*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)

4th July 2021 5th Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

The next few days contain a number of things we can think about, give thanks for and pray about:-

First of all we can give thanks for the work and witness of our diocesan link with Zambia on the First Zambia Link Sunday. If you want to know more at a high level please click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctM8SziiR-U>. We will also be using the special prayer for the Zambia link in our worship on Sunday.

*We give thanks for the 43 years that we have celebrated life and faith together through our Diocesan Link. We give thanks for the prayers, for the friendships, for the joys, and the concerns that we have shared. And we give thanks for the development of understanding of both our churches and our countries. We ask today for your blessing as the Link evolves. Amen.*

(prayer from <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/faith/world-mission-and-zambia-partnership/zambia-partnership/zambia-sunday/zambia-sunday.php>).

Secondly, on Monday it is 76th anniversary of the founding of the NHS, some are also marking Sunday as “thank you” day. Whichever day we choose, it is good to give thanks for this institution and particularly all it has done for us during the Pandemic and through the vaccination programme. You also might like to thank those you know in the days ahead who work in the NHS. Here is a prayer from the Church of England to enrich our prayers.

*God of healing and compassion, we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service, and for the dedication of all who work in it:
give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who care for the sick, and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research. Strengthen all in their vocation*

*through your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/topical-prayers/prayers-anniversary-nhs>

Following the PCC meetings, we will be continuing with the pattern of worship/private prayer we have been using for now (and as we await guidance on what will be possible at the next stage of the road map). We will study what comes next carefully and review this. This is frustrating for us all. Proceeding safely still remains our first priority.

We are collecting necessary consent information based on the 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 in a consent form and return it to the office as soon as you can to help with the smooth administrative running of the parishes. Thanks to those who have already done this.

With love in Christ, Alison

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

**Readings for 11th July: Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29**

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

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

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Facebook Group: Wincanton and Pen Selwood

*My usual day off is Monday*

**Home Communion and other visits:** It is possible moving forward to make pastoral visits, preferably in a well-ventilated room at home or in your garden, (and this could include home communion if desired). Please get in touch to arrange, it will be very good to catch up.  **Alison and Penny.**

**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 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.**

**Sun 11th July 10:00am Pen Selwood Church Public Worship Service**

**Sun 11th July 9am – 11am Wincanton Church open for Private Prayer in**

**the holy space only.**

**Wed 14th 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 don’t forget to return your 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**. A huge **Thank You** to those of you who have already returned your forms, very much appreciated.

**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:** “Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.”

**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.

**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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