**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:** “At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the 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, 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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 **15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 22nd December:**

**10:00am** Pen Selwood – Joint Communion Service with Rev Lydia Avery

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

 **Readings: Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-55**

 ***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. Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details and when Café is next open.

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**Readings for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 16th December | 44 | 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 |
| Tuesday 17th December | 70 | 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-end |
| Wednesday 18th December | 75 | 2 Thessalonians 1 |
| Thursday 19th December | 146 | 2 Thessalonians 2 |
| Friday 20thDecember | 46 | 2 Thessalonians 3 |
| Saturday 21st December | 121 | Jude |

#### Church Diary

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)

Tues 17th Dec 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thur 19th Dec 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice (including Christmas Choir)

Sun 22nd Dec 10:00am Pen Selwood – Joint Communion Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

 6:00pm Wincanton – Carol Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

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

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

#### Church Notices

On **Sunday 5th January** at **10:45am** there will be an Epiphany Communion service in Wincanton Church where we can come together with our newly forming benefice welcoming in faith and friendship our Church family from Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford to welcome 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. ***Please note the Bishop will not be in Wincanton on 29.12.24***.

**Mince Pies** and mulled wine will be served after the **Christmas Carol Service** in Wincanton Church on **Sunday 22nd December**. We would be very grateful please for donations of mince pies! Please bring them to church, give them to the Churchwardens or leave them with Rachel at the Parish Office. **Thank you** for your continued support.

**Used Postage Stamps** are still being collect in Wincanton Church (there is a box on the table by the North door). Please place your used postage stamps in the box (they need to be cut with a centimetre margin where possible) or drop them in at 7 Southgate Drive, Wincanton. **Thank you. Sue Hannam.**

**The FoodBank** at Wincanton Community Church have sent a **Thank You** for all the donations they received from Wincanton Church at Harvest. The Community Church has now been sold so the FoodBank will be moving. Further details to follow on their new venue.

**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**

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**

29th December **10:00am** – Joint Turn of the Year Communion Service with Revd Ken

 Masters in **Pen Selwood**

**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.

The family of the late Irene Rix would like to thank the Bell Ringers, Organist, Churchwarden and Penny Ashton for their services at Irene’s funeral. It was a heartfelt service for a very special mum. Thank you to all. **Sue Hall**.

**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, Charlton Musgrove and Stoke Trister with Bayford. Lead us, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*