**Community Notices**

**Read Easy Blackmore Vale North –** Do you need help to read? **Read Easy** helps adults aged 18-80+. Free 1-to-1 help near you. If you know someone who wants to learn to read, or if you want to learn to read, are dyslexic and want to improve your reading, we’d love to hear from you. Call Jane: 07440 745933, Lesley: 07510 250365 or Fran: 07857 159431 or text ‘Ring Me’ and we’ll ring you back.

**Live Well with Pain Café -** Every third Thursday of the month 2-4pm at Common Road/Deansley Way Communal Lounge BA9 9RG. Are you living with a long-term pain condition? Come and talk about your pain and share ideas, develop new tools and just chat about everyday life. Call Sue Crisfield on 07749418850 or the Health Coaches on 435700.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “…Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.”.

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like immediate prayers for yourself or someone you know please contact the following (requests passed in confidence): Penny Ashton 07733 162342 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, contact Penny, Judy or Rachel in the Parish Office.

**Please continue to pray for** those of our fellowship and friends whoare ill or recovering from operations: June Beech, Ann & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Brenda Piper, Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Oliver Feltham, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Elizabeth Wise, Brian Dicker, Christopher Browne, Sandra Jones, Josie Dukes, Ben White, Sylvie Pattison, Anne Beaven, Grace Cox, Sandra James, Gill Abbott, Elizabeth Baxter, Doug Puckett, Susan Greenway, Gertraud Smith, Ken Madeley, Elizabeth Vivyan.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** John Wray, Ann Madeley, Denise Peacock.

* We pray for our interregnum and for our churches coming together with our neighbouring parishes of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford and for our vacancy process for a new Priest.
* We pray for His Majesty King Charles III and Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales both recovering from cancer.

***CONTACT US:*** *Administrator -* ***Rachel Feltham*** *01963 824503 in the Parish Office* *office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk* *Office hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:30-1pm. The Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Website for Wincanton:* [*www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*](http://www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk) *Pen Selwood:* [*www.penselwood.ning*](http://www.penselwood.ning) *Facebook Page: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches. Find us on* [*www.achurchnearyou.com*](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)*.*

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**4th May 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Everyone is very warmly welcome to our services:**

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 4th May:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service with Penny Ashton

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

**Readings: Acts 9: 1-6 John 21: 1-19**

**Please join us for tea and coffee after the services!**

A loop system operates at both churches. **Large print service sheets** **and hymn books** are also available, please ask a Churchwarden for them. ‘Play bags’ are available for children in the play corner at Wincanton. A public toilet is available just outside the North gate up the road on the right-hand side at Wincanton. At Pen Selwood toilet facilities are in the adjacent village hall (please obtain the key from a sides-person/helper).

**SUNDAY 11th May:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Diane Barrett

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Lydia Avery

**Readings: Acts 9: 36-end John 10: 22-30**

 ***Please take a copy of this newsletter to a friend or neighbour who is not in church today so that they may keep in touch with Church/parish events.***

**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 and wonderful cakes. Café next open **May 9th & 23rd.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**10th May Coffee Morning & Plant Sale** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 11:45am.** **Plant Sale**, Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall & Refreshments. **Everybody welcome**!

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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 5th May | 96 | Ephesians 1: 1-14 |
| Tuesday 6th May | 98 | Ephesians 1: 15-end |
| Wednesday 7th May | 105 | Ephesians 2: 1-10 |
| Thursday 8th May | 136 | Ephesians 2: 11-end |
| Friday 9th May | 107 | Ephesians 3: 1-13 |
| Saturday 10th May | 110 | Ephesians 3: 14-end |

#### Church Diary

Sun 4th May 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

Tues 6th May 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thurs 8th May 11:30am Wincanton – Memorial Service in Church

 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Sat 10th May 10-11:45am Wincanton – Coffee Morning & Plant Sale in Church

 11:45am Wincanton – APCM in Church

Sun 11th May 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

StPeter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton is open Mon-Fri from 9am–3pm via the **South Door.**

St Michael’s Church in Pen Selwood is open every day 10am – 3pm.

#### Church Notices

**Wincanton Church Coffee Mornings** – We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for our coffee mornings please, also donations of homemade cakes & sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. Bring your donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can be left at the Parish Office. The next coffee morning is **10th May** which will include our **annual Plant Sale**! If you have been growing plants for the plant sale, please bring your plants along on the morning, or ring Adrian if you need to have your plants collected 01963 33834. **Thank you.**

**Wincanton APCM** is on **Saturday 10th May** after the coffee morning at approx **11:45am.**

We are looking for Churchwardens and PCC members. Churchwardens are elected for one year and PCC members for 3 years. If you are interested in joining the PCC or becoming a Churchwarden there are forms for you to fill out at the back of the Church. Please note, to fulfil either of these roles you must be on the Electoral Roll and have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months. **Thank you.**

**Wincanton Church Path Fete** will be on **Saturday 7th June 10am-12:00** and is one of our major fundraising events of the year**.** If you have an idea for a stall that you can organise and run then please let Judy or Gill know. We would be very grateful for raffle prizes, bottles of wine, childrens books and toys.  **Thank you.**

**Calling all flower arrangers –** do you enjoy flower arranging? Would you like to arrange Wincanton Church flowers for a special anniversary? We are looking for people to join our dedicated team of flower arrangers. If you think you could help with this task of beautifying our church, please contact Gill Oaten on 01963 32607 or the Parish Office on 01963 824503.

**Coffee Morning & Plant Sale**

**Wincanton Parish Church**

**Saturday 10th May**

**10am-11:45am**

**All Welcome!**





**- Raffle**

**- Refreshments**

**- Book Stall**

**- PLANT SALE**

**- Homemade cakes & savouries!**



Please continue to pray for peace at this time: “*God of peace and justice, we pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen”.*

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, we ask for your guidance as we work together during this time of vacancy. Guide us to love and encourage one another; guide us to draw to us the person that is right for us and our communities of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Charlton Musgrove and Stoke Trister with Bayford. Amen.*