**Community Notices**

**Black Bin Café: (the same day as black rubbish bins are emptied)**

This is held in Pen Selwood Village Hall every other Friday from 10.30am to 12 midday. If you have not visited this then please do go along. It is a wonderful social event and well worth a visit.

**Wincanton & District Gardeners’ Association** present **Victorian Head Gardener** by **Dr F E Burroughes** on **Friday 6th March** at **7:30pm** in **The Memorial Hall** to include refreshments. Come and enjoy and interesting evening talk. All welcome.

**Wincanton & District Gardener’s Association** are holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 28th March** in **The Memorial Hall Sun Lounge** from **10am-12:00 noon.** Books, cakes, raffle, plants. Come and support your local Gardening Club and enjoy a fun social morning! All welcome.

** Prayer Diary**

**From today’s readings:** “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” ’.”

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like immediate prayers for yourself or someone you know please contact one of the following (requests passed in confidence): Penny Ashton 33990 or Judy Chiplen 33834. If you wish to join the prayer chain, contact Judy 33834.

**Please continue to pray for** those of our fellowship and friends whoare ill or recovering from operations: Mollie Carr, Ann Madeley, Elizabeth Vivyan, Derek Ayers, June and Steve Beech, Valerie and Jeffrey Lee, Margaret Brown, Francis Dukes, Rebecca Legg, Ben Legg, Ern Oaten, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Diana Paley, Mavis Paley, Anne Phillips, Brian Phillips, John Cother, Ben Sams, Robin Wickenden, Kevin, Sally and for their carers.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:**

We pray for Wincanton Health Centre, for the staff in their work pressures.

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 March 1st 2020 1st Sunday of Lent

 **Services:**

Welcome

**Pen Selwood** 9:00am Holy Communion Rev Alison Way

**Wincanton\*** 10:30am Holy Communion Rev Alison Way

**Readings: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Matthew 4: 1-11**

**Please join us for tea and coffee after the services marked\***

A loop system operates at both churches. Large print publications are also available – please ask for them. ‘Play bags’ are available for youngsters in the play corner at Wincanton. A public toilet is available just 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 8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Pen Selwood** 9.00am Holy Communion

**Wincanton** 10.30am Holy Communion and Baptism

***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 events.***

**Diary Dates:**

5th March Mothers’ Union meeting/AGM in Church - all welcome.

7th March Housewarming & Blessing at the new Rectory, Dorset Heights, Common Lane, Wincanton from **3pm - 6pm**. Rev Alison Way extends a warm invitation to everybody to come and enjoy refreshments at the new Rectory, and join Alison as she blesses the new Rectory at 4pm.

4th April Cheese & Wine evening to say “thank you” to our covering clergy and all those who have given their support during our interregnum. Everybody is warmly invited to attend on **Saturday 4th April**  at **7pm in St Peter & St Paul’s Church.**

**Worship Notes:** Rev Alison Way offers you a warm welcome at Pen Selwood this morning to celebrate Holy Communion at 9am, and at Wincanton to celebrate Holy Communion at 10:30am. Also we offer a very warm welcome to our congregation and visitors to both churches.

**Quote of the Week:** “Co-operation is better than conflict”. **Quakers Tapestry.**

#### Church Diary

Mon 2nd March 9:00am Tiny Church

 7:30pm Wincanton PCC meeting in Church

Tues 3rd March 7:30pm Bell Ringing practice

Thur 5th March 2:30pm Mothers’ Union meeting/AGM in Church

 7:30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 7th March 3:00-6:00pm Housewarming at Dorset Heights, Common Road

to include house blessing at 4pm. All welcome.

#### Church Notices

***Cakes***

***Books***

***Coffee Morning***



***Saturday 14th March***

***Sun Lounge, Memorial Hall, Wincanton***

***10:00am - 12:00noon***

***All warmly welcome!***

***Raffle***

**Easter Eggs -** I am taking orders now for the Real Easter Eggs. Details and an order form can be found at the back of both churches, and the final date for orders is 9th March. **Penny Ashton.**

**World Day of Prayer** - An ecumenical service to which ***everyone*** is warmly invited, will be held on **Friday, 6th March** at **2pm** at **The Baptist Church, Mill Street, Wincanton.** This year it has been written and devised by the women of Zimbabwe. All Welcome. **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**Contact Pool -** As last year, we will be holding a “double draw” in March to determine the prize winners for January and February, by which time I hope anyone who wishes to join us will have signed up, and I will have nagged the late payers into giving me their subscriptions, so it is still **NOT TOO LATE**! **Thank you** so much everyone because the vast majority of you were very prompt with your payments. **GOOD LUCK for 2020! Joanna Durham-Matthews,** Old St Audrey’s, South Street, Wincanton BA9 9DX Telephone: 01963 31576.

**Experience Easter -** Wincanton Churches Together are again running the Experience Easter for a whole year group from both Wincanton Primary and Our Lady’s Schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to tell the story of Easter as we believe it to the children, and is much valued by the schools. It will be held on the mornings of 11th and 12th March at the Baptist Church. **Help is needed** setting up and taking down the zones, as well as on the days with storytelling, time keeping, prayers and helping with refreshments. Please see **Penny Ashton** if you are able to help in any way or would like further details. Please also remember this event in your prayers. **Thank you.**

**Lent Lunches -** As attendance at Lent lunches was down last year, it has been decided to only hold three lunches this year, with shared catering. The day for the lunches has also been changed to **Thursdays**. Lunches will be held at **12:30pm** on **Thursday 5th March** at the **Catholic Church** (Catholic and Anglican catered), **Thursday 19th March** at the **Quaker Barn** (Quaker and Methodist catered) and **Thursday 2nd April** at the **Baptist Church** (Baptist and Community Church catered).

**Rectory ramblings…**

Whatever we decide to do to mark Lent this year, let’s make sure it follows the roots of the word Lent, which is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word for spring and the word lengthen. This year let’s not turn our Lent activity into a ‘get fit’ campaign or do something so overwhelmingly challenging that it completely distracts us from its purpose. Our Lent activity whatever it is, should give us new life and lengthen or deepen our love of God. **With love in Christ, Alison**

**Dear Friends,** you are warmly invited to my housewarming and blessing, with light refreshments and fizz, at the new Rectory (Dorset Heights on Common Road, Wincanton) on **Saturday 7th March** between **3pm - 6pm** (drop in when you can). The **house blessing** part will take place at **4pm**, so if you want to participate in that please be here then. **With love in Christ, Alison.**

**Contact Details for Rev Alison Way -** Please note my contact details are as follows:

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