**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Carers Support Group –** Held on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** **2pm-3:30pm** at **River Cale Café**, Cemetery Lane, Wincanton BA9 9ED. For people who care for a friend or family member on an unpaid basis. Share ideas, laughs, experiences and information. Hear from local organisations who can offer help and guidance. For more information contact **Cath Holloway** on 07535 279 359 or cathh@somersetrcc.org.uk.

**Live Well with Pain Café -** Every third Thursday of the month 2-4pm at Common Road/Deansley Way Communal Lounge BA9 9RG. Are you living with a long-term pain condition? Come and talk about your pain and share ideas, develop new tools and just chat about everyday life. Call Sue Crisfield on 07749418850 or the Health Coaches on 435700.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.”.

**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), 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, Susan Greenway, Gertraud Smith, John Wray.

**Please remember** the long-term sick, the housebound & their carers.

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Denise Peacock, Eric Stokes**,** Susan Davey.

* 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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**23rd March 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 23rd March:**

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

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

**Readings: Pen Selwood: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9**

 **Wincanton: Isaiah 55: 1-9 Luke 13: 1-9**

**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 30th March:**

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

for Mothering Sunday.

**Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10 Luke 2: 33-35**

 ***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 **March 28th & April 11th.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**29th March Jumble Sale** in **Pen Selwood Village Hall** **2pm – 4pm.** Jumble, White Elephant, Raffle, Cakes & Produce. Proceeds in aid of St Michael’s Church. **Everybody welcome**!

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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 24th March | 1 | John 7: 37-52 |
| Tuesday 25th March | 111 | Romans 5: 12-end |
| Wednesday 26th March | 38 | John 8: 12-30 |
| Thursday 27th March | 56 | John 8: 31-47 |
| Friday 28thMarch | 22 | John 8: 48-end |
| Saturday 29th March | 31 | John 9: 1-17 |

#### Church Diary

Sun 23rd Mar 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

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

Mon 24th Mar 11:00am Wincanton – Funeral in Church

Tues 25th Mar 2:00pm Wincanton – Funeral in Church

Wed 26th Mar 10am-2pm Wincanton – Safeguarding Training Sessions in Church

Wed 26th Mar 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 27th Mar 7:30pm Wincanton – **NO** Choir Practice in Church

Sun 30th Mar **10:00am** Wincanton – **Joint** Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

 for Mothering Sunday.

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

**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. Bring your donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can be left at the Parish Office. The next coffee morning is **5th April – the first Saturday of the month, to coincide with celebrations for Wincanton History Day.** The Church will be open from **10am–3pm.** The theme of History Day is "The Horse" and we have been decorating horseshoes to display in the Church. The raffle will be Easter-themed, and we would be very grateful for donations of Easter eggs. **Thank you**.

**Horseshoes -** Thank you to all you kind people who are decorating horse shoes for the Wincanton History Day on 5th April. A gentle reminder that we will need them by Friday 4th April at the latest, so we can display them in the Church. Please give them either to me, Rachel in the Parish Office or drop them off on the 4th at the Church. Many, many thanks. **Jo** **Ebner.**

**Wincanton APCM** will take place on **Saturday 10th May** after the coffee morning at approximately **11:45am.** Gill and Judy have decided not to stand for Churchwarden so we will be looking for two new Churchwardens. Please give some thought and prayer as to whether this could be you, to fulfill this crucial and rewarding role. Gill and Judy are happy to answer any questions you may have and prepared to give you as much support as needed.We have prepared some notes about the role of a Churchwarden. Please contact **Gill or Judy** if you would like a copy. **Thank you.**

**Contact Pool –** Our first draw for 2025 was a “double-draw” held at the coffee morning on March 8th (for January and February) and the winners were:- **Jan** 1st prize £30 Mary Wallis (No.96), 2nd prize £20 Joanne Eddington (No.10) and 3rd prize £10 Lesley Stroud (No. 44) **Feb** 1st prize £30 Tim Stroud (No.28), 2nd prize £20 Sarah Stephen (No.15) and 3rd prize £10 Chris Smith (No.121). Congratulations to all the winners! **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**Denise Peacock –** Mr Ian Cade announces the death of his mother, Denise Peacock, aged 83 earlier this month. Denise was the wife of Owen Peacock, a Butcher in Wincanton many years ago, and was heavily involved in Wincanton Carnival Club, later becoming Chaplain at Yeovil District Hospital. We send our condolences to the family at this time.

You are invited to join us for our **Lent Lunches 12:00 – 1:30pm** for delicious soups and rolls, and a warm welcome on **21st March** in the **Catholic Church Room, 28th March** in **St Peter & St Paul’s Church** and on **4th April** in **The Quaker Barn**. All welcome.

**Lent boxes in Wincanton Church** are by the North and South doors. Please take one, fill it and bring it back on **Easter Sunday**. If you are able to Gift Aid, please fill in the label on the side of the box. Money raised goes to our Zambian link Church, St John’s Chingola.

**Jumble Sale – Pen Selwood Village Hall – Saturday 29th March** from **2pm-4pm**. Jumble, white elephant, raffle, cakes and produce! Proceeds in aid of St Michael’s Church. **Everybody Welcome!** Please bring any jumble to the hall on Friday 28th between 2pm & 3pm. Cakes and produce to the hall on Saturday 29th from 10am-11am. Contact: Heather Doe 01747 840820 or Sandra Jenkins 01747 840773.

The **Easter Sunday Service** in **Wincanton Church** this year will be a family-friendly communion **at 10am** followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. In the weeks to come, if you are able, please would you be willing to donate a cream egg-sized egg or two towards the hunt? There will bea basketfor donations in church every Sunday or they can be dropped into the parish office when you're passing. Thanks very much for any help you can give with this! **Lydia.**

**Wincanton Church –** The **Alarm System** has now been fitted following the replacement of the stolen lead to the roof. Please could anyone who has a key to the Church, but may not be on my list of key holders, and has not been contacted about the new security system, come forward? Full instructions will be given on how to enter the Vestry safety with the new alarm system in place, so as not to cause any false alarms! **Rachel. Tel: 01963 824503.**