**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:** “ ‘…so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” 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 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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**18th May 2025 5th Sunday of Easter**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 25th May:**

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

 **6:30pm** Pen Selwood – Joint Evensong Service with Penny Ashton

**Readings: Acts 16: 11-15 John 15: 26 – 16: 4**

 ***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 23rd.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**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 & Savouries, Books, Raffle, Tombola & Bric-a-Brac. Refreshments, Bacon Rolls and Country Dancing! Fun for all the family! **Everybody welcome**!

**7th June Coffee Morning, Cakes & Plant Sale** at **The Old Rectory, Pen Selwood BA9 8LS** **10:00am – 12:00.** Neil & Claire Polley invite you to this event in aid of St Michael’s Church. **All Welcome!**

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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 19th May | 145 | 1 Peter 1: 1-12 |
| Tuesday 20th May | 19 | 1 Peter 1: 13-end |
| Wednesday 21st May | 30 | Peter 2: 1-10 |
| Thursday 22nd May | 57 | 1 Peter 2: 11-end |
| Friday 23rd May | 138 | 1 Peter 3: 1-12 |
| Saturday 24th May | 146 | 1 Peter 3: 13-end |

#### Church Diary

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

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

Tues 20th May 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 22nd May 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Fri 23rd May 12:00noon Wincanton – Funeral Service in Church for Ruby Gorry

Sun 25th May 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

 12:30pm Wincanton – Baptism in Church

 6:30pm Pen Selwood – Joint Evensong Service (Penny Ashton)

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

**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** is on **June 7th** from **10am-12noon** with many lovely stalls, tombolas, toys, books, jewellery and much more!**Can you help?** We need raffle prizes, toys, and bottles of wineplease.Country Dancers from Wincanton Primary school will be dancing for us. This is an important fundraiser for our Church so please spread the word!

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The **Church Path Fete** in Wincanton is fast approaching and Rosemary Keep and I are holding our cake/savoury stall as usual. We should be so grateful if you could make us a cake or savoury item – anything scrummy! Cake/buns/biscuits/scones/sausage rolls/quiche for instance. Either deliver to me or Rosemary (93 Cale Way, Wincanton Tel: 01963 33656) or bring down to the Church on Saturday morning fairly early 9:30ish. You’re ALWAYS such a support and I couldn’t be more appreciative. Thanking you in anticipation. **Joanna Durham-Matthews.** Old St Audreys, South Street, Wincanton BA9 9DX 01963 31576.

At the Wincanton APCM last Saturday, Gill and Judy were planning to step down as Churchwardens. Unfortunately, no one was prepared to take on the role so Gill and Judy will carry on as your Churchwardens for another year. We would like to thank you for all the offers of support we have had and for the beautiful flowers. **Judy & Gill.**

The **Pen Selwood APCM** and first PCC meeting has been rearranged and will now take place on **Friday 23rd May** at **12:30pm in St Michael’s Church**.

**Contact Pool** – The winners of the April draw (drawn on 10th May at the coffee morning) are: 1st prize £30 Rosemary Perrett (No. 125), 2nd prize £20 Mollie Carr (No.128) and 3rd prize £10 Elizabeth Baxter (No.45). Congratulations to all the winners! **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

Last Saturday a few of us saw **Sarah Stephen** commissioned as a **Street Pastor**. It was a lovely service and very inspiring. So, we congratulate Sarah and send lots of love and prayers to her for her role as a fully-fledged Street Pastor.

**Rogation Service in Wincanton Church on Sunday 25th May -** Please could everyone, who is able to, bring a photo of your favourite place in Wincanton (or where you live if you don't live in Wincanton) for the service. Also, are there four people who would be able to bring a SMALL bowl of earth from their garden (no slug pellets) please? Could you let Lydia know on 01963 371418 or lydia.1cranbrookcottage@gmail.com if you can help.

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 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, guide us as we work together during this time of vacancy. Guide us to love and encourage one another, 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.*