**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:** “While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell.”.

**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, Julie, Rob Munday (Kath White’s son).

**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.

* 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.

***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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**29th June 2025 St Peter & St Paul Patronal Day**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 6th July:**

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

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

**Readings: Isaiah 66: 10-14 Luke 10: 1-11 & 16-20**

 ***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 30th June | 71 | Acts 11: 1-18 |
| Tuesday 1st July | 48 | Romans 9: 19-end |
| Wednesday 2nd July | 119: 57-80 | Romans 10: 1-10 |
| Thursday 3rd July | 92 | John 11: 1-16 |
| Friday 4th July | 51 | Romans 11: 1-12 |
| Saturday 5th July | 68 | Romans 11: 13-24 |

#### Church Diary

Sun 29th June **10:00am** Wincanton – **JOINT** Communion Service (Rev Richard Cloete)

Tues 1st July 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 3rd July 2:30pm Wincanton – Mothers’ Union Summer Meeting & Quiz in Church

 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Sun 6th July 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

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

The diocesan offices at Flourish House in Wells, completed a species survey for **Churches Count on Nature Week**. 65 plant and species were recorded, 7 species of butterfly and 18 species of bird. Several plants were new records for the site this year including field scabious, which have flourished in the wild meadow area which is now managed for wildflowers and invertebrates. Flourish House is working towards a Gold Ecochurch Award, having achieved Silver in 2023. **Wincanton Church** set aside areas around the margins of the churchyard for wilding to encourage ecological diversity, and took part in the survey during our Church Path Fete. We recorded 2 species of insect, 10 bird species, 6 tree species and 18 plant species!

Rev Richard Cloete talked about an article in the Church Times about the need for a strategy to tackle Clergy shortage, when he covered our Sunday service in Wincanton Church last Sunday. Copies of the article from the Church Times are available at the back of the church.

- Homemade

 cakes and

 savouries

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, guide us as we work together during this time of vacancy, to love and encourage one another in our communities of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Charlton Musgrove and Stoke Trister with Bayford. Hear our prayer, Lord. Amen.*

**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 **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.**  Talk by Street Pastor Sarah Stephen, plus Summer Quiz! 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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A charity concert in aid of Medecins Sans Frontieres

Gardens open at 3pm for picnics

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.

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”.*

- Raffle

- Bookstall



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**Wincanton Parish Church**

**Coffee Morning!**

**Saturday 12th July**

**10am-12:00noon**

**in the church**

**All Welcome!**