**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Silver Band** present **A Remembrance Concert** in aid of **Wincanton Poppy Appeal**. On **Sunday 2nd November** at **3pm** in **Wincanton Memorial Hall**. Tickets £7.50 available at ‘Got Your Six’ (children free). Email: contact@wincanton-silverband.co.uk for more information.

**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:** “You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God…’”.

**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, Doug Puckett, Ken Madeley, Nigel Steady, Julie, Rob Munday (Kath White’s son), Corinne Beaven.

**Please remember** the long-term sick, the housebound & their carers.

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Elizabeth Vivyan,Eileen Adams,Michael Hatcher.

* 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.

***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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 **5th October 2025 Trinity 16/HARVEST**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 5th October:**

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

**10:45am**  Wincanton – Harvest Festival Service (Rev Lydia Avery)

**Readings: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Luke 12: 16-30**

**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 12th October:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service

**10:45am**  Wincanton – Communion Service

**Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c Luke 17: 11-19**

***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.***

**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 **October 17th.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**Mobile Library** Visits Pen Selwood at the **Old Orchard lay by** in **Queens Grove** monthly **12:30-12:45pm.** Library visiting on **October 24th.**

**11th October Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00noon.** Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall and Refreshments.A fun, friendly, social event. **All welcome**!

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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 6th October | 44 | Mark 12: 28-34 |
| Tuesday 7th October | 48 | Mark 12: 35-end |
| Wednesday 8th October | 119: 57-80 | Mark 13: 1-13 |
| Thursday 9th October | 57 | Mark 13: 14-23 |
| Friday 10th October | 51 | Mark 13: 24-31 |
| Saturday 11th October | 68 | Mark 13: 32-end |

#### Church Diary

Sun 5th Oct 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

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

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

Thur 9th Oct 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Sat 11th Oct 10am-12:00 Wincanton – Coffee Morning in Church

Sun 12th Oct 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service

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 **Saturday 11th October!** Our early **Christmas Fayre** is on **November 1st**. Do you have any unwanted gifts that we can sell on the gift stall? They can be left at the Parish Office or given to the Churchwardens. **Thank you for your continued support**.

**Wincanton Parochial Church Council** - Following the sad death of Elizabeth Vivyan there is a vacancy on the PCC.  Anyone interested in joining the PCC must have been on the Church Electoral Roll for at last six months.  For further information, please contact either Penny Ashton 01963 33990 reader@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk or Rosemary Keep 01963 33656 rosemarykeep@gmail.com.

**Wincanton Harvest -** Many thanks to our flower arrangers who have made our church beautiful for Harvest. Thanks also to Gill and her team for the delicious Harvest lunch.

Any financial profits from the Harvest lunch and the raffle will go to **Operation Smile**. This is a charity providing lifesaving cleft surgery for children worldwide born with a cleft lip or palate. Cleft surgery can transform a child's life. Operation Smile teams provide a full package of support from nutrition, dentistry and orthodontics to speech therapy and psychosocial care. Your food donations will be taken to Wincanton Foodbank. **Thank you.**

**BINGO!** This year Bingo Night is **November 21st.** Could you provide a prize please? This is a major fundraiser for Wincanton Church and we welcome your support. **Thank you.**

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 all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. Amen”.*

**The Children’s Society** – As you may know, we no longer collect the Children’s Society Boxes. Instead, I am planning to hold a **Gift Day** in **Wincanton Church** on **Friday 17th October** from **10am-3pm** when you are invited to bring a donation for the Children's Society, either cheque, card donation or cash. Refreshments, tea & coffee will be served all day and Soup and a bread roll (£3) will be available. There will also be a cake stall and raffle! All in aid of The Children’s Society. I would be very grateful for any donations for the cake stall and the raffle please, that would be very welcome. If anyone would be prepared to help me on the day for an hour (or more) I would be very grateful. **Thank you! Nicky.**

**Christmas Choir –** Do you love to sing?! Come and join our **Christmas Choir** and sing for our Carol Service in Wincanton Church on Sunday 21st December at 6pm. No Musical experience is necessary, just a love of singing! Male and female singers needed. Choir practice is on Thursday evenings 7:30pm-8:30pm in Church, starting on **October 16th.** Contact Rachel for more information office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk 01963 824503.

**The Pilgrims Singers** – An hour of Taizé music and prayers at the **Methodist Church** on **Thursday** **9th** **October** at 6:15pm for a **6:30pm** start. All are welcome.

**Prayer for the Benefice**

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

**Services in our Benefice Churches:**

**Sunday 5th Oct 10am** Said Holy Communion St Lawrence, Cucklington

**Sunday 12th Oct 9am** Holy Communion St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove

 **11am** Harvest Festival & Lunch St Lawrence, Cucklington

St Stephen’s Church, Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove St John’s Church, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove