**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.

**Wincanton Friends –** Are you a lady who is at a new stage in your life? New to Wincanton? Would like to get out for a chat and meet new friends once a month? Wincanton Friends meet on the **third Wednesday of each month 2-4pm in The Sun Lounge** at The Memorial Hall. Sharing friendship over coffee and cake in a safe space. Raffle and guest speakers. We can’t wait to meet you! For more details contact Pauline on bastablepm1507@gmail.com.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.”.

**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.

* 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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 **12th October 2025 Trinity 17**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 12th October:**

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

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

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

**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 19th October:**

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

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

**Readings: Genesis 32: 22-31 Luke 18: 1-8**

***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 13th October | 71 | Mark 14: 1-11 |
| Tuesday 14th October | 73 | Mark 14: 12-25 |
| Wednesday 15th October | 77 | Mark 14: 26-42 |
| Thursday 16th October | 78: 1-39 | Mark 14: 43-52 |
| Friday 17th October | 55 | Mark 14: 53-65 |
| Saturday 18th October | 145 | Luke 1: 1-4 |

#### Church Diary

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

Sun 12th Oct 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

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

Tues 14th Oct 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 16th Oct 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church plus Christmas Choir

Sun 19th Oct 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

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

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 must have been on the Church Electoral Roll for at least 6 months. Contact Penny 01963 33990 reader@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk or Rosemary 01963 33656 rosemarykeep@gmail.com for further information.

**Harvest Festivals –** This year in Pen Selwood **£229.50** was raised from the auction of produce and donations **for RABI** (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution) and in Wincanton **£333.05** was raised for Operation Smile. A large donation of long-dated tins and packets of food was taken to Wincanton Foodbank. **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 all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. Amen”.*

**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.**

**Thank you** to everyone who brought food for the food bank last Sunday. The tins and packets were delivered to the food bank by Andy - Sue Hall's son - and we are very grateful to Andy for taking on this job. The foodbank have also sent their thanks for your donations.

**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.

**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

**Sunday 19th Oct 10am** Morning Praise St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

 **6:30pm** Evensong St Andrews, Stoke Trister

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