**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Choral Society Present** – G.Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle on **Saturday 15th May** at **Wincanton Parish Church St Peter & St Paul’s** at **7:30pm.** For more information see [www.wincantonchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.wincantonchoralsociety.co.uk) or ring Ben on 07813 680534.Tickets £12.50 (under 18’s £6) on the door, via a member, or available online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society).

** Prayer Diary**

**From the readings:** “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.’.”

**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 01963 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 & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Joyce Bentley, Mike Gray, Sue Cox, Brenda Piper, Bishop Peter & Jane Hancock, Canon Alan & Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Gwen Evans, Oliver Feltham & family, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Heather Doe, Elizabeth Wise, Karen Woods.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Rev Derek Taylor, Jean Lambert, Francis Dukes, Sonia Willis-Fleming.

We pray for Wincanton Health Centre & Wincanton Community Hospital, for the staff in their work pressures.

We pray for *WOW!* and *Rise and Shine*, and all the work being done to bring these initiatives to life in 2022 and the work underway for safeguarding in both churches.

We pray for everyone’s gifts and talents to be shared as we look at ways of “Growing Younger in God’s love for us” in both churches.

*Parish Office: For May, office hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings 9:15am to 12:15pm. The Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Tel: 01963 824503*

*Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter to Rachel by midday on Wednesday.*

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**8th May 2022 4th Sunday of Easter**

Dear Friends,

Our annual meetings are coming up and this is an opportunity to give thanks for the life, mission and worship of our churches. It is an occasion of great thanksgiving for all the good work that has been done, and particularly to recognise the efforts of Parochial Church Councils and Churchwardens. Pre-meeting paperwork is being circulated today (Friday) for the Pen Selwood Annual meeting which is taking place at 9:45am approx in church on Sunday 15th May. If you want to see this please get in touch with Rachel, and she will get you what you need.

Wincanton’s Annual Meeting is on Wednesday 18th May at 7:30pm in Church. Pre-meeting paperwork will be circulated early next week. It is particularly important at this time in Wincanton to address our significant need for churchwardens. Please be praying about this diligently and discussing it with church family members. Please get in touch with me if you think it could be you or have suggestions on how we should proceed.

I echo Penny’s welcome to the news of the announcement of the 80th bishop of Bath and Wells, The Right Reverend Michael Beasley – who will be enthroned in the Autumn. Please keep praying for him and his family, and here is a special prayer provided for this purpose. **A prayer for our new bishop:**

*Gracious God, we give you thanks for the wonderful ways in which you gently guide our lives in order to fulfil your purposes in us. We give thanks for bringing us all to this day, and for your continuing presence with us through times of change.*

*We give thanks especially for Bishop Michael’s coming to us. May the coming days be filled with your blessing as he begins to see something of the life of our Diocese, and meets strangers who will become colleagues and friends. Guide us all, we pray, through this coming time of preparation, and pour the gifts of your Spirit upon him,*

**DIARY DATES**

**Black Bin Café** Held in Pen Selwood Village Hall every other Friday **10:30am – 12:30pm** a great social event and well worth a visit. Tea, coffee & wonderful cakes. Please check the website [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/) for when next open.

**14th May 2022** **Coffee Morning & Plant Sale: 10am – 12:00** in **St Peter & St Paul’s** **Church**. Refreshments, homemade cakes, books, raffle & plant sale. **All Welcome!**

**14th May 2022** **Plant Sale & Refreshments: 10am – 12:00** in **The Old Rectory, Pen Selwood** in aid of **St Michael’s** **Church**. Refreshments, cakes & plant sale. **All Welcome!**

*his family, and on this Diocese. Give to us all the grace of encouragement as we wait in hope and trust for the unfolding of your plans for us, that we may build up in one another the confidence to respond to your call into the future. AMEN*.

With best wishes and prayers, Alison

**Worship for the Week Ahead:**

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| Day | Psalm | Reading |
| 9th May | 103 | Luke 2:41-end |
| 10th May | 48 | Luke 3:1-14 |
| 11th May | 135 | Luke 3:15-22 |
| 12th May | 118 | Luke 4:1-13 |
| 13th May | 33 | Luke 4:14-30 |
| 14th May MATHIAS | 16 | Acts 2:37-end |

**Readings for 8th May: Acts 9: 36-end John 10: 22-30**

**Readings for 15th May: Acts 11: 1-18 John 13: 31-35**

#### Church Diary

Sun 8th May 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service

Tues 10th May 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Thurs 12th May 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sat 14th May 10-12:00 Wincanton – Coffee Morning & Plant Sale in Church

 10-12:00 Pen Selwood – Plant Sale & Refreshments in The Old Rectory

Sun 15th May 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service

 7:00pm Wincanton – Wincanton Choral Society Concert in Church

St Peter & St Paul’s Church in Wincanton is open on weekdays between 9am and 3pm.

St Michaels Church in Pen Selwood is open every day between 10am and 3pm.

#### Church Notices

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning 14th May** *–* Wincanton Church – We would be very grateful if you would sow a few extra seeds for plants to sell at the sale. Bring your plants along with you to the coffee morning **10am-12:00noon**. Thank you.

**Zambia Link -** Many thanks to all those who contributed to our Zambia Link fund through the Lent lunch, Good Friday collection and Lent boxes.  To date **£218.89** has been raised.  If you still have a Lent box, please bring it to Church on Sunday or drop it into the Parish Office.  Your support is much appreciated.  **Rosemary Keep.**

**Coffee Morning Request –** Donations of homemade cakes and sausage rolls would be gratefully appreciated for St Peter & St Paul’s Church coffee mornings please! Bring them along with you on the morning – next one **14th May at 10am!** Thank you.

**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

Email: rector@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk,

Facebook Group: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches

*Please note my usual day off is on Monday.*

**Home Communion and other visits –** It is possible moving forward to make pastoral visits, (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.**

**Children’s Society Garden Party -** As we were unable to have a Christingle last year, and to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Anniversary, I am holding a garden party in my garden on Thursday 2nd June from 2pm-4pm. Tickets are available in advance and cost £5 for adults, £2 for children, to include sandwiches scones and cake, tea or coffee. There will be a ‘decorate the crown’ competition with a prize for everyone! Please dress up in smart clothes suitable for a royal occasion! There is a bring & buy sale and a raffle. Please email Nicky on nicky\_86@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01963 33454 for information, or for offers of cakes or help to make sandwiches or scones. **Nicky King.**

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** Ifyou have been unable to hand in your 'Planned Giving Envelopes' to the church during the last financial year due to the difficult circumstances caused by the pandemic, I would be very happy to collect them from you. Please phone me on 01963 34965 or leave a message at the Parish Office for Rachel. **Roger Lowe.**

**Rev Derek Taylor -** The funeral of The Rev. Charles Derek Taylor will take place at

St. Peter’s Church, Milton, Weston-s-Mare on **Friday, 20th May** at **12 noon**. We hope you will be able to join us afterwards for refreshments at 1pm at The South Sands Hotel, Beach Road, Sand Bay, Kew Stoke BS22 9UZ. **Jane Taylor.**

**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.**