**Community Notices**

**Saying Goodbye Service** – On the **9th of November at 4pm**, in **Malmesbury Abbey**, Wiltshire we will be hosting our annual Baby Loss Remembrance Service for anyone who has personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the service, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children for any reason - all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is a family event for all. Click the link: [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org).

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”.

**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, Irene Rix (Sue Hall’s Mum), 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.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Elizabeth Constantine, Joyce Bentley, Mavis Lawrence.

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 and current advertisement for a new Priest.
* We pray for His Majesty King Charles III and Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales both undergoing treatment and 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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 **3rd November 4th Before Advent / All Souls**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 3rd November:**

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

 **4:00pm** Wincanton – Remembering in Hope Service with Rev Hilary Jalland

 **Readings: Romans 8: 37-39 Psalm 23**

**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 10th November:**

**10:45am** Wincanton – Remembrance Day Service with Rev Hilary Jalland

**10:55am** Pen Selwood – Remembrance Day Service with Revd Ken Masters

meet at the War Memorial at 10:55am before moving to Church.

 **Readings: Wincanton – Psalm 23 Revelation 21: 1-7**

 **Pen Selwood – Psalm 23 John 15: 9-17**

 ***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 **Nov 15th**. Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**7th Nov 2023**  **Mother’s Union Meeting 2:30pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s Church.**  Come and enjoy our happy Meeting. You do not need to be a member to enjoy our meetings. **Everyone warmly welcome!**

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**Readings for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 4th November | 2 | Revelation 1 |
| Tuesday 5th November | 5 | Revelation 2: 1-11 |
| Wednesday 6th November | 9 | Revelation 2: 12-end |
| Thursday 7th November | 15 | Revelation 3: 1-13  |
| Friday 8thNovember | 16 | Revelation 3: 14-end |
| Saturday 9th November | 18: 31-end | Revelation 4 |



#### Church Diary

Sat 2nd Nov 10am–12:00 Wincanton – Christmas Fayre Coffee Morning in Church

Sun 3rd Nov 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

 4:00pm Wincanton – Remembering in Hope Service (Rev Hilary Jalland)

Tues 5th Nov 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thurs 7th Nov 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 10th Nov 10:45am Wincanton – Remembrance Day Service (Rev Hilary Jalland)

 10:55am Pen Selwood – Remembrance Day Service (Revd Ken Masters)

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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

**Update on the Vacancy progress** – The Advert for a new Priest for our proposed new Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford is now **LIVE** in the Church Times and on the Diocese website, until the deadline for applications on Tuesday 12th November - [Priest - Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove et al - Bath and Wells Diocese](https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/priest--benefice-of-wincanton-pen-selwood-charlton-musgrove-et-al.php) which we hope will attract the right person for the role. ***Please continue to pray, at this pivotal point in the vacancy process, for the Lord to guide the right person to apply to come and bring their gift to our beautiful benefice.***

**Christmas Bingo –** On **November 15th** we are holding our **Christmas Bingo** at the **Memorial Hall**. Doors open 6:30pm, **Eyes Down 7:30pm!** We are looking for bingo prizes, can you help? We would be so grateful for any bingo prize donations, also prizes for the raffle to be held during the interval. Please see the Churchwardens or bring your donations to the Parish Office. **Thank you** **so much** for your continued support.

**Rosemary Watson** is **90** next March. Her two daughters are compiling a memory book to celebrate her birthday. If you have a memory, message or photo you would like to send then please either email direct to Liz Wray: liz-fuller1@hotmail.co.uk or, if this is difficult for you, then please speak to me and I will send it through for you. The deadline for this is the end of November. **Judy Chiplen.**

**Pen Selwood Christmas Coffee Morning** – **Saturday 30th November 10:30am-12:00 noon** in Pen Selwood Village Hall. Gift stall, raffle, cakes, produce & refreshments! In aid of St Michael’s Church. **Everybody welcome!**

**EMERGENCY! LEAD STRIPPED** from our beautiful Church roof in Wincanton. Any financial help towards the cost of repairs would be very gratefully received. Donations can be made by scanning this QR Code with your mobile phone, 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.**

**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**. Male and female singers welcome, no musical experience necessary, just a joy of singing! The Choir practices in Church on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, **so please come and join us!**

**Christmas Hamper** – The Christmas Hamper is at the Parish Office again this year, to be filled with delicious treats and raffled at the December Coffee Morning in Church on Saturday 14th December! Can you help us fill it? Please bring your Christmas goodies to the Office, or give them to the Churchwardens. All proceeds from the Hamper raffle in aid of Wincanton Church. **Thank you** for your support**. Tickets are on sale now at the Parish Office £1 each!**

**Safeguarding Training –** For many of us our safeguarding training will now need to be renewed. We will be running Safeguarding Training in Wincanton Church on **Monday 18th November 2pm-4pm** where you can all renew your Basic Awareness Certificate, together, in this relaxed training environment. Contact Rachel in the Parish Office to book your place.

**To my dear Church family –** I want to thank you for ALL your prayers and huge kindness over these past 5 weeks as I am returning to normal. But, I am very sad to have to tell you that this recent event is causing us to leave Wincanton. Our daughters are extremely anxious and want us to move nearer to my sister and their journeys to us. We know this is sensible, but it has made me very sad. Your love and friendship is a huge part of my life. However, our house may take a long time to sell! With my love to you. **Elizabeth Baxter.**

***Prayer for the Vacancy***

*Beloved God, surround us with your spirit as we work together in this time of vacancy. Holy Spirit,* ***guide those who are seeking the right next step in their ministry and those who are seeking the right priest to be our next vicar.*** *May we all feel your presence, Lord. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*