**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:** “But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth.”

**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:** Hazel Bateman, 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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**17th October 2021 St Luke**

Dear Friends,

This weekend in our worship we are 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 this week’s reflection we are thinking about the New Testament books which St Luke wrote (Luke’s gospel and the Acts of the Apostles). At the end of November at the turn of the Church year, we move into a year with mainly gospel readings from Luke’s gospel. I am recommending between now and then we sit down to read or listen to Luke (and Acts) in their entirety. Here are the links for listening to the dulcet tones of David Suchet (or you can download his app to your smart phone if you have one!).

LUKE - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJQbwb0Ug74>

ACTS - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkaWARTOUY0>

Many thanks for the hard work that went into the Sponsored Angel knit coffee morning in Wincanton last Saturday – which has so far raised over £1000, with some sponsorship still coming in.

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

**Diary Dates:**

**31st October** **Remembering In Hope Service** - You are invited to **Wincanton**

 **Church** on **Sunday 31st October** at **4pm** to the Commemoration

of the Departed service with Rev Alison. If you would like the

 name of your loved one read out during this service of prayer and

 remembrance, please let Rachel know in the Parish Office by **26th**

 **October.** office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk 01963 824503

**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!

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

Address: The Parish Office; 38 High Street, Wincanton, BA9 9JF

Landline: 01963 33151, Work mobile: 07515 958988

Email: rector@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk, Twitter: @revalisonway

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 |
| 18th Oct (St Luke) | 141 | Luke 13:31-end |
| 19th Oct | 135 | John 15:12-17 |
| 20th Oct | 136 | John 15:18-end |
| 21st Oct | 138 | John 16:1-15 |
| 22nd Oct | 145 | John 16:16-22 |
| 23rd Oct | 148 | John 16:23-end |

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

**Readings for 24th October: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 John 5: 36b-end**

#### Church Diary

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

Tues 19th Oct 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Thurs 21st Oct 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sun 24th Oct 10:45am Wincanton Communion Service

12:30pm Baptism Service in Wincanton
 4:00pm Pen Selwood Evensong 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

**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**.

Thank you to all who supported the Wincanton coffee morning last Saturday. November's coffee morning is our Christmas Fayre 10am-12noon in the church. We would be very grateful for raffle prizes. If you can help, then either bring them to church or to the Parish Office. **Thank you**.

**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.**

**Thank You –** A very big **thank you** to Rev Alison for the lovely tribute to Ern. Also **thank you** to John and the Choir and for all the support from my church family and friends. **Thank you** from **Gill Oaten x**

**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.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle –** To be won at the Christmas Coffee Morning in Wincanton Church.  If you feel able to make a small donation of anything Christmassy to go into the hamper, we would be really grateful. Please take any items to the Parish Office, where the tickets will also be on sale, £1 a strip. Many thanks. **The Fundraising Committee**.

Thank you to all who took part in the **sponsored angel knit** last Saturday and to all who sponsored them. We raised **£844** which will increase with Gift Aid. A magnificent amount. We have plans to decorate the church with angels at Christmas, so if you would like to continue knitting, please do, we need lots! **Judy.**

**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.**