**Community Notices**

**Black Bin Café has reopened** This is held in Pen Selwood Village Hall on Fridays and is a great social event and well worth a visit. Tea, coffee & wonderful cakes. Please check the Pen Selwood website [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/) for which Fridays the café will be open.

**Christmas Choir –** Do you love to sing? Would you like to sing in our Christmas Choir for our Christmas Carol Service in Wincanton Church on Sunday 19th December at 4pm? No musical experience is necessary, just come along to choir practice on Thursday evenings in church at 7:30-8:30pm starting on **Thursday 21st October** and join our happy choir for Christmas! Contact Rachel for further details on 01963 824503 or email Rachel at office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk.

** Prayer Diary**

**From the readings:** “Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

**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. If you wish to be added to our Prayer List, please contact Rev Alison Way 33151.

**Please continue to pray for** those of our fellowship and friends whoare ill or recovering from operations: Derek Ayers, June and Steve Beech, Margaret Brown (Gwen Evans’ Daughter), Irene Rix (Sue Hall’s Mum), Ann and Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Joyce Bentley, Mike Gray, Sue Cox, Brenda Piper, Bishop Peter and Jane Hancock, Canon Alan and Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Gwen Evans, Oliver Feltham and family, Father Louis Beasley-Suffolk.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Harold Thomas Preston (known as Tom), Maurice Steady.

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

*Parish Office : the Office will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings*

*from 9:15am – 12:15pm until further notice. Address: 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF Tel: 01963 824503. Any items for inclusion the Newsletter to Rachel by midday on Wednesday. Email:* *office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*

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**10th October 2021 Trinity 19**

Dear Friends,

First of all many, many thanks for all the hard work that went into our Harvest Festivals in both churches. It was good to share in thankfulness to God together, with fellowship and fun over food. Thank you also for the excellent and different suggestions for the Harvest A-Z thanksgiving prayer. It was also great that there was a donation to RABI from the Pen Selwood auction and lots of goods for the Lord’s larder in Wincanton. On a personal note, I am also very grateful for all the good wishes for my recent big birthday and for the cards, presents, brownies, chocolate cake, flowers and sparklers!!!

Next weekend in our worship we will be marking St Luke’s day. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on all aspects of healthcare, healing, wholeness and well being. If we have friends and family that work in this arena or regular care support ourselves, we could take the opportunity to express our thanks to them for all their work in the caring professions in such challenging times in the week ahead.

On October 31st we will hold a communion service for both churches for All Saints in St Michael’s Pen Selwood at 10am and a Remembering in Hope service for both churches (Commemoration of the departed/All Souls) at 4pm in Wincanton. We will be collecting names to remember in the parish office, so please get in touch with Rachel by Tuesday, 26th October.

With love in Christ, Alison

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

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Landline: 01963 33151, Work mobile: 07515 958988

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Facebook Group: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches

*My usual day off is Monday*

**WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK:**

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| Day | Psalm | Reading |
| 11th Oct | 105 | John 13:1-11 |
| 12th Oct | 107 | John 13:12-20 |
| 13th Oct | 119:129-152 | John 13:21-30 |
| 14th Oct | 116 | John 13:31-end |
| 15th Oct | 130 | John 14:1-14 |
| 16th Oct | 118  | John 14:15-end |

**Readings for 10th October: Hebrews 4: 12-end Mark 10: 17-31**

**Readings for 17th October: 2 Timothy 4: 5-17 Luke 10: 1-9**

#### Church Diary

Sun 10th Oct 9:00am Pen Selwood Communion Service led by Ken Masters
 10:45am Wincanton Communion Service led by Rev Alison

Tues 12th Oct 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Thurs 14th Oct 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sun 17th Oct 9:00am Pen Selwood Communion Service
 10:45am Wincanton Communion Service

St Peter and St Paul’s Church in Wincanton is open every day between 9am and 4pm

St Michaels Church in Pen Selwood is open every day between 10am and 3pm

#### Church Notices

**Thanksgiving for Ern Oaten –** During the **10:45am** service on **Sunday 10th October** in **Wincanton** Rev Alison will be giving thanks and prayers with Gill, for the life of Ern Oaten, dearly missed member of our church family. There will be an opportunity to give donations in memory of Ern, towards a new Notice Board for St Peter & St Paul’s Church.

**Real Advent Calendar –** Orders for the Advent Calendar are being taken now by Penny at Wincanton and Helen at Pen Selwood. It will not be available in shops this year.  The closing date for orders is 31 October. Details of items that can be ordered can be found at: <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>

**Advent Study –** Our Advent course this year is titled 'So what are you waiting for?'  It will be held on Tuesday mornings starting on **16th November** at the Quaker Barn, High Street, Wincanton and the course book costs £3.80 from York courses: <https://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/product/so-what-are-you-waiting-for-course-booklet-2/>. Please contact **Penny** **Ashton** if you need any help.

**Diary Dates:**

 **13th November** **Coffee Morning & Annual Christmas Fayre** St Peter & St Paul’s

Church. **10am – 12:00 noon.** Refreshments, cakes, books.

 Including stalls and Christmas hamper raffle! All very welcome!

**Home Communion and other visits:** It is possible moving forward to make pastoral visits, preferably in a well-ventilated room at home or in your garden, (and this could include home communion if desired). Please get in touch to arrange, it will be very good to catch up.  **Alison and Penny.**

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**Rev Alison Way** enjoyed celebrations for her 60th Birthday at both services last Sunday – including sparklers and brownies at Pen Selwood, and chocolate cake and flowers after the Harvest Festival and Lunch at Wincanton!

**Children's Society boxes** are due to be emptied by the end of this month. Please take your box to the Parish Office by 31st October, or contact Nicky King on 01963 33454 to make arrangements to collect it. If you would rather give a donation this time,  please contact Nicky on the above number. Thank you all for continuing to have boxes as I am sure you will appreciate donations are very important at this time. Thank you, **Nicky**.

**Prayer List –** If you would like to be added to our Prayer List, or feel a friend or relative should be on our Prayer List, please do let me know. If you are wanting someone else to be prayed for you must have their permission. Anybody is welcome to be included in our prayers at any time, and I will also pray for you in my daily prayers. Please use the contact details in this newsletter to contact me. **Alison.**