**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:** “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ‘I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. ”.

**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, Richard Bentley.

* 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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**25th May 2025 Rogation**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 1st June:**

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

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Diane Barrett

**Readings: Acts 2: 1-21 John 15: 26-27 and 16: 4b-15**

 ***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 **June 6th & 20th.** 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 26th May | 65 | 1 Peter 4: 1-11 |
| Tuesday 27th May | 126 | 1 Peter 4: 12-end |
| Wednesday 28th May | 132 | 1 Peter 5 |
| Thursday 29th May | 110 | Hebrews 7: 11-end |
| Friday 30th May | 81 | Galatians 5: 13-end |
| Saturday 31st May | 85 | Mark 3: 31-end |

#### Church Diary

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)

Tues 27th May 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 29th May 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Sun 1st June 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

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.

**Pentecost Service in Wincanton Church on Sunday 8th June -** Please could everyone, attending this Sunday service for Pentecost please wear something that is flame coloured. We will also be commissioning and praying for the new PCC, our Churchwardens and all lay ministries in the church at this Pentecost service. **Rev Lydia Avery.**

**Help required please** in **Wincanton Church** to be ‘counters’ on our rota for counting the collection plate once a month. Ideally, we are looking for two volunteers who could count on one Sunday a month after the Sunday service please. If you could kindly help, please see the **Churchwardens** for more information. **Thank you.**

**Uncle Tom’s Cabin FOOD BANK in Wincanton** is open on **Fridays** **9:30am–12:00 noon** upstairs at Uncle Tom’s Cabin if you need help. You can visit any of these places to get help with a referral to the Food Bank: Wincanton Health Centre, The Balsam Centre, Citizens Advice Bureau, Health Visitor, Social Worker, Wincanton Cares. For more information you can email: wincantonfb@outlook.com.

**Wincanton Church Path Fete**

**Saturday 7th June**

**10am-12:00 noon**

**Around the Church**

**Fun for all the family!**

* *Raffle*
* *Tombola*
* *Jewellery*
* *Bacon Rolls*
* *Toys*
* *Books*
* *Country Dancing*

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.*