**Community Notices**

**Falklands War 40th Anniversary –** A talk on the war with slides, from a Scots Guards perspective by Major (Retd) Simon Carew Price, Officer Commanding Right Flank, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards at the Battle for Tumbledown Mountain during the Falklands War 1982. **7pm-9pm Friday 10th June Wincanton Memorial Hall.** Tickets £5 on the door, tea & coffee. For Wincanton British Legion & Scots Guards Charities.

**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:** “Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’.”

**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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**22nd May 2022 6th Sunday of Easter**

Dear Friends,

During this week, we have completed both the annual meetings in the parishes, and given thanks for the life and work of our churches in 2021. Many thanks again for all the multi-faceted ways in which people serve, and particularly for all those elected and newly elected to their Parochial Church Council. I also want to record my grateful thanks to those who have been elected as Churchwardens – Charles and Helen in Pen Selwood and Judy and Gill Oaten in Wincanton, and as deputy wardens Charlotte in Pen Selwood and Mary and Sylvie in Wincanton.

Here is a prayer for our newly formed PCCs for your personal use: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for those who serve on the PCC. We pray that, as they consider the mission and ministry of our church, you will gift them with wisdom and courage. Help them to work well together, to seek your will, and to take action for the future, that your kingdom may come. In Jesus’ name. Amen. (produced by CPAS as part of the PCC Tonight Resource)*

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.

**Next Sunday (7th Sunday of Easter – May 29th) we have a joint service for the 2 churches as it is a fifth Sunday – and this will be held in St Peter and St Paul’s Wincanton at 10am. Please make a note of the time and pass this message on.**

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.

**2nd June 2022 Mothers’ Union Meeting – 2:30pm in St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Wincanton – All Welcome!**

**4th June 2022** **Jubilee Flowers! 10am – 3pm** in **St Peter & St Paul’s** **Church**. Beautiful flower displays prepared by our flower ladies, Mothers’ Union and other church groups. Come and see the beautiful jubilee flower displays. **All Welcome!**

**5th June 2022** **Songs of Praise!** Celebrate the Jubilee with our **Songs of Praise Worship! 9am in Pen Selwood Church and 10:45am in Wincanton Church**. **All Welcome!**

**Worship for the Week Ahead:**

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| Day | Psalm | Reading |
| 23rd May | 65 | Luke 6:27-38 |
| 24th May | 126 | Luke 6:39-end |
| 25th May | 132 | Luke 7:1-10 |
| 26th May ASCENSION DAY | 150 | Isaiah 52:7-end |
| 27th May | 81 | Luke 7:11-17 |
| 28th May | 47 | Luke 7:18-35 |

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

**Readings for 29th May: Acts 16: 16-34 John 17: 20-end**

#### Church Diary

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

Tues 24th May 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Thurs 26th May 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sat 28th May 12:30pm Wincanton – Baptism in Wincanton Church

Sun 29th May **10:00am** JOINT Communion Service for our Churches

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

**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 Pool –** As I was “out of action” last month having an operation, we held a double draw at the coffee morning on 14th May 2022 for March and April. The winners were as follows:

**1st draw:** 1st £30 Hazel Hartnell (No.34), 2nd £20 Mike White (No.11) & 3rd £10 Rachel Feltham (No.71).

**2nd draw:** 1st £30 Hilary Andrews (No.43), 2nd £20 Ken Masters & 3rd £10 Patrick Durham-Matthews (No.7).

Congratulations to all our winners! **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**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.**

**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.**