**Community Notices**

**Calling all Knitters –** Do you love to knit but have items you don’t know what to do with? Sherborne Methodist Church collect knitted items (blankets, hats, gloves, clothing, teddy bears etc) and distribute them to charities in need. Bring your items to the Parish Office or contact **Sarah Steven** on **07737 900 477** for more information.

**Wincanton Carers Support Group & Respite Activity Group –** 2nd Monday of the month **2pm-3:30pm** at the **River Cale Café**, Wincanton. Bring the person you care for. Contact Cath Holloway 0795194 4420 or cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “ ‘I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.’.”

**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:** Jack Masters, Mark Madeley, Ron Lawrence, Nigel Peter Fox.

* 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)

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

*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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 **Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday after Easter**

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

Welcome!

**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 John 10: 11-18**

**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 28th APRIL:**

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Diane Barrett

 **6:30pm** Pen Selwood – Evensong Service led by Charles Buckler

**Readings: Acts 8: 26-end John 15: 1-8**

***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:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 22nd April | 103 | Luke 2: 41-end |
| Tuesday 23rd April | 5 | Luke Ephesians 6: 10-20 |
| Wednesday 24th April | 135 | Luke 3: 15-22 |
| Thursday 25th April | 148 | Acts 12: 25 – 13: 13 |
| Friday 26thApril | 33 | Luke 4: 14-30 |
| Saturday 27th April | 34 | Luke 4: 31-37 |

#### Church Diary

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

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

Tues 23rd April 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thurs 25th April 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 28th April 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

 6:30pm Pen Selwood – Evensong Service (led by Charles Buckler)

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 PCC -** Are you interested in joining the PCC? If so, please ask the Churchwardens for the necessary form.  We have approximately six meetings each year. We look forward to you joining us!

**Wincanton Coffee Morning & Plant Sale on May 11th -** If you have plants for us to sell please bring them along to the Church by 10am. If you need plants collected, please contact Adrian on 01963 33834. **Thank you.**

**Help Required – St Peter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton**:

We are looking for another person or 2 to join the Church Unlocking and Locking Rota. It will entail unlocking the Church around 9am and locking again around 3pm. This will be on a basis of once a month or maybe once every 2 months, for a week. If you are interested and feel you could help keep our lovely Church open, please contact **Gill D'Arcy** on **01963 33160**. **Thank you**.

Could you help clean the Church (with a partner) once a quarter? Help us to keep our beautiful Church clean and fresh. Or maybe you could help serving the teas & coffees after the Sunday service once a month? If you could possibly spare the time just one Sunday a month, we would be very grateful. If you feel you could help with either the cleaning rota (once every three months) or the Sunday refreshments (once a month) please contact **Elizabeth Baxter** on **01963** **34537. Thank you.**

**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.

**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.**

**11th May Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00.** PLANTS! Books, Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries and Refreshments. **All 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.**

**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** **11th May!** **Thank you.**

**Sponsored Silence –** In Wincanton Church **Sarah Steven** will be sitting in the Lady Chapel on **11th May** from **9am-3pm** (including during the Coffee Morning & Plant Sale) undertaking a sponsored silence. Sarah is undertaking the Street Pastor Training and hoping to raise £200 towards her Street Pastor uniform to join the Yeovil Street Pastors. Please sponsor Sarah on the day (but no talking!) or contact Sarah on 07737 900 477 for details of her justgiving sponsorship page.

**Contact Pool –** The winners of the March draw (drawn on April 13th at the coffee morning) are: First prize £30 Pat Bowler (No. 120), Second prize £20 Sheila Phillips (No. 47) and Third prize £10 Julie Treeby (No. 21). Many congratulations to all the winners. **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**