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

*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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June 7th 2020 Trinity Sunday

My Dear Friends,

I am very grateful to those of you who took the time to comment so positively about last week’s video for Pentecost. Very encouraging! Having done very little videoing of myself in this kind of way before lockdown, let alone the lower levels of Powerpoint that I use to pull the contributions together into a video – this has been a brave new world to explore. It is great when it works but extremely time consuming to do!

This week’s video for Trinity Sunday also includes an opportunity to join in the Athanasian Creed – part of our Anglican heritage, as we explore what it means to have a God in Trinity - in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – or Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Behind the scenes we are beginning to look at the whole question of how we can use our buildings moving forward, and I am very grateful for the teams in both Wincanton and Pen Selwood who are helping with this. We are reliant on the National Church and our Diocese for guidance on this matter. Like all guidance of this sort, I am expecting increasing layers of it in the days and weeks to come!

I am also very conscious that this is not going to be an easy task, and that there are and will be risk assessments and practical tasks to wade through. There will be difficult choices to make in this and for all of us one way or another. What we can do when we can, will look different from how it has done up to this point.

The most important thing we can do is pray for wisdom and inspiration particularly to those drawing up the guidance, and for those looking at it. In the days ahead we may also need some practical help – we will be in touch when it is clearer what is needed and when. In the first instance we will probably make use of our e-mail list for this.

Talking of prayer – I still have a few spare copies of the Church of England – Prayers for use during coronavirus booklet. If you would like one, let me know and I will post one to you until I have sent them all out.

With love in Christ Jesus, Alison



**Readings for 7th June: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end Matthew 28: 16-20**

**Readings for 14th June: Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9:35 – 10:8**

***If you would like to receive the newsletter and other worship resources electronically please let Rachel know on:*** ***office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*** ***Deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter is currently midday on Wednesdays.***

***If you are not connected electronically and would like to receive the biweekly mailing, please let Alison know on 01963 33151.***

**Update Emails -** The Parish Office will be emailing a church update frequently, which you may already be receiving. If you are not receiving these update emails, please let Rachel know your email address and you will be added to the circulation list. If you do **not** wish to receive these emails, please let Rachel know and your details will be removed.

#### Church Diary

Mon 8th June 9:00am Tiny Church POSTPONED

Tues 9th June 7:30pm Bell Ringing practice POSTPONED

Thurs 11th June 7:30pm Choir Practice POSTPONED

**Quote of the Week:**

“... one of the spiritual gifts of the pandemic. God never misses a chance to help us grow up.” **Richard Rohr**

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#### Church Notices

**Planned Giving Envelopes –** At this time of lockdown, you may be wondering what to do with your planned giving envelopes.As Alison suggested in the last newsletter, for security reasons, cash should not be sent to the Parish Office. However, if you would like to send your donation to St Peters and St Paul's on a regular basis, please use a cheque and post it to **Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton, BA9 9JF.**Once again, many thanks for your donations. Roger Lowe, (Gift Aid Officer).

**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.**

**Listening Chaplaincy Phoneline -** Representatives of the different faith communities within the Avon and Somerset police area have set up a dedicated phoneline offering 1-2-1 chaplaincy. This service is open to everyone, of all faiths and none.

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**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. **POSTPONED**

 **Prayer Diary**

**From today’s readings:** “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’.”

**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. 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: Ann Madeley, Derek Ayers, June and Steve Beech, Margaret Brown (Gwen Evans’ Daughter), Irene Rix (Sue Hall’s Mum), Ann and Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Jeffrey Lee, Joyce Bentley.

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

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

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

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

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