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

*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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September 13th 2020 14th Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

It was good to celebrate Holy Communion last week in St Peter and St Paul church, and we are planning to do the same in the service at St Michael’s this weekend (using the service from the Book of Common Prayer this time). Something about this being within the Season of Creation, as we particularly give thanks for all God has made makes sense.

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical initiative – which seeks to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. It is designed to make more of the build up to our marking of harvest and I will be reflecting on these themes in our Sunday reflections (both in services and online) until Oct 4th. 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.

If you are planning to attend communion this weekend in Pen Selwood this is our first service of Holy Communion since March in St Michael’s. Because of the limit on socially distanced numbers, please only come if you are in that community. 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. It will be helpful to bring a small pot of sanitiser with us to enable safe communion practice (I know many are carrying these with them at all times at the moment).

**We will be receiving communion standing near the front. Please move as indicated by the wardens and follow the one way system in church, maintaining at least 2m social distance from anyone else not in your household. Please sanitise your hands just before receiving. 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

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

**Readings for 20th September: Philippians 1: 21-end Matthew 20: 1-16**

#### Church Diary

**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**

**Sun 20th September 10am Wincanton Church open for public worship**

**Sun 20th September 10am-3pm Pen Selwood Church open for private prayer**

#### Church Notices

**Good Samaritan Phone Calls** - Many of the Wincanton congregation have been receiving telephone calls from the Good Samaritan Phone Calls Group during lockdown. These telephone calls were a way of keeping our congregation connected. We have had lots of good feedback about this. We would like to thank all the members of the Good Samaritan team for their commitment and dedication to this task. **Thank you.**

**St Peter and St Paul Harvest** - Our Harvest Festival service will take place on  **4th October** at **10am**. Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome (no fresh produce). All donations will be donated to the Lord's Larder, which will be collected and delivered, kindly, by Mike White. The box for donations has been placed on the table near to the north door. Donations can be placed in this box when the church is open for private prayer or services. These donations will not be moved before a 72 hour period has lapsed. The Lord’s Larder have particularly requested the following items: tinned soup, tinned macaroni cheese, tins of baked beans & sausage, confectionary, toilet rolls, shampoo. **Thank you.**

**St Michael’s Day and St Michael’s Harvest –** Our Harvest Festival service will take place on **27th September** at **10am**. We will also be collecting produce for the Lord’s larder – So please bring suitable non-perishable items as listed above. Sadly we cannot collect fresh produce this year.

**St Peter and St Paul APCM -** Our delayed 2020 APCM will be held in the Parish Church on **Wednesday, 7th October 2020** at **6pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend this important meeting. FYI: - Materials will be emailed/posted in advance, so you can submit questions about the reports ahead of the meeting if you cannot attend.

**Advent Calendars** - I am again taking orders for the Real Advent Calendar.   The calendars contain fairtrade, palm oil free chocolate for each day, a book of the Christmas story and each window shows a scene of the Christmas story.   They are priced at £3.99 each.  Please let me know if you would like to order one or more.  **Penny**.

**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:** “Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.”

**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, 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, David Doe

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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