**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.

**Wincanton Carers Support Group & Respite Activity Group –** 2nd Monday of every month **2pm-3:30pm** at **River Cale Café**, Wincanton. Bring the person you care for. **Cath Holloway** Tel: 07951 944 420 / email: [cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk](mailto:cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk).

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.’ ”.

**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:** Marion Eves,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*](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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**22nd December 2024 – 4th January 2025**

**4th Sunday of Advent – Turn of the Year**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 29th December:**

**10:00am** Pen Selwood – Joint Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

**Readings: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20 & 26 Luke 2: 41-end**

***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.

**11th January Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church –** **10:00am – 12:00.** Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Refreshments, Books & Raffle! Come along and enjoy this friendly, social event. **All welcome**!

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**Readings for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 23rd December | 130 | Revelation 22:6-end |
| Tuesday 24th December | 45 | 2 Peter 1:16-2:3 |
| Wednesday 25th December | 110 | Matthew 1:18-end |
| Thursday 26th December | 13 | Acts 6 |
| Friday 27thDecember | 21 | 1 John 2:1-11 |
| Saturday 28th December | 36 | Matthew 18:1-10 |
| Monday 30th December | 113 | John 1:19-28 |
| Tuesday 31st December | 102 | John 1:29-34 |
| Wednesday 1st January | 103 | Romans 2:17-end |
| Thursday 2nd January | 18:1-30 | John 1:35-42 |
| Friday 3rdJanuary | 127 | John 1:43-end |
| Saturday 4th January | 89:1-37 | John 2:1-12 |

#### Church Diary

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

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

Mon 23rd Dec 12:00pm Wincanton – Funeral Service in Church

Tues 24th Dec 4:00pm Wincanton – Family Crib Service (Penny Ashton & Nicky King)

6:00pm Pen Selwood – Joint Christmas Communion (Rev H Jalland)

Wed 25th Dec 10:00am Wincanton – Joint Family Communion (Revd K Masters)

Thur 26th Dec 10:00am Wincanton – Said Communion for St Stephen (Revd K Masters)

Sun 29th Dec 10:00am Pen Selwood – Joint Communion Service (Revd K Masters)

Tues 31st Dec 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Sun 5th Jan 9:00am Pen Selwood – Family Rise & Shine Service (Penny Ashton)

10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Bishop Michael Beasley)

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***.

**Wincanton Church Fundraising Committee** would like to thank all who have supported us in our fundraising efforts this year. The total raised this year for church funds is **£6,228.11**. We look forward to your support in 2025. See you at our next coffee morning on **Saturday January 11th** at **10am** in Church!

**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**

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**

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

**Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and peaceful new year.** Although it has been a challenging year for our Churches without a Rector for the majority of it, it’s been my absolute pleasure to be in the Parish Office and working with our amazing church teams and team of retired ministers, keeping our beautiful Churches open and worshiping regularly. I’m so blessed to be able to do it all again next year! **With love & best wishes to you all, Rachel xx**

**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.*