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Wed 4th Dec 11:00am Wincanton – Funeral in Church for the late Irene Rix

Thurs 5th Dec 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice (including Christmas Choir)

Sun 8th Dec 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

StPeter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton is open daily from 9am–3pm via the **South Door.**

St Michael’s Church in Pen Selwood is open every day 10am – 3pm.

#### Church Notices

**Wincanton Church Coffee Morning** – We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for our coffee mornings please, also donations of homemade cakes and sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. If you can help, please bring donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can be left at the Parish Office. The next Coffee Morning is the **Christmas Coffee Morning**, including **Christmas Hamper Raffle**! In Church **10am-12:00** on **Saturday 14th December!** **Thank you** for your continued support**.**

**Carol singing at Otter Garden Centre –** We have been asked to sing carols at Otter garden centre on **Saturday 14th December** starting at **2pm.** It would be lovely to have a good number of people to sing, so please do come along if you are available. **Thank you.**

**Wincanton Community Hospital** have asked us to hold a short **Carol Service** for their patients on **Tuesday 10th December** at **2.30pm.**We need a group of people who will lead the singing and perhaps read a bible passage. If you can help,  please let **Penny Ashton** know.**Thank you.**

On **Sunday 29th December** at **10am** there will be a Joint Communion service in Wincanton Church where we can all come together and worship with our benefice family of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford, welcoming with joy the **Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath & Wells** to lead this Sunday service. Everybody who would like to is very warmly welcome to attend this service. Save the Date!

**EMERGENCY! LEAD STRIPPED** from our beautiful Church roof in Wincanton. Any financial help towards the repairs would be gratefully received. Donations can be made by scanning this QR Code, via cheque made payable to ‘Wincanton PCC’ and sent to the Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF or you can click on the following link:

<https://givealittle.co/c/2cS6rKVFOzrs3qNEGJfGkB>. **THANK YOU** to all those who have so generously donated already, raising **over £3,000** so far! **Sincere and heartfelt thanks**.

**Christmas Choir –** Do you love to sing? Come and join our happy Choir to sing for the **Christmas Carol Service** in Wincanton Church on **Sunday 22nd December at 6pm**. The Choir practices in Church on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, **so please come and join us!**

Former Rector of Wincanton Church, **Rev Richard Cloete**, wishes to pass on his prayers and good wishes to all. Rev Cloete will be covering some Sunday services for us in the new year.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

15th December **10:15am** – Joint Communion service with Rev Lydia Avery in **Wincanton**

 **4:30pm –** Nativity Carol Service with Penny Ashton in **Pen Selwood**

22nd December **10:00am –** Joint Communion service with Rev Lydia Avery in **Pen Selwood**

 **6:00pm –** Carol Service with Rev Lydia Avery in **Wincanton**

24th December **4:00pm –** Family Crib service with Penny Ashton in **Wincanton**

 **6:00pm –** Joint First Communion of Christmas with Rev Hilary Jalland

 in **Pen Selwood**

25th December **10:00am –** Joint Christmas Family Communion service with Revd

 Ken Masters in **Wincanton**

26th December **10:00am –** Joint Said Communion for St Stephen’s Day with Revd

 Ken Masters in **Wincanton**

***PRAYER FOR THE VACANCY***

*Loving God, as we journey together through this period of interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. Guide us, Lord. Amen.*