**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Carers Support Group & Respite Activity Group –** 2nd Monday of every month **2pm-3:30pm** at the **NEW VENUE: River Cale Café**, Cemetery Lane, Wincanton. Bring the person you care for. Contact Cath Holloway 07951 944 420 or email Cath: cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**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 Penny, Judy or Rachel in the Parish Office.

**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, Ann Beaven, Grace Cox, Bishop Peter & Jane Hancock, Sandra James.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Ron Lawrence, Nigel Peter Fox.

* We pray for our planning for the coming interregnum and for the future of our churches coming together with our neighbouring parishes of Cucklington with Stoke Trister and Bayford and Charlton Musgrove.
* We pray for His Majesty King Charles III and Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales both undergoing treatment for cancer.

*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.*

*Facebook Group: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches.*

*E:**office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk* *Website:*[*www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*](http://www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk)

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 **31st March - 13th April Easter Day – Easter 2**

Dear Friends,

As Lent draws to a close, and Easter opens our hearts once again to God’s saving love for us – may I commend the worship to you on these final great days (especially as this newsletter is being circulated electronically on Thursday this week).

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 28th March - Agape Meal and Communion at 7pm - Remembering Jesus’ last supper with a simple meal, peace and a prayer vigil in Wincanton.

GOOD FRIDAY – 29th March – St Peter and St Paul’s Wincanton is open for private prayer – 9am-3pm.

This year the Churches Together in Wincanton Service is in the Baptist Church at 10.30am.

ALSO 2pm – Pen Selwood Church – Reflections for Good Friday Service at 2pm.

EASTER DAY – 31st March - **8:45am** in Pen Selwood - Family Communion for Easter and farewell to Rev Alison. Celebration of the risen Lord Jesus for all the family.

**11:00am** in Wincanton - Family Communion for Easter and farewell to Rev Alison. Celebration of the risen Lord Jesus for all the family.

FYI - 31st March is also the day the clocks go forward!!

In my final newsletter entry, can I thank you for all your prayers and support over the past four years that I have been your Rector. I am very conscious of the journey we have been on together, particularly our journey in hope and in following God’s guidance for us. I will continue to pray for you as we mark our parting of the ways today. May we always know deep in our hearts, the joy, hope and peace of the Risen Lord Jesus and to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this day and everyday……

And in some final words of a prayer Brother Ramon for Easter Day (When they crucified my Lord, BRF 1999) – *This morning the light has broken through, and you have risen, not only from the imprisonment of the tomb, but within our heart’s yearning. Let your light increase, let your risen life irradiate our own, so that the shining of your resurrection may herald your coming in glory. Amen.*

**With love, hope and peace in the Risen Christ Jesus, Alison**

**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 1st April | 117 | 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 |
| Tuesday 2nd April | 112 | 1 Corinthians 15: 12-19 |
| Wednesday 3rd April | 113 | 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28 |
| Thursday 4th April | 114 | 1 Corinthians 15: 29-34 |
| Friday 5thApril | 115 | 1 Corinthians 15: 35-50 |
| Saturday 6th April | 116 | 1 Corinthians 15: 51-end |
| Monday 8th April | 111 | Romans 5: 12-end |
| Tuesday 9th April | 8 | Colossians 1: 15-end |
| Wednesday 10th April | 30 | Colossians 2: 1-15 |
| Thursday 11th April  | 28 | Colossians 2: 16-3.11 |
| Friday 12th April | 61 | Colossians 3: 12-4.1 |
| Saturday 13th April | 84 | Colossians 4: 2-end |

**Readings for 31st March: John 20: 1-18**

**Readings for 7th April: Acts 4: 32-35 John 20: 19-end**

**Reading for 14th April: Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24: 36-48**

#### Church Diary

Sun 31st March **8:45am** Pen Selwood – Easter Day Family Communion Service and

 Farewell to Rev Alison, followed by light refreshments

 **11:00am** Wincanton – Easter Day Family Communion Service and

 Farewell to Rev Alison, followed by light refreshments

Tues 2nd April 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thurs 4th April 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 7th April 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

Tues 9th April 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thurs 11th April 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sat 13th April 10am-12:00 Wincanton – Coffee Morning in Church

Sun 14th April 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

 12:30pm Wincanton – Baptism in Church

Peter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton is open daily from 9am–3pm via the **South Door.**

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

#### Church Notices

**Wincanton Church Electoral Roll –** The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll is currently underway. Inclusion on the Electoral Roll entitles members to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting. For anyone wishing to be added to the Roll, please contact Rosemary Keep on 01963 33656 or email rosemarykeep@gmail.com for an application form. Forms must be returned by **16th April.**

**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 [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/) to check when the Café is next open.

**4th April Mother’s Union Meeting 2:30pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s**

 **Church.**  Come and enjoy our happy Meeting. This month, **please bring your favourite hymn or prayer to share.** You don’t need to be a member to enjoy our meetings. **All welcome!**

**13th April Easter Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00.** Books, Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries and Refreshments. **All welcome**!

**23rd April Bereavement Café –** at the **River Cale Café** at **2:00pm**. Come along to our new venue and share in this safe space where we can support and help each other through our grief with friendship. **Everyone welcome.**

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**Home Communion and other visits –** It is possible to make pastoral visits, and this could include home communion. Please get in touch to arrange. **Penny Ashton.**

**SAVE THE DATE –** Annual Meetings for our parishes are coming up so please save the dates: **Wincanton** on **Saturday 11th May 11:45am in St Peter & St Paul’s Church,** and **Pen Selwood** on **Sunday 19th May 10:15am in St Michael’s Church.**

**Farewell to Rev Alison Way –** Please come and join us in our churches on **Easter Day, Sunday 31st March** for Rev Alison’s final Communion service in our parishes. Join us at **8:45am in Pen Selwood** and **11:00am in Wincanton** for these special services which will both be followed by light refreshments. **Everyone welcome.** We will be giving thanks for Alison’s time of ministry with us and praying for her new ministry in the Croydon Episcopal Area of Southwark Diocese. Alison will be licensed in her new ministry by the Bishop of Croydon on Wednesday 24th April.

**Fundraising – May 11th** is our **Wincanton coffee morning & Plant Sale**. When you begin sowing and planting could you please plant a few extra for the plant sale? Thank you so much, your support is very much appreciated.

**Lent boxes** - If you took a Lent box in Wincanton Church, please bring it to church on Easter Sunday. The money is for our Zambia link church in Chingola. **Thank you.**

**Lent Lunch –** Many thanks to all who came to the Lent Lunch in Wincanton Church in support of our Zambia Link Church, St John in Chingola.  We raised **£220** and are very grateful to Gill Oaten and her team of helpers: particularly the soup makers. **Rosemary Keep.**