**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Choral Society Present** – G.Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle **Saturday 15th May** at **Wincanton Parish Church St Peter & St Paul’s 7:30pm.** 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, or at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society).

**The Foresters Friendly Society -** A coach outing to Poole will take place on **Thursday 16th June**. If anyone would like to join them please contact Richard D'Arcy on 01963 33160 for further information.

** Prayer Diary**

**From the readings:** “‘I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’.”

**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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**15th May 2022 5th Sunday of Easter**

Dear Friends,

Our annual meetings are imminent 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 has already been circulated for both annual meetings (if you do not have this get in touch with Rachel in the parish office).

The Pen Selwood Annual meeting is taking place at 9:45am approx. in church on Sunday 15th May, and the Wincanton Annual Meeting is on Wednesday 18th May at 7:30pm in Church. 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.

Bruton and Cary Deanery are holding a joint Ascension Day service for all the churches in our deanery on Thursday 26th May at St Mary’s Bruton at 7pm. It will be good to gather for worship in this way – and particularly as this is the first time since 2019 that it has been possible to hold this annual gathering in person.

A prayer for Ascension time: *Heavenly God, we celebrate the glorifying of your son, Jesus. He followed your calling, proclaimed your love, spoke to poor and rich, oppressed and powerful, weak and strong. He completed his task, obeyed you to the end and passed the work on. Thank you, heavenly God, for his example to us, his challenge to us and his inspiration to us. Help us to follow in Jesus' footsteps to take the cause of your kingdom into all the world. Amen.*

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With best wishes and prayers, Alison

**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!**

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

**Readings for 22nd May: Acts 16: 9-15 John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9**

#### Church Diary

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

9:45am Pen Selwood – APCM in Church

10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service

7:00pm Wincanton – Wincanton Choral Society Concert in Church Tues 17th May 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Wed 18th May 7:30pm Wincanton – APCM in Church

Thurs 19th May 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sat 21st May 12:00pm Wincanton – Wedding in Wincanton Church

Sun 22nd May 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service

12:30pm Wincanton – Baptism in Wincanton Church

6:30pm Pen Selwood – Evensong Service

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

**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.**

**Wincanton Church Path Fete -** The Fundraising Committee will be holding the Church Path Fete on **Saturday** **9th July** from **10am - 12.30pm**. We are looking for raffle prizes, bottles of wine and jewellery donations towards this event. If you would like to donate any items, please take them to the Parish Office or give them to any of the committee. Cakes are also required but these should be delivered to the Church on the day. Many thanks for your help. **Fundraising Committee.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

**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, Kewstoke 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.**