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

*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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September 6th 2020 13th Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

It was good to have a break and I have returned feeling refreshed. I really enjoyed the opportunity to explore our beautiful world on foot, and had some excellent wild-life watching moments – which included a hare hopping past the windows of the remote holiday let one morning! Our natural world has a way of speaking to us of God’s love for us and a way of refreshing our souls.

This Sunday falls within the Season of Creation, which runs until 4th October. This is an ecumenical initiative – which seeks to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. This year the theme is particularly the ‘Jubilee for the earth’, which is particularly appropriate in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. It is a call to pray for our world that God made, one of the things we can readily do in these strange times as well as making changes to our lifestyles to live lightly on our planet and consider the impact of our choices on our global neighbours.

This weekend sees our first service of Holy Communion in St Peter and St Paul Church at **10am** since March. Inevitably it will be different in ways we may find strange to comply with the guidance from the Government and National church. For the church family this will be communion in one kind only.

**We will be receiving communion near the north door. Please move as indicated by the wardens and follow the one way system in church towards the north door, maintaining at least 2m social distance from anyone else not in your household. Please sanitise your hands using the church dispenser. Then, when the next person has moved on – come forward in front of Alison. Hold your hands out flat and Alison will drop the wafer into your hands. No words will be said at this point. Please return to your seat promptly – following the one way system and maintaining 2m social distance from anyone else.**

**Once you are back in your seat please unloop your mask, pray and take the bread. Then re-loop your mask back in place, and if you have it with you sanitise your hands with sanitiser once again (this is good practice once you have touched your mask).**

If you feel at this time, taking communion is not appropriate for you, we will respect that decision, and do not leave your seat when indicated. Please note: it is also not possible to receive just a blessing at the moment (as no words can be said in close proximity to one another).

With love in Christ, Alison

**PS.** Apologies for the mix up with the time for this Sunday’s service (typo on my part!). It will be at 10AM!

**Face coverings in Church:** This is the current position from the Government: *“From 8 August, face coverings are also required by law to be worn in a greater number of public indoor settings including places of worship, museums, galleries, cinemas and public libraries. There are valid exemptions for some individuals and groups to not wear a face covering in these settings. In particular, those who are leading services or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayer) do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn especially if physical distancing cannot be maintained (i.e. distributing consumables) This exemption does not apply to worshippers, who should wear face coverings consistent with the requirements for any other public space”.*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july>

**Contact Details for Rev Alison Way -** Please note my contact details are:

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**Readings for 6th September: Romans 13: 8-end Matthew 18: 15-20**

**Readings for 13th September: Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35**

***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 Rachel know.***

**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

**Sun 6th September 10am Wincanton Church open for public worship**

**Sun 6th September 10am-3pm Pen Selwood Church open for private prayer**

**Wed 9th September 2pm-4pm Wincanton Church open for private prayer**

**Sun 13th September 10am Pen Selwood Church open for public worship**

**Sun 13th September 9am-11am Wincanton Church open for private prayer**

**Wed 16th September 2pm-4pm Wincanton Church open for private prayer**

**Quote of the Week:** From Churches Together in Great Britain and Ireland. Eco-congregation programme.

“May God who established the dance of creation, who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God’s glory in creation.”

#### Church Notices

**Mother's Union Diaries -** If you would like a 2021 M.U. diary please contact Judy on 33834 as soon as possible. Please note I will not be ordering Christmas cards this year. **Thank you, Judy.**

**Contact Pool Winners –** Congratulations to the Contact Pool winners for the July draw (drawn on August 22nd): 1st Christine Spencer £30 (no.1), 2nd Mr M Giles £20 (No.101), 3rd Mr P Chiplen £10 (No.32). **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**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.**

 **Prayer Diary**

**From today’s readings:** “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’.”

**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: 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), Joyce Bentley, Mike Gray, Sue Cox, Brenda Piper, David Doe, Bishop Peter and Jane Hancock.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Peter James King, Jeffrey Lee, Beryl Griffin.

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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