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

*and St. Michael, Pen Selwood*

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Church website: [www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk)

27th June 2021 4th Sunday after Trinity

***St Peter & St Paul Patronal Festival***

Dear Friends,

Penny shared the latest state of play in relation to the Government’s announcements on 14th June in last week’s newsletter. If you want to read the full statement from the Bishop of London it can be found here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/news-releases/covid-19-restrictions-reaction-bishop-london>.

In the short term, we will continue with the pattern of worship/private prayer we have been using for some time. This is frustrating at many levels!! But proceeding cautiously and above all safely still remains our first priority.

Both Parochial Church Councils will be meeting in the next week (23rd Pen Selwood and 30th Wincanton), and can I ask you to pray particularly for inspiration and wisdom for our work together and in facing the challenges before us.

With the mail out and email out this week, will be a form to complete. It would be useful if you could complete and return it promptly. We are collecting necessary consent information based on the regulations for General Data Protection Regulations, which were introduced in 2018 – This is the information Rachel and I use to keep in touch with you (and is separate from the electoral roll) – Please fill it in and return it to the office as soon as you can to help with the smooth administrative running of the parishes. This is a one-off exercise, but do keep us updated if you move, change email address or phone numbers from now on. Please remember you can also opt out of receiving communications at any time.

For your information: following my recent time away and retreat time, I have moved my regular day off to Monday.

With love in Christ, Alison

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**Readings for 27th June: Acts 12: 1-11 Matthew 16: 13-19**

**Readings for 4th July: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13**

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

Address: The Parish Office; 38 High Street, Wincanton, BA9 9JF

Landline: 01963 33151, Work mobile: 07515 958988

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Facebook Group: Wincanton and Pen Selwood

*From Monday 21st June – my usual day off will be Monday!*

**Home Communion and other visits:** It is possible moving forward to make brief visits. This could be to administer communion (in one kind) in a well-ventilated room at home or in your garden, particularly if you are unable to come to Church currently. Our capacity to do this is rather limited by the guidance etc, but if this is something you would be interested in, I would need to talk through with you individually the best way for us to meet your needs at this time (as there are options). So, please get in touch to discuss it.  **Alison.**

**The Parish Office** 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Rachel, the Parish Administrator works during the following office hours: **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings: 9:15am – 1:15pm.** You can contact Rachel on 01963 824503 or via email at: office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk.

#### Church Diary \* SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE

**Sun 27th June 10:00am Wincanton Church Public Worship Service**

**Sun 27th June 10am – 3pm Pen Selwood Church open for Private Prayer**

**Wed 30th June 12:00 -2pm Wincanton Church open for Private Prayer in**

**the holy space only.**

**Sun 4th July 10:00am Wincanton Church Public Worship Service**

**Sun 4th July 10am – 3pm Pen Selwood Church CLOSED** **many apologies**

**Wed 7th July 12:00 -2pm Wincanton Church open for Private Prayer in**

**the holy space only.**

#### Church Notices

**Twin your Vaccine -** If you have had had both your vaccines – you might like to consider twinning your vaccine and making a donation to UNICEF who are helping with the worldwide distribution of vaccines:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/RowanPatterson?fbclid=IwAR3Xz82JIgTd1fs17ilw-WGs6clhgr1wbKGlks4DWOquVLCmGbD7HUh84Ns>

**Volunteers Required Please -** At St Peter & St Paul’s Church we are looking for two volunteers to join our rotas to help on the 5th Sunday of the month. One as a Sides Person, and one as a Collection Counter. If you would like to help, please contact Richard D’Arcy for further information on 01963 33160. **Thank You.**

**GDPR Return Form** – Please return the attached GDPR consent form to Rachel at the Parish Office as soon as possible, either by post to the Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF (or via the stamped addressed envelope enclosed with your posted mailout) or complete the form electronically and send it via email to: office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk. **Thank you**.

We send our **Congratulations** to **Canon Alan & Rosemary Watson** who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 1st of July!

**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:** “Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’.”

**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, Canon Alan and Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Gwen Evans, Nicky King.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Ron Peet, Michael William Parfitt, David Sidney Henton.

We pray for Wincanton Health Centre and Wincanton Community Hospital, 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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