**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](mailto:cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk).

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “ ‘If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.’.”

**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:** Molly Bishop, 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*](mailto: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 28th April 5th Sunday after Easter**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 5th May:**

**9:00am** Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service led by Penny Ashton

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

**Readings: Acts 16: 22-34 John 16: 5-11**

***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 29th April | 145 | Luke 4: 38-end |
| Tuesday 30th April | 19 | Luke 5: 1-11 |
| Wednesday 1st May | 139 | James 1: 1-12 |
| Thursday 2nd May | 57 | Luke 5: 27-end |
| Friday 3rdMay | 138 | Luke 6: 1-11 |
| Saturday 4th May | 146 | Luke 6: 12-26 |

#### Church Diary

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

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

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

Thurs 2nd May 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Fri 3rd May 1:00pm Wincanton – Funeral Service in Church

Sun 5th May 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

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 -** Thank you to those who have put themselves forward for the PCC.

A big thank you to **Pat Sainsbury** and **Richard D'Arcy** who have completed their time on the PCC and to **Gill D'Arcy** who is taking a well-deserved rest from the PCC. We are very grateful for the excellent service, time and they have generously given to our PCC during their years of service.

**Ascension Day Service –** The Ascension Day service this year is being held on **Thursday 9th May** at **Milborne Port Church** at **7pm**. Everyone is very welcome.

**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.

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

**28th May 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.**

**Annual Meetings** for our parishes are coming up and a warm welcome awaits everyone who would like to attend in **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 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. We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for the coffee morning please, also donations of homemade cakes and sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. If you can help, please bring donations to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can be left at the Office. **Thank You.**

**Nicky King** is walking 60km in May fundraising for the **Children’s Society** for the 60,000 children they have helped. If you would like to donate to Nicky’s fundraiser you can give your donation to Nicky in Church, or contact Nicky on 01963 33454 for details of her JustGiving sponsorship page. **Good Luck Nicky!**

**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. **Good Luck Sarah!**