**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Carers Support Group –** Held on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** **2pm-3:30pm** at **River Cale Café**, Cemetery Lane, Wincanton BA9 9ED. For people who care for a friend or family member on an unpaid basis. Share ideas, laughs, experiences and information. Hear from local organisations who can offer help and guidance. For more information contact **Cath Holloway** on 07535 279 359 or cathh@somersetrcc.org.uk.

**Live Well with Pain Café -** Every third Thursday of the month 2-4pm at Common Road/Deansley Way Communal Lounge BA9 9RG. Are you living with a long-term pain condition? Come and talk about your pain and share ideas, develop new tools and just chat about everyday life. Call Sue Crisfield on 07749418850 or the Health Coaches on 435700.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.”.

**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, 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, Ann & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Brenda Piper, Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Oliver Feltham, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Elizabeth Wise, Brian Dicker, Christopher Browne, Sandra Jones, Ken and & Madeley, Josie Dukes, Ben White, Sylvie Pattison, Anne Beaven, Grace Cox, Sandra James, Gill Abbott, Elizabeth Baxter, Doug Puckett, Beryl Williams, Susan Greenway, Gertraud Smith.

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

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

* We pray for our interregnum and for our churches coming together with our neighbouring parishes of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford and for our vacancy process for a new Priest.
* We pray for His Majesty King Charles III and Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales both recovering from cancer.

***CONTACT US:*** *Administrator -* ***Rachel Feltham*** *01963 824503 in the Parish Office* *office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk* *Office hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:30-1pm. The Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Website for Wincanton:* [*www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*](http://www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk) *Pen Selwood:* [*www.penselwood.ning*](http://www.penselwood.ning) *Facebook Page: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches. Find us on* [*www.achurchnearyou.com*](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)*.*

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**2nd March 2025 Sunday before Lent**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 2nd March:**

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

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

**Readings: Exodus 34: 29-end Luke 9: 28-43a**

**WEDNESDAY 5th March:**

**7:00pm** Wincanton – Communion Service with imposition of Ashes

with Rev Lydia Avery

**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 9th March:**

 **9:30am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Brian McConnell

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

**Readings: Pen Selwood: Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13**

 **Wincanton: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Luke 4: 1-13**

 ***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.***

**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. Café next open **March 14th & 28th.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**8th March Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church –** **10:00am – 12:00.** Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Refreshments, Book stall and Raffle! Come and enjoy this friendly, social event. **All welcome**!

**29th March Jumble Sale** in **Pen Selwood Village Hall** **2pm – 4pm.** Jumble, White Elephant, Raffle, Cakes & Produce. Proceeds in aid of St Michael’s Church. **Everybody welcome**!

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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 3rd March | 80 | John 3: 1-21 |
| Tuesday 4th March | 89: 1-18 | John 3: 22-end |
| Wednesday 5th March | 38 | 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 |
| Thursday 6th March | 77 | John 4: 1-26 |
| Friday 7thMarch | 88 | John 4: 27-42 |
| Saturday 8th March | 71 | John 4: 43-end |

#### Church Diary

Sun 2nd Mar 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

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

Mon 3rd Mar 2:00pm Pen Selwood – Funeral in Church

Tues 4th Mar 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Wed 5th Mar 7:00pm Wincanton – Ash Wednesday Communion & Ashes (Rev L Avery)

Thur 6th Mar 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Fri 7th Mar 2:00pm Wincanton – World Day of Prayer Service in Church

Sun 9th Mar **9:30am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

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

 12:30pm Wincanton – Baptism in Church

StPeter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton is open Mon-Fri from 9am–3pm via the **South Door.**

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

#### Church Notices

**Wincanton Church Coffee Mornings** – We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for our coffee mornings please, also donations of homemade cakes & sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. If you can help, please bring your donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can also be left at the Parish Office. The next coffee mornings are **Saturday 8th March and 5th April – the first Saturday of the month, to coincide with celebrations for Wincanton History Day!**

**Wincanton APCM** will take place on **Saturday 10th May** after the coffee morning at approximately **11:45am.** Gill and Judy have decided not to stand for Churchwarden so we will be looking for two new Churchwardens. Please give some thought and prayer as to whether this could be you, to fulfill this crucial and rewarding role. Gill and Judy are happy to answer any questions you may have and prepared to give you as much support as needed.

**World Day of Prayer** (formerly Womens’ World Day of Prayer) – A short ecumenical service will be held in Wincanton Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul on **Friday 7th March at 2:00pm**. This year the service has been written by the women of the Cook Islands and has an exciting Polynesian flavour! **Everyone** – men, women and children of all Christian denominations (or none!) are cordially invited. **Please do come along** & enjoy this service**!**

**Pen Selwood Communion Services** with Rev Ken Masters and Rev Brian McConnell on  **9th March & 16th March** will start at **9:30am** for these three Sundays.

**Safeguarding Training –** We will be running Safeguarding Training in Wincanton Church on **Wednesday 26th March 10am – 12:00 midday** where you can all renew your Basic Awareness Certificate, together, in this relaxed training environment. Contact Rachel in the Parish Office to book your place 01963 824503. Anyone who would like to attend from Wincanton or Pen Selwood Church/PCC and friends from our new Benefice are welcome to book on this event.

The **Churches Together Lent Course** is entitled  A Place For Us and is based on the 2022 film of West Side Story.  All meetings will be held in the Parish Room at the Catholic Church. Meetings will be weekly at 7pm for a **7.30pm** start commencing on **Wednesday 12th March**. The course book is recommended but not essential and copies can be purchased from Penny for £3. **T:** 07733162342, **E:** reader@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk.

You are invited to join us for our **Lent Lunches 12:00 – 1:30pm** for delicious soups and rolls, and a warm welcome on **21st March** in the **Catholic Church Room, 28th March** in **St Peter & St Paul’s Church** and on **4th April** in **The Quaker Barn**. All welcome.

**New Church Electoral Roll –** This year there will be a complete renewal of the Electoral Roll and members are requested to fill in a new application form. Letters enclosing the forms will be available in church shortly. Please return completed forms to the box by the north door in church or to the Parish Office by 11th April. It would be helpful if members could deliver letters to anyone who is not in church regularly. Any problems, please contact  Rosemary Keep on 01963 33656 or email rosemarykeep@gmail.com. Thanks for your help in this matter. **Rosemary Keep.**

The **Mothers’ Union Meeting** will **not** be meeting on Thursday 6th March, instead we hope to attend the World Day of Prayer the next day: Friday 7th March 2pm in Wincanton Church.

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Loving God, as we journey through this period of interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. During this vacancy, guard and grow our parishes as we serve you together in this period without a Rector. Amen.*