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

*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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May 31st 2020 Pentecost

***Whit Sunday***

My Dear Friends,

So as I write we are starting the 10th week of lockdown. Some of the things we are doing are becoming our ‘new normal’, and the loss of others is becoming increasingly hard to bear. One of the things I am thankful for is that prayer is always an option, and if you do have concerns you would like me to pray for specifically please do get in touch. Another thing I am thankful for is that we have had such an extended period of favourable weather. Everything seems a bit easier on a warm and sunny day somehow!.

Talking of prayer – I 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.

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Today we are marking the birthday of the Church - Pentecost - with the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the gathered crowds in Jerusalem. We are now 50 days from Easter.

For our worship for Pentecost, I have prepared a longer video, which has more of a service feel (and will have different voices, readings and prayers within it). I am very grateful to Daisy, Gill and Roger for their inputs and to Penny for setting that up too. Do join in with it as it goes through. I explore the different visuals we use to describe the Holy Spirit in the reflection.

With love in Christ Jesus, Alison



**Readings for 31st May: Acts 2: 1-21 John 20: 19-23**

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

***If you would like to receive the newsletter and other worship resources electronically please let Rachel know on:*** [***office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk***](mailto: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 1st June 9:00am Tiny Church POSTPONED

Tues 2nd June 7:30pm Bell Ringing practice POSTPONED

Thurs 4th June 7:30pm Choir Practice POSTPONED

**Quote of the Week:**

“Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.”

**NT Wright**

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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:** “Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’.”

**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:**

Keith John Cadwaladr

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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