**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 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.

**Jumble Sale** in aid of St Michael’s Church, Pen Selwood, will be held in Pen Selwood Village Hall on **Saturday, 28th March** at **2pm - 4pm**. Jumble, white elephant, raffle, cakes & produce. Everybody welcome!

**Spectra Music** will be singing at St Luke & St Teresa’s Church on **Saturday, 21st March** at **7:30pm.** ‘Colours of Spring’ promises to be an enjoyable evening, led by Peter Leech, and concert Pianist Anita D’Attellis will feature throughout the evening. Tickets are £12 from 01963 31607, tickets@spectramusica.co.uk, or on the door.

** Prayer Diary**

**From today’s readings:** “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

**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, Gill Oaten, Valerie and Jeffrey Lee, Margaret Brown, Francis Dukes, Rebecca Legg, Ben Legg, 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:** Ern Oaten

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

*Parish Office Hours: Tues, Thurs & Fri: 9.15am - 1.15pm 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Tel: (01963) 824503*

*All items, for the Newsletter, to the Parish Office by 5pm Thursday at the latest. Email:* *office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*

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 March 8th 2020 2nd Sunday of Lent

 **Services:**

Welcome

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

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

**Readings: Genesis 12: 1-4a John 3: 1-17**

**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 15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Pen Selwood** 9.00am Holy Communion

**Wincanton** 10.30am Holy Communion

***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:**

14th March Coffee Morning 10am-12:00noon in The Sun Lounge, Memorial Hall, Wincanton - Books, Cakes, Raffle, Refreshments. All Welcome

28th March Jumble Sale in Pen Selwood Village Hall 2pm - 4pm. Jumble, cakes, raffle, white elephant, cakes and produce. All Welcome.

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 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 Family Communion at 10:30am. Also we offer a very warm welcome to our congregation and visitors to both churches. In Wincanton, we welcome family and friends of Molly Day to celebrate her Baptism during the service this morning.

**Quote of the Week:** “God coming into the world in human form was an affirmation that creation – physical, tangible, messy creation – is good. Very good. And that includes you.”. **Unknown.**

#### Church Diary

Mon 9th March 9:00am Tiny Church

Tues 10th March 7:30pm Bell Ringing practice

Thur 12th March 7:30pm Choir Practice

Sat 14th March 10:00-12:00 Coffee Morning in the Sun Lounge, Memorial Hall

#### Church Notices

***Coffee Morning***



***Saturday 14th March***

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

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

***All warmly welcome!***

***Cakes***

***Books***

***Raffle***

**Wincanton Church Coffee Morning -** We hope to have an Easter themed coffee morning on Saturday. We would be very grateful if you could provide a raffle prize or a cake for the cake stall please. Many thanks. **Churchwardens.**

**Easter Eggs - Last chance** to order your Real Easter Eggs! Details and an order form can be found at the back of both churches, and I hope to have them in church for collection on Sunday 15th March. **Penny Ashton.**

**Coronavirus -** As the situation is getting increasingly serious with Coronavirus, please refer to the guidance from the National Church (available on the Bath & Wells Diocese website) by following this link: <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2020/02/advice-for-parishes-on-covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

**Electoral Roll -** The revised Church Electoral Roll will be adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on Saturday 18th April.  If any member of the congregation not currently on the roll would like to be included, please complete an application form. Forms are available at the back of the Church and in the Parish Office.  Completed forms should be returned either to the Parish Office or to Rosemary Keep, the Electoral Roll Officer, by Monday 23rd March. For any further information, please contact either Rachel at the Parish Office (01963 824503) or Rosemary Keep (01963 33656).

**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 -** Lent lunches continue at **12:30pm** on **Thursday 19th March** at the **Quaker Barn** (Quaker and Methodist catered) and **Thursday 2nd April** at the **Baptist Church** (Baptist and Community Church catered).

**Lent Study -** Our lent course this year is a study of the film “The Way”. Meetings continue on Tuesday mornings at 10am, for 10:30am start, and Wednesday evenings at 7pm, for 7:30pm start. All meetings will be held in the **Catholic Church**. All welcome.

**Lent Boxes** are at the back of Wincanton Church for you to take and return on Easter Sunday. All money raised from these boxes will go to our Zambia link Church.

**Rectory ramblings…** Bishop Peter has recommended we use the following prayer for the current situation around Coronavirus. I commend it to you for your personal use:-

*Lord God, carer of all people, creator, sustainer and healer; We pray for all who have contracted Covid-19. Be with them and their loved ones and bring healing to their bodies. We pray for all medical staff and emergency services as they look after the physical health, worries and concerns of their patients, especially the vulnerable and particularly those who have reduced contact with the outside world. Let us be good neighbours, looking out and after each other. We remember the work of scientists, discovering and testing vaccines for this disease, and we pray for all of us, caught up in our everyday lives with the effects of these outbreaks. Bless your world Lord, and help us to be blessings to one another, in Jesus name. Amen.* **With love in Christ, Alison**

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