**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. **CANCELLED**

** Prayer Diary**

**From today’s readings:** “So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’.”

**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 15th 2020 3rd Sunday of Lent

 **Services:**

Welcome

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

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

**Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7 John 4: 5-42**

**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 22nd March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday**

**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:**

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 St Peter & St Paul’s Church.

10th April Wincanton Churches Together - Good Friday Service at St Peter & St Paul’s, Wincanton at 10:30am. Everybody is welcome to attend.

18th April Coffee Morning in the Sun Lounge, Memorial Hall at 10:00am followed by the APCM at 11:45am. All welcome.

**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. We offer a very warm welcome to our congregation and visitors to both churches.

**Quote of the Week:** “We can do not great things, only small things with great love. What is important is not how much you do, but how much love you put into doing it.”

 **Mother Teresa**

#### Church Diary

Mon 16th March 9:00am Tiny Church

Tues 17th March 7:30pm Bell Ringing practice

Thur 19th March 7:30pm Choir Practice

#### Church Notices

***Coffee Morning***



***Saturday, 18th April***

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

***10:00am - 11:45am***

*To be followed by the APCM at 11:45am*

***All warmly welcome!***

***Cakes***

***Books***

***Raffle***

**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).

**APCM Wincanton Annual Reports** - Annual reports for the APCM, which is to be held on **Saturday, 18th April** at **11:45pm** in the **Sun Lounge, Memorial Hall,** are now due. Please can those who compile a report, forward it to Rachel at the Parish Office by **Tuesday, 31st March**, to ensure everything is in place in good time, for subsequent distribution. **Thank you, Richard D’Arcy.** office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk.

**Churchwarden Judy Chiplen** will not be standing for Churchwarden at the APCM. If you, or someone you know, would like to take on this role please talk to Alison, Richard or Judy for more information. Please note as a Churchwarden you do not need to be in church every Sunday, there is an excellent support group.

**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). **Thank you** to those who attended the lunch at the Catholic Church - our share of the donations was **£60** which is collected for our Zambia Link.

**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…**

This week our Archbishops have made further recommendations in the light of the COVID-19 situation. We will be adhering to these and the guidance from our diocese. More information is available here: <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2020/02/advice-for-parishes-on-covid-19-novel-coronavirus/> and prayers for the situation and those self-isolating. In the letter from the Archbishops they say ‘May we also pray for all those working in our health service and in leadership roles. We are grateful for their dedication, expertise and hard work. As we journey through this season of Lent we are all aware of the challenges that face us day by day. Now we need to continue to work together and to pray for each other, showing compassion and resilience and above all, caring especially for those who are marginalised in our societies.' **With love in Christ, Alison**

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