**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:** “ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. ”.

**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:** Freda Mills, 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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**22nd June 2025 1st Sunday of Trinity**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 22nd June:**

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

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

**Readings: Isaiah 65: 1-9 Luke 8: 26-39**

**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 29th June:**

**10:00am** Wincanton – **JOINT** Communion Service with Rev Richard Cloete

for St Peter & St Paul Patronal Festival Day for the whole Benefice

**Readings: Acts 12: 1-11 Matthew 16: 13-19**

 ***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.***

**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 23rd June | 30 | Romans 7: 1-6 |
| Tuesday 24th June | 50 | Malachi 3: 1-6 |
| Wednesday 25th June | 34 | Romans 8: 1-11 |
| Thursday 26th June | 37 | Romans 8: 12-17 |
| Friday 27th June | 31 | Romans 8: 18-30 |
| Saturday 28th June | 66 | Acts 9: 32-end |

#### Church Diary

Sun 22nd June 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Richard Cloete)

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

Tues 24th June 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 26th June 7:30pm Wincanton – **NO** Choir Practice in Church

Sun 29th June **10:00am** Wincanton – **JOINT** 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

**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**. **Please pray hard at this time** that this advertisement will attract the right person for the role in our parishes. **Thank you.**

**Contact Pool –** The winners of the May draw (drawn on 15th June 2025) are: 1st prize £30 Elizabeth Wray (No.23), 2nd prize £20 Janet Carver (No. 58) and 3rd prize £10 Jane Findley (No.57). Many congratulations to all the winners! **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**Cake Stall** – I would like to add a personal **thank you** to all the many people who made such splendid and delicious cakes for Rosemary and my cake stall at Wincanton Church Path Fete on 7th June. You know who you are and, if I haven’t managed to speak to you, we couldn’t be more grateful and appreciative. Your contributions helped enormously to swell our total takings to such a magnificent figure! With my love, **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**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 **12th July.** Thank you for your continued support.

**Sunday 29th June –** This **Joint 5th Sunday Service at 10am** in Wincanton Church for our Patronal Day will celebrate St Peter & St Paul and will be a benefice-wide service where our church families can worship together, and afterwards enjoy friendship and fellowship with a glass of wine and refreshments in the Church. **Everyone is very warmly welcome.**

**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.**

**3rd July 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!**

**12th July Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00noon.** Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall & Refreshments.A fun, friendly, social event. **All welcome**!

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Gardens open at 3pm for picnics

A charity concert in aid of Medecins Sans Frontieres

The Pilgrim Singers present:

***A Summer Serenade***

**Sunday 6th July at 5pm**

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

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.

**Fond Farewell -** I have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated being a part of the church here in Wincanton. From the first time I attended a service I was made to feel so loved and welcome. However, it is now time for me to move to Poole, Dorset to be nearer my girls. I leave with a grateful heart and thanks for those of you who have supported me. If anyone would like to join me for a drink before I move away, I will be in the garden of **The Nog Inn** on **Thursday 26th June** from **7pm** **until 9:30pm**. I would love it if some of you were able to join me. **Mark Burgess.**

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”.*

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, guide us as we work together during this time of vacancy, to love and encourage one another, to draw to us the person right for us and our communities of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Charlton Musgrove and Stoke Trister with Bayford. Surround us with your Spirit and hear our prayer, Lord. Amen.*