**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.

**Wincanton Cares –** Do you need support, advice or information on Benefits/Financial Support? Are you 55+ and live in the BA9 postcode area? We are here to help you. Benefits checks for Attendance Allowance, Pension Credits, PIP, Carers Allowance etc. Contact Michael Pagan on 07514 752607 or email michael.pagan@balsamcentre.org.uk.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “ ‘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 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, Anne Beaven, Grace Cox, Sandra James, Gill Abbott, Elizabeth Baxter, Doug Puckett, Susan Greenway, Ken Madeley, Elizabeth Vivyan, Nigel Steady.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Sylvie Pattison, Ruby Gorry,John Wray, Ann Madeley.

* 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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**11th May 2025 4th Sunday of Easter**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 18th May:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Richard Cloete

**Readings: Acts 11: 1-18 John 13: 31-35**

 ***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**!

**5th June Mother’s Union Meeting 2:30pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s Church.**  Come and enjoy our happy meeting. You do not need to be a member to enjoy our meetings. **Everyone warmly welcome!**

**7th June Church Path Fete** around **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00.** Stalls include Jewellery, Toys, Cakes, Books, Raffle, Tombolla, Bric-a-Brac, Refreshments & Bacon Rolls and Country Dancing! Fun for all the family! **Everybody welcome**!

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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 12th May | 103 | Ephesians 4: 1-16 |
| Tuesday 13th May | 139 | Ephesians 4: 17-end |
| Wednesday 14th May | 16 | Acts 2: 37-end |
| Thursday 15th May | 57 | Ephesians 5: 15-end |
| Friday 16th May | 33 | Ephesians 6: 1-9 |
| Saturday 17th May | 34 | Ephesians 6: 10-end |

#### Church Diary

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)

Tues 13th May 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 15th May 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Fri 16th May 3:00pm Wincanton – Memorial Service in Church for Ann Madeley

Sun 18th May 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Richard Cloete)

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.**

**Deanery Ascension Day Service –** This year the Ascension Day Service will take place on **Thursday 29th May** at **All Saints’ Church** in **Castle Cary** at **7pm** followed by light refreshments. The guest preacher this year is The Rev Dr Megan Daffern, Canon Chancellor of Wells Cathedral. Everybody is welcome to attend this service.

**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.**

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**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.

**Funeral Notices:** The funeral of the late **Ann Madeley** will take place in St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Wincanton on **Friday, 16th May** at **3pm**. The funeral of the late **John Wray** will take place in Mendip Crematorium on **Wednesday, 21st May** at **2:30pm**.

The **Pen Selwood APCM** and first PCC meeting taking place on **18th May** will not be quorate and has been **postponed.** A new date will follow as soon as possible.

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. Hear our prayer, Lord. Amen.*