**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:** “Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’.”

**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 & family, 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, Gill Abbott.

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

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

* We pray for the Sanneh family, preparing for Idrissa’s Baptism on 14th April.
* We pray for our 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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 **Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday after Easter**

**Everyone is very warmly welcome to our services**

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 14th APRIL:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Brian McConnell

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Lydia Avery

 **Readings: Acts 3: 12-19 Luke 24: 36-48**

**Please join us for tea and coffee after the services**

A loop system operates at both churches. Large print service sheets are also available – please ask a Churchwarden for them. ‘Play bags’ are available for children in the play corner at Wincanton. A public toilet is available just outside the North gate up the road on the right-hand side at Wincanton. At Pen Selwood toilet facilities are in the adjacent village hall (please obtain the key from a sides-person/helper).

**SUNDAY 21st APRIL:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Lydia Avery

**Readings: Acts 4: 5-12 Joun 10: 11-18**

***Please take a copy of this newsletter to a friend or neighbour who is not in church today so that they may keep in touch with Church/parish events.***

**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

**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.

**13th April 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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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 15th April | 96 | Luke 1: 1-25 |
| Tuesday 16th April | 98 | Luke 1: 26-38 |
| Wednesday 17th April | 105 | Luke 1: 39-56 |
| Thursday 18th April | 136 | Luke 1: 57-end |
| Friday 19thApril | 107 | Luke 2: 1-20 |
| Saturday 20th April | 110 | Luke 2: 21-40 |

#### Church Diary

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

Tues 16th April 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thurs 18th April 7:30pm Wincanton – **NO** Choir Practice

Sun 21st April 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

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

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

**A message from Rev Alison**: Thank you so much for your very generous gifts and kind words at my final services in Wincanton and Pen Selwood on Easter Day. All very much appreciated. The move has gone well, and I am now getting settled and sorted. I will be very grateful for your prayers as my licensing to the new role takes place on April 24th. **With love in Christ from Warlingham, Alison**.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped out at Wincanton for the Holy Week services and the Easter Sunday service and farewell to Rev Alison. It was a very special time. **Thank you** also to the flower ladies for the beautiful flowers that decorated the church.

**VACANCY NEWS –** As Rev Alison has now left the parishes The Rectory is empty. The Diocese plans to let The Rectory on a short term let. We have arrangements in place for all of our worship services in the parishes to continue and these will be covered by Rev Lydia Avery, Rev Ken Masters, Rev Diane Barrett, Rev Hilary Jalland, Rev Brian McConnell and Penny Ashton. We are very grateful to them all.

**Lambing at Pear Ash Farm is CANCELLED** on 20th April. The lambs couldn’t wait and have already arrived! Unfortunately this event is cancelled for this year.

**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.**

**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.

**A date for your diary -** Wincanton Church Path Fete is **Saturday 8th June**. Do you have an idea for a stall that you can organise and run? If so, please talk to either Elizabeth Baxter or the Churchwardens. Let's make this year's fete the best yet!

**Wincanton Church Coffee Morning** – We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for our coffee morning please, also donations of homemade cakes and sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. If you can help, please bring donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can be left at the Parish Office. The next coffee morning is **Saturday** **13th April!** **Thank you.**

**THANK YOU** for all of your thoughtful cards and kind messages, and special thanks to the ladies for the lovely refreshments for Ron’s memorial service. **Mavis Lawrence.**

**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 **Tuesday** **16th April** please.