**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:** “When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.”.

**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.

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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**19th January 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 26th January:**

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Diane Barrett

 **4:00pm** Pen Selwood – Joint Evensong Service with Penny Ashton

 **Readings: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6 & 8-10 Luke 4: 14-21**

 ***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 **Jan** **31st & Feb 14th.** 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 20th January | 146 | 1 Corinthians 6: 1-11 |
| Tuesday 21st January | 132 | 1 Corinthians 6: 12-end  |
| Wednesday 22nd January | 81 | 1 Corinthians 7: 1-24 |
| Thursday 23rd January | 76 | 1 Corinthians 7: 25-end |
| Friday 24thJanuary | 27 | 1 Corinthians 8 |
| Saturday 25th January | 66 | Philippians 3: 1-14 |

#### Church Diary

Sun 19th Jan 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

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

Tues 21st Jan 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 23rd Jan 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 26th Jan 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

 4:00pm Pen Selwood – Joint Evensong Service (Penny Ashton)

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

**Update on the Vacancy progress** – The Advert for a new Priest for our proposed new Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford is **LIVE** in the Church Times and on the Diocese website, until the deadline for applications on Thursday 20th February - [Priest - Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove et al - Bath and Wells Diocese](https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/priest--benefice-of-wincanton-pen-selwood-charlton-musgrove-et-al.php) which we hope will attract the right person for the role. ***Please continue to pray, at this pivotal point in the vacancy process, for the Lord to guide the right person to apply to come and bring their gift to our beautiful benefice.***

**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!**

**Children’s Society Boxes –** Please could you bring your Children’s Society boxes to Wincanton Church on a Sunday, or drop them into the Parish Office, **by 1st February**. If you would like your box to be collected please ring me on 01963 33454 and I will collect it from you. Unfortunately, this will be the last time I will be be collecting the boxes as I am unable to continue with this commitment. If you would be prepared to take on this task, on an annual basis, it would be much appreciated. Please contact me. **Thank you. Nicky King.**

**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**.

**Works are scheduled to start on Wincanton Church Roof** to replace the stolen lead on **27th January**. Please **take extreme care** around the Church whilst work is ongoing.

**The Repair Café** will be in the **Balsam Centre, Wincanton** on **Saturday 25th January** from **10am-12:30pm** with repairs available for electronics, sewing, darning, electrics, mechanics, leather stitching and much more! Repairs are carried out for a donation, give if you can. Future Repair Café dates are: February 22nd, March 22nd and April 26th.

**Food Bank –** The foodbank that operated from the Community Church in Wincanton has moved to merge with the Community Church at Somerton, which has left a great need in Wincanton for a new foodbank, which is currently in the process of being set up. In the meantime, if you are in need of a foodbank there are various other foodbanks: Cary Cares in Castle Cary have a free larder, are a registered Charity and distribute emergency food parcels. Contact them on T: 01963 602013 E: carycares1@gmail.com W: [Cary Cares](https://www.carycares.org.uk/). Gillingham Foodbank is part of the Trussel Trust and covers a 10mile radius including Wincanton and surrounding villages. Contact them on T: 01747 822076 E: info@gillingham.foodbank.org.uk W: [Gillingham Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](https://gillingham.foodbank.org.uk/). Visit the Citizens Advice advisors who are in The Balsam Centre in Wincanton every Thursday 10am-2pm for your foodbank voucher. Ring beforehand on T: 0808 278 7842 to book an appointment time with them, or drop-in. Details of a new Wincanton Foodbank will follow once premises and volunteers etc have been found and it is set up.

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, surround us with your spirit as we work together in this time of vacancy. Holy Spirit,* ***guide those who are seeking the right next step in their ministry and those who are seeking the right priest to be our next vicar.*** *May we all feel your presence, Lord. Amen.*