**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 Silver Band –** Celebrating 135 years of brass banding! **Sunday 8th June** in **St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Wincanton** at **3:00pm**. Tickets **£7.50** on the door, children free. Come along and listen to the band in the beautiful acoustic surroundings of the Church.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “ ‘Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’ ”.

**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.

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**8th June 2025 Pentecost**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 8th June:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Brian McConnell

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

**Readings: Acts 2: 1-21 John 14: 8-17**

**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, as well as this newsletter, 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 15th June:**

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

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Brian McConnell

**Readings: Proverbs 8: 1-4 & 22-31 John 16: 12-15**

 ***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 20th, July 4th & July 18th.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**Mobile Library** Visits Pen Selwood at **Queens Grove** monthly **12:25-12:50pm.** Library next visits on **Friday** **July 4th and Friday August 1st.**

**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 9th June | 126 | Romans 1: 1-17 |
| Tuesday 10th June | 132 | Romans 1: 18-end |
| Wednesday 11th June | 100 | Acts 4: 32-end |
| Thursday 12th June | 143 | Romans 2: 17-end |
| Friday 13th June | 144 | Romans 3: 1-20 |
| Saturday 14th June | 147 | Romans 3: 21-end |

#### Church Diary

Sat 7th June 10am-12:00 Wincanton – Church Path Fete around/inside the Church

Sun 8th June 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

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

 3:00pm Wincanton – Wincanton Silver Band Concert in Church

Tues 10th June 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Wed 11th June 2:00pm Wincanton – PCC Meeting in Church

Thur 12th June 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Sun 15th June 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

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StPeter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton **will be CLOSED 9th-11th June for electrical works.** is

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

#### Church Notices

The next **Deanery Synod meeting** is to be held on **Tuesday 17th June** at **The Davis Hall in West Camel**. This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend, and will include a presentation by Good News for Everyone (formerly the Gideons) on their current work, and from Templecombe Church on Bubble Church.  Refreshments from 7pm and the meeting will start at **7:30pm**. Anyone who would like a lift to the meeting should contact **Penny**.

**The Grand Jumble Sale** in **Pen Selwood** in March raised an amazing **£708** for St Michael’s Church. Many thanks to all the helpers and all who supported this event by donating cakes, jumble, white elephant items and raffle prizes and of course everyone who supported this event. **Thank you!**

**The Lambing at Pear Ash Farm** in April raised **£350** for St Michael’s Church. Many thanks to all who helped at the event, and all those who attended to support this lovely afternoon – a lamb even arrived during proceedings! **Thank you for your support.**

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 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 and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. Amen”.*

**Update on the Vacancy progress** – The Advert for a new Priest for our proposed new Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford is **LIVE** again in the Church Times and on the Diocese website, until the deadline for applications on **Thursday 26th June** - [Priest - Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Charlton Musgrove et al - Bath and Wells Diocese](https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/priest--benefice-of-wincanton-pen-selwood-charlton-musgrove-et-al.php). **Please pray hard at this time** that this advertisement will attract the right person for the role in our parishes. **Thank you.**

**Thank you!** To all those who have volunteered to be Counters in Wincanton Church and to help on our Flower Rota. **Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you.**

The Pilgrim Singers present:

***A Summer Serenade***

A charity concert in aid of Medecins Sans Frontieres

**Sunday 6th July at 5pm**

**The Dogs, Tout Hill, Wincanton BA9 9DL**

Gardens open at 3pm for picnics

Tickets **£15** (under 18’s free) available on the door, from choir members, Wincanton Post Office or contact 01963 33695

Strawberries & Cream and Pimm’s included. Marquee cover.

**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.*