**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.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’.”.

**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, Beryl Williams.

**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* *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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**12th January 2025 – Plough Sunday**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 19th January:**

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

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

 **Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5 John 2: 1-11**

 ***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.

**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 13th January | 2 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-17 |
| Tuesday 14th January | 9 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-end  |
| Wednesday 15th January | 20 | 1 Corinthians 2 |
| Thursday 16th January | 21 | 1 Corinthians 3 |
| Friday 17thJanuary | 67 | 1 Corinthians 4 |
| Saturday 18th January | 33 | 1 Corinthians 5 |

#### Church Diary

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)

Tues 14th Jan 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 16th Jan 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 19th Jan 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 Mon-Fri from 9am–3pm via the **South Door.**

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

#### Church Notices

**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 2024 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.

**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****.*

**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.**

**Wincanton Church Coffee Mornings** – We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for our coffee mornings please, also donations of homemade cakes & sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. If you can help, please bring your donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can also be left at the Parish Office. The next coffee mornings are **Saturday 8th February, 8th March and 5th April – the first Saturday of the month, to coincide with celebrations for Wincanton History Day!**

Recently Mike from the Hardware shop on Wincanton High Street had all the money his dad, Tommy, had saved for his funeral stolen, leaving Mike & Tommy distraught and a Just Giving appeal page has been set up **until the end of January**. Any donations would be hugely appreciated: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/victorya-muscat-1> .

**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 those who have generously donated already, raising **over £3,000** so far! **Sincere and heartfelt thanks**.



On Sunday 5th January Bishop Michael Beasley led our Epiphany Communion service in Wincanton Church. It was a joyous occasion and wonderful to come together as a newly forming Benefice and welcome our church families from St Peter & St Paul’s in Wincanton, St Michael’s in Pen Selwood, St John’s and St Stephen’s in Charlton Musgrove, St Lawrence’s in Cucklington and St Andrew’s in Stoke Trister with Bayford, as well as our local community, worshiping together with Bishop Michael. Heartfelt thanks have been sent to the Bishop for visiting the parish during our interregnum. We continue to pray hard that the Lord will guide the right person to be our new Priest and lead our parishes in ministry in our new Benefice.