**Community Notices**

**Bruton Choral Society Christmas Concert** – On **Monday 16th December**, join us in **St Mary’s Church, Bruton** at **7:30pm** when guest conductor Arturo Serna leads us in Benjamin Britten’s St Nicolas Cantata. The concert also includes seasonal music by Elgar and festive pieces to sing! Tickets £12 in advance, £15 on the door (includes glass of wine), children free - from Bruton Stores, 01749 813161 or [www.brutonchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.brutonchoralsociety.org.uk).

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”.

**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, Doug Puckett.

**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*](mailto: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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**10th November Remembrance Day**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 17th November:**

**9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

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

**Readings: Wincanton – Daniel 12: 1-3 Mark 13: 1-8**

**Pen Selwood – Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8**

***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.

**15th Nov 2023 Christmas Bingo!** Wincanton Church are holding their Christmas Bingo on **Friday 15th November** at **Wincanton Memorial Hall.** Doors open 6:30pm, **eyes down 7:30pm.** Lots of amazing prizes, raffle and refreshments. Come and enjoy this night of bingo fun!

**30th Nov 2023 Pen Selwood Christmas Coffee Morning** – **Saturday 30th Nov**

**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!**

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**Readings for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 11th November | 20 | Revelation 5 |
| Tuesday 12th November | 21 | Revelation 6 |
| Wednesday 13th November | 77 | Revelation 7: 1-4, 9-end |
| Thursday 14th November | 26 | Revelation 8 |
| Friday 15thNovember | 32 | Revelation 9: 1-12 |
| Saturday 16th November | 33 | Revelation 9: 13-end |

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Tues 12th Nov 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thurs 14th Nov 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice (including Christmas Choir)

Sun 17th Nov 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

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

**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 **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 – Next week!** On **November 15th** is 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 daughters are compiling a memory book to celebrate her birthday. If you have a memory, message or photo you’d like to send please email Liz Wray: [liz-fuller1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:liz-fuller1@hotmail.co.uk) or, if this is difficult for you, then please speak to me and I will send it for you. The deadline for this is the end of November. **Judy Chiplen.**

*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.*

**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.**

**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!**

**Christmas Hamper** – The Christmas Hamper is at the Parish Office, to be filled with delicious treats and raffled at the December Coffee Morning in Wincanton 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. Proceeds from the Hamper raffle in aid of Wincanton Church. **Thank you. Tickets are on sale now at the Parish Office £1 each!**

**Safeguarding Training POSTPONED –** The Safeguarding Training planned in Wincanton Church on Monday 18th November 2pm-4pm has been **postponed** until the new year.

Wincanton Church Christmas Fayre raised a wonderful **£607.95** for church funds! **Thank you** to all who helped and to all who came along and supported this event.

**Contact Pool –** The winners of the October draw (drawn at the Christmas Fayre on 2nd November) are: 1st prize £30 Mr C Wallis (No.95), 2nd prize £20 Mrs J Chiplen (No.112) and 3rd prize £10 Mr M Giles (No.101). Congratulations to the winners! **Joanna.**

**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!**