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

*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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June 21st 2020 2nd Sunday after Trinity

My Dear Friends,

Work is still ongoing towards limited access to the churches for private prayer and small funerals (in keeping with the Government’s lifting of restrictions recently). I am very grateful to the 2 teams undertaking essential cleaning and set up activities, to accommodate the requirements of the guidance from the Government and National Church. Safety must be our primary concern. Can I please ask you to continue 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*

Meanwhile our strange experiences for 2020 continue. This includes using language differently, with support bubbles, as well as social distancing, isolating and shielding. Uncertainty is very prevalent, but I think as people of faith we have a huge gift in the steadfast and enduring love of God. That doesn’t mean we won’t find the going hard, but we do have the guidance of the Holy Spirit to give us the strength we need for each day.

In my reflection this week I end by thinking about looking for things to be thankful for and living light heartedly and joyfully day by day. I do think this will help us and commend it to you in these uncertain times.

I give thanks to God for you and our communities each day.

With love in Christ Jesus and heartfelt prayers, Alison.



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

**Readings for 28th June: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16: 13-19**

 ***Celebration Day – St Peter and St Paul***

***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 22nd June 9:00am Tiny Church POSTPONED

Tues 23rd June 7:30pm Bell Ringing practice POSTPONED

Thurs 25th June 7:30pm Choir Practice POSTPONED

**Quote of the Week:**

Jesus said: I came that they have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10b)

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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.**

**Bibles in School -** Some time ago I told you about the Wincanton Churches Together plan to provide age appropriate bibles to Wincanton Primary School.  The versions to be purchased has been agreed by WCT, and the number required has now been agreed with the school.

Some of you have already generously donated to the cost of this, but others were awaiting the final cost before deciding how much to give.

The average cost per bible is £10.73, and I would be grateful if you would let me know by email how much you are able to give.  I hope to order the bibles in the near future.  Payment can be made by cheque payable to me, or by PayPal or bank transfer. Please contact me for bank details.

The school is very grateful for this gift and intends to make good use of the bibles. **Penny**

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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:** “We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

**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, Billi Devonshire, Mike Gray.

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

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

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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