**Community Notices**

**Black Bin Café -** 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.

** Prayer Diary**

**From the readings:** “Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from…”.

**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 01963 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 & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Joyce Bentley, Mike Gray, Sue Cox, Brenda Piper, Bishop Peter & Jane Hancock, Canon Alan & Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Gwen Evans, Oliver Feltham & family, Steven Kendrick (Gill Oaten’s Great Nephew) Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Derek Taylor.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Constance (Connie) Catley, Father Louis Beasley-Suffolk, Jean Elsie Rose.

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

We pray for *WOW!* and *Rise and Shine*, and all the work being done to bring these initiatives to life in 2022.

*Parish Office: Normal office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:15am – 1:15pm at 38 High Street, Wincanton, BA9 9JF. Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter to Rachel by midday on Thursday. Tel: 01963 824503.*

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**16th January 2022 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

Dear Friends,

We continue our Epiphany journey this weekend, with looking at one of the first signs that is described in John’s gospel – all that happened at the wedding at Cana. This is an intriguing and familiar tale, where Jesus acts when the wine runs out at the wedding party. The level at which Jesus acts has always staggered me, with the enormous quantity of very good quality wine he made. The generosity of this miracle is amazing, and food for thought for us.

Our worship this weekend is a 9am Communion service in St Michael’s Pen Selwood, led by the Reverend Ken Masters, and 10:45am Communion Service in St Peter and St Paul, Wincanton.

Due to the current levels of COVID and the need to work on some important matters in relation to safeguarding, the team involved have decided to postpone the start of ‘Rise and Shine’ worship. The first session was due to take place on the first Sunday of February in Pen Selwood. We will have a communion service on the first Sunday of February instead. Rise and Shine will happen later this year when the circumstances are better suited to the activities and ethos involved (and when we can have breakfast together). This is disappointing, but I am sure it is the right choice for now.

We are going to stick with our current approach to COVID mitigations whilst the local levels continue to be very high. I am hugely grateful for the care and attention people have been taking to keeping each other safe in our church buildings, and in particular for the wearing of face coverings. This also includes not having refreshments after the services until the situation improves.

With love in Christ, Alison

**Worship for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| Day | Psalm | Reading |
| 17th Jan | 146 | Matthew 24:1-14 |
| 18th Jan | 132 | Matthew 24:15-28 |
| 19th Jan | 81 | Matthew 24:29-end |
| 20th Jan | 76 | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| 21st Jan | 27 | Matthew 25:14-30 |
| 22nd Jan | 122 | Matthew 25:31-end |

**Readings for 16th January: Isaiah 62: 1-5 John 2: 1-11**

**Readings for 23rd January: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4: 14-21**

#### Church Diary

Sun 16th Jan 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service

Tues 18th Jan 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Thurs 20th Jan 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sun 23rd Jan 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service

 4:00pm Pen Selwood – Evensong Service

From Monday 10th January: St Peter & St Paul’s Church in Wincanton is going to

be open every week day between 9am and 3pm.

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

#### Church Notices

**Your Church Needs YOU! – St Peter & St Paul’s Church** require a Church Warden to join the church team. Would you be willing to help with this rewarding job? If you or someone you know would like to take on this role please talk to Sue or Alison for more information. There is an excellent support group to share the duties. Please give this your thoughtful consideration and prayer. **Thank you.**

**PCC MEETINGS –** Upcoming PCC meeting dates:

**Wincanton PCC –** Wednesday 26th January 2:00pm in Church

**Pen Selwood PCC** – Thursday 3rd February 7:30pm (venue to be confirmed).

**DIARY DATES**

**12th February 2022** **10am – 12:00** **Coffee Morning** in **St Peter & St Paul’s** **Church**. Refreshments, cakes, books, raffle.

**All 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

*Please note my usual day off is on Monday.*

**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.**

**God Calls….. everyone, everywhere – 2022 Archdeaconry Days –** This year the Diocese Archdeaconry Days will take place between **Sunday 6th and Saturday 12th February** and it is hoped people from every benefice will get involved:

* **The Calling Podcast – available from Monday 17th January** devised and hosted by young people in the diocese talking to a range of people about their sense of calling.
* **Call to Worship – Sunday 6th February at 3pm** an online worship event featuring Bishop Ruth on the theme of calling.
* **Stories of God’s Call – Monday 7th to Friday 11th February** A short video will be released each day featuring people across the diocese, talking about their experience of calling. There will be written materials for those not able to access the videos.
* **Called Together – Saturday 12th February** Online Archdeaconry gatherings to celebrate and reflect together: 10-11am (hosted by the Archdeacon of Bath) 11:30am-12:30pm (hosted by the Archdeacon of Wells) 2-3pm (hosted by the Archdeacon of Taunton).

For further information on the Archdeaconry Days contact **Rachel: 01963 824503**

**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.**