**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Carers Support Group & Respite Activity Group –** Held on the 2nd Monday of every month **2pm-3:30pm** at **River Cale Café**, Cemetery Lane, Wincanton. Meet like-minded people, find support & information over tea & biscuits. The people you support can join our gentle seated activities, promoting memory & movement.  You’ll both go home feeling inspired and fulfilled. Free to attend, all welcome. Contact **Cath Holloway** on Tel: 07951 944 420 or email Cath at: [cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk](mailto:cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk).

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”.

**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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**5th January 2025 – Epiphany**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 5th January:**

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

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with the Rt Rev Michael Beasley

***We welcome with joy Bishop Michael to lead our Sunday service today!***

**Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12**

**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 12th January:**

**9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Brian McConnell

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

**Readings: Pen Selwood: Isaiah 55: 6-11 Matthew 6: 25-end**

**Wincanton: Isaiah 43: 1-7 Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22**

***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 next open **January** **17th and 31st.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**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**!

**6th February 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 Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 6th January | 132 | John 1: 29-34 |
| Tuesday 7th January | 99 | 1 John 3 |
| Wednesday 8th January | 46 | 1 John 4: 7-end |
| Thursday 9th January | 148 | 1 John 5: 1-12 |
| Friday 10thJanuary | 149 | 1 John 5: 13-end |
| Saturday 11th January | 150 | 2 John |

#### Church Diary

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

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

Tues 7th Jan 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 9th Jan 7:30pm Wincanton – **NO** Choir Practice

Sat 11th Jan 10am-12:00 Wincanton – Coffee Morning in Church

Sun 12th Jan 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

10:45am Wincanton – Communion 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

St Peter & St Paul’s Church

**Coffee Morning**

10:00am – 12:00 noon

**Saturday 11th January**

Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Refreshments, Books & Raffle!

Everybody Warmly Welcome!

A cupcake with a cherry on top

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A black and white drawing of a cup of coffee

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**Contact Pool –** It’s that time of year again! You faithful people who support Contact Pool will be receiving your Renewal Forms shortly, if you have not already done so. I am now able to give a cheque for **£750.00** to Wincanton Church – which is our 2023 profit; and so it really does make a sizeable contribution to our finances. Thank you so much, and I do hope you will feel able to continue in 2025. The **November** winners of the Contact Pool draw (drawn on 31st December 2024) are: 1st prize £30 Martin Hunt (No.3), 2nd prize £20 Nicky King (No.26) and 3rd prize £10 Sue Humphries (No.30). Many congratulations to all the winners, and a Happy New Year to everyone. If you or anyone you know would care to join us, please let me know. There are 3 cash prizes to be won every month (£30, £20 and £10). It only costs £1.50 a calendar month to be involved. **Joanna Durham-Matthews** Old St Audrey’s, South Street, Wincanton BA9 9DX. Telephone Joanna on: 01963 31576.

**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**.

**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.**

On **Sunday 12th January** – we are keeping **Plough Sunday** in both churches, please bring any seeds you are planning to plant this year for a blessing! In **Wincanton Church** Rev Lydia Avery would like you to bring any garden implement with you to the service please!

**Wincanton Church Coffee Mornings** – 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 **Saturday** **11th January!** **Thank you.**

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, surround us with your spirit as we work together during our interregnum and in 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.* ***Amen****.*