**Community Notices**

**The Pilgrim Singers** warmly invite you to their **Christmas Concert** 'JOY TO THE WORLD' (featuring Marta Fontanals Simmons) on **Sunday 3rd December** at **The Church of St Luke and St Theresa**, **Wincanton BA9 9DH**. Entry by ticket suggested donation £10 from Wincanton P.O, choir members or contact 01963 33695. Seasonal refreshments included. Raffle. Proceeds to Julian House for the homeless and Wincanton foodbank.

**Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital** – **Christmas Fayre** at Wincanton Community Hospital **Saturday 25th November 4pm-7pm** Santa’s Grotto, live entertainment, stalls, seasonal drinks, cakes and more! Fun & games for all the family!

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like immediate prayers for yourself or someone you know please contact the following (requests passed in confidence): Penny Ashton 07733 162342 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: June 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, Brenda Piper, Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Gwen Evans, Oliver Feltham, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Elizabeth Wise, Brian Dicker, Christopher Browne, Sandra Jones, Ken and Ann Madeley, Josie Dukes, Ben White, Sylvie Pattison, Roger Lowe, Ann Beaven, Grace Cox.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:**

We pray for our new King at the start of his reign – His Majesty King Charles III and his Queen, Camilla.

We pray for our plans to run Alpha early in the New Year.

*Parish Office: Office hours-Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings 9:15am to 1:15pm. The Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Tel: 01963 824503. Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter to Rachel by midday on Wednesday.*

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*The Parish Churches of St. Peter & St. Paul, Wincanton*

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 **12th November 2023 Remembrance Day**

Dear Friends,

This weekend includes our annual marking of Armistice Day and Remembrance. On Saturday – Armistice Day - please gather at the outside War Memorial by the Memorial Hall in Wincanton for 10:45am for a short act of Remembrance. This will be followed by another act of Remembrance at the Old Faithful memorial.

On Sunday, there will be a Remembrance Service in Wincanton starting at 10:45am. We will be joined at that by the chaplain of the Army Air Corps, the Reverend Andy Barton. In Pen Selwood, please gather at the war memorial for 10:55am on Sunday followed by a service in the Church.



It was so good the children and young people of the town were able to make a human poppy in Cale Park in September. The poppy is a poignant reminder of the cost of conflict past, and the importance of working together as peacemakers and peace bringers.

Wincanton Church is open during the day from 9am – 3pm as the scaffolding erection phase of the building works has finished. Please note it will be access via the SOUTH DOOR (as this is much less proximate to the ongoing building works!). We anticipate it will need to shut again for about a week when the scaffolding is taken down (I’ll keep you posted).

With love in Christ, Alison

**DIARY DATES**

**Black Bin Café** Held in Pen Selwood Village Hall every other Friday **10:30am – 12:30pm** a great social event and well worth a visit. Tea, coffee and wonderful cakes. Please check the website [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/). Café next open **November 24th**.

**14th Nov 2023 Bereavement Cafe** in **Wincanton Church** at **11:00am.** Come and share in this safe and friendly space, find support and friendship over tea and cake. **Everyone welcome**.

**25th Nov 2023 Christmas Coffee Morning** in **Pen Selwood Village Hall** **10:30am – 12:00.** Gift Stall, Raffle, Cakes and Produce.In aid of St Michael’s Church. **Everybody welcome**!

**7th Dec 2023 Mother’s Union Meeting 2:30pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s Church.**  Come and enjoy our happy Meeting. You do not need to be a member to enjoy our meetings. **All welcome!**

**9th Dec 2023 Christmas Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00.** Books, Raffle, Homemade Cakes, savouries and Refreshments. **Everybody welcome**!

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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 13th November | 44 | Matthew 4: 23-5.12 |
| Tuesday 14th November | 48 | Matthew 5: 13-20 |
| Wednesday 15th November | 119 57-80 | Matthew 5: 21-37 |
| Thursday 16th November | 26 | Matthew 5: 38-end |
| Friday 17thNovember | 32 | Matthew 6: 1-18 |
| Saturday 18th November | 33 | Matthew 6: 19-end |

**Readings for 12th November: Psalm 23 Revelation 21: 1-7**

**Readings for 19th November: Zephaniah 1: 7 & 12-end Matthew 25: 14-30**

#### Church Diary

Sun 12th Nov 10:45am Wincanton – Remembrance Day Service

 **10:55am** Pen Selwood – Remembrance Day Service (start at War

Memorial 10:55am, then service in Church)

Tues 14th Nov 11:00am Wincanton – Bereavement Café in Church

Thurs 16th Nov 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice (including Christmas Choir)

Sun 19th Nov 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service

 10:45pm Wincanton – Communion Service

 12:30pm Wincanton – Baptism in Church

St Peter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton is open daily from 9am–3pm via the **South Door** from **Sunday 5th November.** *Please take extreme care & caution on the church paths.*

St Michael’s Church in Pen Selwood is open every day 10am – 3pm.

#### Church Notices



The **Christmas Bingo** fundraiser for St Peter & St Paul’s Church is on **Friday November 17th** at the **Memorial Hall, Wincanton**. Eyes down at **7:30pm** (doors open 6:30pm). **Everybody Welcome** for an evening of great bingo fun! Fantastic prizes to be won!

**Christmas Hamper –** We have a delicious Christmas Hamper to raffle at our December coffee morning again this year, in Wincanton Church. We would be very grateful for any donations to help fill the hamper. If you can help, please take your donations to the Parish Office, or give them to the Fundraising Team. **Thank you**.

**Bell Ringing Practice** continues on Tuesday evenings at another local tower by arrangement, whilst roof works are ongoing. For details contact Janet on 01963 34965.

**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,

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, (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.**

**Bereavement Café -** Our next Bereavement Cafe is on **Tuesday 14th November** at **11am** in **Wincanton Church**.  This is an occasion to give and receive friendship and support from others experiencing similar feelings of grief. Come along and share in this safe and friendly space over tea and cake. Everybody is warmly welcome.

**Wincanton Christmas Fayre** last Saturday raised **£417.89**. Many thanks to all who helped and to all who came along to support us.

**Contact Pool –** The winners of the October draw (drawn on Saturday 4th November) are: 1st prize £30 Kim Cole (No. 66), 2nd prize £20 Mollie Carr (No. 128) and 3rd prize £10 Mary Wallis (No. 96). Congratulations to all the winners! **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**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. **Rev Alison.**