**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](mailto: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:** “On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.”.

**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, 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, Ken Madeley, Elizabeth Vivyan.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Ann Madeley, 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*](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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**13th April – 26th April 2025 Palm Sunday – Easter Day**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 13th April:**

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

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

**Readings: Psalm 118: 19-end Luke 19: 28-40**

**Please join us for tea and coffee after the services!**

A loop system operates at both churches. **Large print service sheets** **and hymn books** 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 20th April:**

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

**10:00am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Lydia Avery

**Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12**

**SUNDAY 27th April:**

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Hilary Jalland

**6:30pm** Pen Selwood – Joint Evensong Service with Penny Ashton

**Readings: Acts 5: 27-32 John 20: 19-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. Café next open **April 25th.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**10th May Coffee Morning & Plant Sale** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00 noon.** Plant Sale, Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall & Refreshments. **Everybody welcome**!

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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 14th April | 41 | Luke 22: 1-23 |
| Tuesday 15th April | 27 | Luke 22: 24-53 |
| Wednesday 16th April | 102 | Luke 22: 54-end |
| Thursday 17th April | 42 | Luke 23: 1-25 |
| Friday 18thApril | 69 | Hebrews 10: 1-10 |
| Saturday 19th April | 142 | Isaiah 55: 1-11 |
| Monday 21st April | 111 | Mark 16: 1-8 |
| Tuesday 22nd April | 112 | Luke 24: 1-12 |
| Wednesday 23rd April | 113 | Matthew 28: 16-end |
| Thursday 24th April | 114 | Luke 7: 11-17 |
| Friday 25thApril | 115 | Luke 8: 41-end |
| Saturday 26th April | 116 | John 11: 17-44 |

#### Church Diary

Sun 13th Apr 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

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

Mon 14th Apr 7:00pm Wincanton – Compline Night Prayer in Church (Penny Ashton)

Tues 15th Apr 7:00pm Wincanton – Compline Night Prayer in Church (Chris Avery)

Wed 16th Apr 7:00pm Wincanton – Compline Night Prayer in Church (Rev L Avery)

Thurs 17th Apr 7:00pm Wincanton – Maundy Thursday Agape & Communion (Rev Avery)

Fri 18th Apr 2:00pm Pen Selwood – Good Friday Reflections (Penny Ashton)

Sun 20th Apr 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

**10:00am** Wincanton – Communion Service & Egg Hunt (Rev Lydia Avery)

Tues 22nd Apr 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thurs 24th Apr 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Sun 27th Apr 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Hilary Jalland)

6:30pm 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

**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 **10th May** which will include our **annual Plant Sale**! Bring your plants along on the day!

Please continue to pray for peace at this time: “*God of peace and justice, we pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. Amen”.*

**Update on the Vacancy progress** – The Advert for a new Priest for our proposed new Benefice is **LIVE** again in the Church Times and on the Diocese website, until the deadline for applications on **Sunday 20th April** - [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). ***Please continue to pray for the Lord to guide the right person to apply to bring their gift to our beautiful benefice.***

**Thank you everyone** for your wonderful support for the Easter Egg Hunt - you have donated a fantastic number of Easter Eggs which will ensure that the hunt is an eggcellent event for us all.  Please don't forget to come - and also invite friends, neighbours and family to come and celebrate the most important time of year for Christians. The hunt will happen in the church immediately after the **10am Service on Easter Day.** For the Easter Service **a large branch/bunch of Rosemary or Leylandii is needed** for part of the Service.  If you are able to help with this, please speak to Lydia after the Palm Sunday service.**Thank you.**

**Wincanton APCM** is on **Saturday 10th May** after the coffee morning at approx **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 you could fulfill this crucial and rewarding role. Gill and Judy are happy to answer any questions you may have and will give you as much support as needed.We have prepared some notes about the Churchwarden role. Please contact **Gill or Judy** if you would like a copy. **Thank you.**

Please bring your **Lent boxes** back to **Wincanton Church** 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.

**Contact Pool –** The winners of the March draw (drawn at the coffee morning on 5th April 2025) were: 1st prize £30 Sue Hall (No.51), 2nd prize £20 Sue Hannam (No. 84) and 3rd prize £10 Carolyn Leach (No. 69). Congratulations to all the winners. **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**Wincanton Church Path Fete** will be on **Saturday 7th June 10am-12:00.** If you have an idea for a stall that you can organise and run then please let Judy or Gill know. We would be very grateful for raffle prizes, bottles of wine, childrens books and toys. **Thank you.**

**Calling all flower arrangers –** do you enjoy flower arranging? Would you like to arrange Wincanton Church flowers for a special anniversary? We are looking for people to join our dedicated team of flower arrangers. If you think you could help with this task of beautifying our church, please contact Gill Oaten on 01963 32607 or the Parish Office on 01963 824503.