**Community Notices**

**Falklands War 40th Anniversary –** A talk on the war with slides, from a Scots Guards perspective by Major (Retd) Simon Carew Price, Officer Commanding Right Flank, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards at the Battle for Tumbledown Mountain during the Falklands War 1982. **7pm-9pm Friday 10th June Wincanton Memorial Hall.** Tickets £5 on the door, tea & coffee. For Wincanton British Legion & Scots Guards Charities.

** Prayer Diary**

**From the readings:** “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like immediate prayers for yourself or someone you know please contact one of the following (requests passed in confidence): Penny Ashton 01963 33990 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 Rev Alison Way 33151.

**Please continue to pray for** those of our fellowship and friends whoare ill or recovering from operations: Derek Ayers, June and Steve 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, Sue Cox, Brenda Piper, Bishop Peter & Jane Hancock, Canon Alan & Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Gwen Evans, Oliver Feltham & family, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Derek Taylor, Heather Doe, Elizabeth Wise, Karen Woods.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Francis Dukes, Sonia Willis-Fleming,Constance (Connie) Catley, Father Louis Beasley-Suffolk.

We pray for Wincanton Health Centre & Wincanton Community Hospital, for the staff in their work pressures.

We pray for *WOW!* and *Rise and Shine*, and all the work being done to bring these initiatives to life in 2022 and the work underway for safeguarding in both churches.

We pray for everyone’s gifts and talents to be shared as we look at ways of “Growing Younger in God’s love for us” in both churches.

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*Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter to Rachel by midday on Wednesday.*

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**3rd April 2022 Passion Sunday**

Dear Friends,

As I am sure most of you are aware, Alison has been signed off for a further two weeks by her doctor – I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and hold her in your prayers, both now and after she is restored to full health. With our approaching APCMs we need to continue prayerfully considering Alison’s workload – particularly at Wincanton which is currently without a churchwarden. We are very pleased this Sunday to welcome the Rev Ken Masters to our Wincanton service as celebrant and preacher, while I will be leading a Service of the Word at Pen Selwood.

At a recent meeting of the Deanery Synod we considered the financial situation of the diocese which over time will necessitate a reduction of clergy numbers. No decisions have yet been reached as to how this will be accomplished, but it will affect all of us to some extent, and it is important that we hold the decision making process in our prayers and ask God to guide how this is done.

In Wincanton, we are loosening Covid arrangements a little as we journey together ‘living with this virus’. Please pay attention to the changes described in the ‘What to Expect’ document displayed in the church or accompanying this newsletter in an email. Social distancing and face coverings are recommended now just in the North side pews, and both doors will be available for entry and exit. For now, we would be very grateful if face coverings were worn when receiving communion. We do need to be considerate and kind to one another, and particularly protect the most vulnerable.

We also continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine at this time and for peace, and for the millions who have been made homeless. We must pray too that our government will find a way to welcome those refugees who are trying to join friends or families in this country.

Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday, and we look forward to welcoming the Rev Diane Barrett as celebrant and preacher at Pen Selwood, and Rev Ken Masters as celebrant and preacher at Wincanton.

Pen Selwood will be celebrating Palm Sunday with a procession with a donkey, and Wincanton will be hearing the dramatised Passion Gospel. For the full Palm Sunday experience, you are welcome to attend both services. I am taking a few days away next week, but will still be contactable by mobile phone or email if necessary. With best wishes and prayers, Penny.

**Worship for the Week Ahead:**

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| Day | Psalm | Reading |
| 4th April | 73 | Hebrews 11:17-31 |
| 5th April | 35 | Hebrews 11:32-12.2 |
| 6th April | 55 | Hebrews 12:3-13 |
| 7th April | 40 | Hebrews 12:14-end |
| 8th April | 22 | Hebrews 13:1-16 |
| 9th April | 23 | Hebrews 13:17-end |

**Readings for 3rd April: Philippians 3: 4b – 14 John 12: 1-8**

**Readings for 10th April: Philippians 2: 5-11 Luke 19: 28-40**

#### Church Diary

Sun 3rd April 9:00am Pen Selwood – Passion Sunday Service of the Word

 10:45am Wincanton – Passion Sunday Communion Service with

 Rev Ken Masters

Tues 5th April 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Thurs 7th April 2:30pm Mother’s Union Meeting - Wincanton

 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sun 10th April 9:00am Pen Selwood – Donkey Procession & Communion Service

 Led by Rev Diane Barrett

 10:45am Wincanton – Palm Sunday Communion Service with Rev

 Ken Masters

St Peter & St Paul’s Church in Wincanton is open every week day between 9am and 3pm.

St Michaels Church in Pen Selwood is open every day between 10am and 3pm.

#### Church Notices

**Lent Course** – The Lent course this year is based on the film ‘The Way’.  The next meeting to discuss aspects of the film will take place on 6th April at 1.30pm at the Catholic Church. Members of all churches are welcome. **Penny.**

**Wincanton Food Bank –** Donations of long-life milk, tinned rice pudding/custard, tinned meat/fish, jars of sauces, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, coffee, toilet rolls and jars/packets of baby food would be very gratefully appreciated at the Community Church. Drop donations off on Tuesdays or Sundays 10am-12:00. **Grateful** **thanks.**

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning** *–* We are planning a plant sale at the Wincanton church coffee morning on May 14th. We would be very grateful if, when you are sowing seeds, you would sow a few extra for plants to sell at the sale. Thank you.

**DIARY DATES**

**Black Bin Café** This is held in Pen Selwood Village Hall every other Friday **10:30am – 12:30pm** and is a great social event and well worth a visit. Tea, coffee & wonderful cakes. Please check the website [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/) for when the café will next be open.

**7th April 2022 Mother’s Union Meeting** in St Peter & St Paul’s Church **2:30-3:30pm.** All Welcome!

**9th April 2022** **Coffee Morning: 10am – 12:00** in **St Peter & St Paul’s** **Church**. Refreshments, homemade cakes, books, raffle.

**All Welcome!**

**Contact Details for Rev Alison Way –** Please note my contact details are:

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Landline: 01963 33151, Work mobile: 07515 958988

Email: rector@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk,

Facebook Group: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches

*Please note my usual day off is on Monday.*

**Home Communion and other visits –** It is possible moving forward to make pastoral visits, (and this could include home communion if desired). Please get in touch to arrange, it will be very good to catch up.  **Alison and Penny.**

**Living in Love & Faith –** the Diocese will be running a three session online Living in Love and Faith course for anyone who has not had opportunity to engage with the process so far. The course will run on **Tuesday 5th, 12th & 26th April from7pm-9.30pm. Please contact:** allie.white@bathwells.anglican.org **for further details or more information is available here:** [Living in Love and Faith (churchofengland.org)](https://llf.churchofengland.org/).

**Lent Lunch -** We held a successful Lent Lunch in the Church on 25th March and raised **£125.80** for the Zambia Link and our linked church, St John in Chingola.  We were pleased to welcome people from other churches in the town, too.  Many thanks to all those who supported the lunch, made soup, helped set up and clear away.  Special thanks to Gill Oaten who did so much in organising the event and obtaining the food. **Rosemary Keep.**

**Coffee Morning Request –** Donations of homemade cakes and sausage rolls would be gratefully appreciated for St Peter & St Paul’s Church coffee mornings please! Bring them along on the morning, our next coffee morning is **next Saturday**, come along and join us on **9th April at 10am!** All welcome.

**Prayer List –** If you would like to be added to our Prayer List, or feel a friend or relative should be on our Prayer List, please do let me know. If you are wanting someone else to be prayed for you must have their permission. Anybody is welcome to be included in our prayers at any time, and I will also pray for you in my daily prayers. Please use the contact details in this newsletter to contact me. **Alison.**