**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Silver Band** invite you to a **Christmas Concert** on **Sunday 22nd December** at **3pm** at **Wincanton Memorial Hall**. Tickets £7.50 on the door, children free. Cash/card.

**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:** “For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.”.

**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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 **8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 15th December:**

**10:15am** Wincanton – Joint Communion Service with Rev Lydia Avery

 **4:30pm** Pen Selwood – Nativity Carol Service led by Penny Ashton

 **Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-end Luke 3: 7-18**

 ***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 9th December | 44 | 1 Thessalonians 1 |
| Tuesday 10th December | 56 | 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12 |
| Wednesday 11th December | 62 | 1 Thessalonians 2: 13-end |
| Thursday 12th December | 54 | 1 Thessalonians 3 |
| Friday 13thDecember | 86 | 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12 |
| Saturday 14th December | 145 | 1 Thessalonians 4 13-end |

#### Church Diary



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

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

Tues 10th Dec 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thur 12th Dec 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice (including Christmas Choir)

Sat 14th Dec 10am-12:00 Wincanton – Christmas Coffee Morning in Church

Sun 15th Dec 10:15am Wincanton – Joint Communion Service (Revd Lydia Avery)

 4:30pm Pen Selwood – Nativity Carol Service (Penny Ashton)

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**.**

**HELP NEEDED! 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 come along if you are able. **Thank you.**

**HELP NEEDED! 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. Also, at **Elroi Manor** on **Thursday 19th December** at **2pm.** If you could help and come to sing and spread joy, please let **Penny Ashton** know as soon as possible.**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 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**

**The Parish Office** is open as usual during office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9:15am-1:15pm but the office door will remain **locked.** Please just knock and Rachel will let you in 😊 Thank you for your understanding.

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, surround us with your spirit as we work together during this time of vacancy. Guide us as we come together in our new Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Stoke Trister and Charlton Musgrove. Lead us, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*