**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 as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

**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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**24th October 2021 Bible Sunday**

Dear Friends,

This weekend in our worship we are marking Bible Sunday in our worship, Penny Ashton is preaching in both churches and Rachel Pengelly will be helping to lead worship for the first time today in Wincanton.

The news concerning COVID-19 infections locally is really quite concerning at the moment. As a whole the rate of infection based on Thursday’s Government figures in Somerset has increased by 121%, in South Somerset by 109.1%, in Wincanton by 208% and by 55% in Pen Selwood. This means we do need to consider carefully the choices we make as individuals and how they impact others. Can I urge you as a matter of courtesy and kindness to please wear face coverings when we are moving around in the building before a church service (and before we are seated) and when coming up for communion (where applicable). It would also be helpful particularly in Wincanton if we maintain the zones for face coverings in church as described in our current ‘What to expect’ document. Please help everyone to stay as safe as possible.

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.

Plans are also well underway for both churches to mark Remembrance Sunday in a couple of week’s time.

With love in Christ, Alison

**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 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 |
| 25th Oct | 4 | John 17:1-5 |
| 26th Oct | 9 | John 17:6-19 |
| 27th Oct | 11 | John 17:20-end |
| 28th Oct (Simon and Jude) | 119:1-16 | Luke 6:12-16 |
| 29th Oct | 19 | John 18:12-27 |
| 30th Oct | 24 | John 18:28-end |

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

**Readings for 31st October: Revelation 21:1-6 John 11:32-44**

**Readings for All Souls 4pm: Psalm 121 Revelation 21;1-6**

#### Church Diary

Sun 24th Oct 10:45am Wincanton Communion Service

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

Tues 26th Oct 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Thurs 28th Oct 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sun 31st Oct 10:00am Combined Communion Service at Pen Selwood
 4:00pm Remembering in Hope service for the Commemoration

 of the Departed for All Souls in Wincanton

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**.

**Can You Help? –** Would you be willing to help with refreshments after church one Sunday a month in Wincanton? We need an extra person, you only have to bring milk and we can show you what we do. Please contact **Elizabeth** on **34537.** 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.**

**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**.

**Remembering In Hope –** This year our Commemoration of the Departed service for All Souls’ will take place on **Sunday 31st October** at **4pm** in **St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Wincanton**. If you would like the names of your loved ones read out during this service of prayer and remembrance, please let Rachel know by **Tuesday 26th October**. 01963 824503 or office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk.

**Street Pastor Update -** Saturday 9th October was a full shift 10pm-3am. There was a happy buzz on the streets with lots of new young people who never heard of street pastors; so a lot of engagement and talking took place. Sadly we had a rather abusive incident with a homeless person, this is the first I’ve ever encountered and I have to say it shook me a little. Prayer is so important while we are on shift and we thank our prayer pastors for praying for us. The night ended with all the SP in good spirits. **Sue Hall.**

**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.**