**Community Notices**

**Black Bin Café: (the same day as black rubbish bins are emptied)**

This is held in Pen Selwood Village Hall every other Friday from 10.30am to 12 midday. If you have not visited this then please do go along. It is a wonderful social event and well worth a visit.

**Call My Bluff!** Saturday 19th October 2019 at 7:30pm in Pen Selwood Village Hall - All welcome! Come along and enjoy this fun rural quiz! **Charles Buckler**

**Day Trip - Foresters Friendly Society.** A visit to Monkton Elm Garden Centre, Taunton, is being arranged for Friday 20th September. Coach leaves Wincanton at 9.30am and departs from the Garden Centre at 3pm. To book please Tel: 01963 33160, or contact Richard.

**Wincanton and District Gardeners** Annual Flower Show Schedules are now available at the following places, Library, Wild Cardz and The Parish Church Office. Show date 7th September so collect yours and see what you could enter in the Show, from the many classes offered.

**The CAT Bus** are appealing to any business or individual who may be able to offer some financial support, either a one-off donation or ongoing sponsorship, to safeguard the future of the project. Contact Jayne on 01963 345954 or sscatbus@gmail.com.

.** Prayer Diary**

**From today’s readings:** “…let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith….”

**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 33990 or Judy Chiplen 33834. If you wish to join the prayer chain contact Judy 33834.

**Please continue to pray for** those of our fellowship and friends whoare ill or recovering from operations: Pearl and Derek Ayers, June and Steve Beech, Margaret Brown, Francis Dukes, Rebecca Legg, Peter Lewis, Ben Legg, Ern Oaten, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Diana Paley, Mavis Paley, Anne Phillips, Brian Phillips, Ben Sams, Kath White, Robin Wickenden, Kevin, Sally and for their carers.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Gerald Box, Sheila Watkins, Janet Smith.

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

*Parish Office Hours: Tues, Thurs & Fri: 9.15am - 1.15pm 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Tel: (01963) 824503*

*All items, for the Newsletter, to the Parish Office by 5pm Thursday at the latest. Email:* *office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*

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 August 18th 2019 9th Sunday after Trinity

 **Services Today:**

Welcome

**Pen Selwood** 9.00am Holy Communion Rev D Richards

**Wincanton\*** 10.30am Holy Communion Rev H Jalland

**Readings: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 Luke 12: 49-56**

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

A loop system operates at both churches. Large print publications are also available – please ask for them. ‘Play bags’ are available for youngsters in the play corner at Wincanton. A public toilet is available just 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 25th August 10th Sunday after Trinity**

**Pen Selwood** 6.30pm Evensong

**Wincanton** 10.30am Holy Communion

***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 events***

**Worship Notes:** Today we welcome Rev Hilary Jalland at Wincanton and Rev Dan Richards at Pen Selwood, to celebrate Holy Communion. Also we offer a very warm welcome to our congregation and all visitors to both churches.

**Quote of the Week:** “We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." **Chuck Swindoll.**

#### Church Diary

Mon 19th August 9:00am **NO** Tiny Church

Tues 20th August 7:30pm Bell ringing practice

Thur 22nd August 1.00pm Lunchtime Prayer for the vacancy

 7.30pm **NO** Choir Practice

#### Church Notices

***Coffee Morning and Sponsored Knit***

 

***Knitting poppies for Remembrance Sunday display!***

***Saturday September 14th 2019***

***10am - 12:00noon***

***Sun Lounge, Memorial Hall, Wincanton***

***All Welcome!***

**Can you help?** Our church operates an “open-church” policy, which means it is open daily. To do this we have a key holders rota, and key holders operate on a weekly basis. Currently we have four people on our rota. We are looking to increase this number, to reduce the commitment of these four people, and provide extra cover during holiday periods. If you feel you can offer help, please speak to a churchwarden who will be happy to provide more information. Thank you. **Churchwardens.**

**Quiet Day -** The Parish Quiet Day will be on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at Hillfield Friary from 9:30am until about 4pm. Brother Chris will be leading us. Tea and coffee are provided but you will need to bring a packed lunch. If you would like to come, please sign the list at the back of the church, and please specify if you require help with transport, or can offer it. It is always rewarding for us to get away together and spend time in prayer, so we hope that as many as possible will come. **Penny Ashton.**

**Street Pastors** are asking for donations of clean sleeping bags for the rough sleepers during the Winter months. If you have an unwanted sleeping bag or would like to make a donation towards purchasing some, please give your donation, no matter how small, either to Sue Hall, a Churchwarden or call in to the Parish Office. Sue has kindly offered to collect any donations and make the purchase. Thank you. **Churchwardens.**

It’s August, so it must be time to order your Mothers’ Union diaries and Christmas cards! Details, and an order form, are on the Mother’s Union table at the back of the church.

**Diary Dates:**

 September 14th Coffee Morning and Sponsored Knit

 October 12th Coffee Morning

 October 26th Guitar Recital in Church

 November 3rd All Souls Service in Church

 November 9th Christmas Fayre Coffee Morning

 November 29th Bruton School for Girls Advent Concert in Church

 November 30th Christmas Bingo at The Bear Inn

 December 13th Stanchester Quire Concert in Church

 December 14th Christmas Coffee Morning in Church

 December 22nd Christmas Carol Service in Church

**Poppy Display -** At Wincanton church we would like to have a display of knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday, but we will need a lot! If you can help, there is a very simple pattern at the back of the church for you to take. Let’s Get Knitting! Thank you.

**Sponsored Knit -** Saturday 14th September at the coffee morning in the Memorial Hall Sun Lounge, 10am - 12:00 noon, we will be knitting poppies. Patterns and sponsorship forms are available at the back of the church. How many poppies can you knit in two hours?! If you are not knitting, please sponsor someone who is, thank you. Any queries contact **Judy** on 33834.