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

*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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June 14th 2020 1st Sunday after Trinity

My Dear Friends,

Last Saturday the Government announced it was giving permission to re-open places of worship for private prayer from 15th June onwards. Small teams in both churches had already began working behind the scenes looking at aspects of this, and there is now another layer of draft guidance from the National Church that we must follow to make this possible (some released on 5th June and some as recently as 10th June). Here is a link if you want to peruse it yourself – particularly in the Frequently Asked Questions section:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>

In the coming days, each Parochial Church Council will need to ratify the approach, including a comprehensive risk assessment and plans to address all we need to have in place to make this possible. We will keep you informed of progress – but needless to say the guidance is a moving target, in places incomplete and there are some things we need to acquire and set up to enable the necessary social distancing, amongst other things.

Safety must be our primary concern. Can I please ask you to pray specifically for wisdom and guidance for this journey. Here is a prayer from the Church Support hub you may wish to pray:

*We are praying for churches everywhere as they make decisions about when and how to open the doors of church buildings for private prayer. We know that there will be a lot of planning and a mixture of emotions. May God, who is always all that we need, bless, guide and encourage you as you continue to build His kingdom during this season. Amen*

With love in Christ Jesus, Alison



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

**Readings for 21st June: Romans 6: 1b–11 Matthew 10: 24-39**

***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.

**St and St Paul Church Wincanton – Churchwardens**

Alison writes; “This Church has been very blessed by the diligent service of Richard and Judy, particularly through the difficult days of a long interregnum and now helping me to settle in these strange times. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both on everyone’s behalf, as well as my own heartfelt thanks.

As you know Judy will be standing down at our annual meeting, which we will be holding as soon as pandemic restrictions are lifted sufficiently to allow it. We need to find a new warden willing to take on this really important role at this time. Can I ask you to pray for this each day, and consider encouraging someone to take up this fulfilling role. If you would like more information then please speak to Judy in the first instance. I am keen we work together well moving forward, and as the body of Christ share in the mission and ministry of God’s church as Jesus intended. As it says in Romans 12:5 *so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”*

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#### Church Diary

Mon 15th June 9:00am Tiny Church POSTPONED

Tues 16th June 7:30pm Bell Ringing practice POSTPONED

Thurs 18th June 7:30pm Choir Practice POSTPONED

**Quote of the Week:**

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39**nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord..” ***Romans 8:38-39***

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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.**

**Lent boxes for Zambia** - Did you take a Lent box before lockdown began? If so, please hold on to your box. As soon as we can safely open the church again we will collect the boxes in. **Thank you**.

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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:** “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.”

**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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