**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:** “And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’ ”.

**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, 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:** Gill Abbott, Elizabeth Vivyan.

* We pray for all involved in the life of our parishes and our churches as we come together in a new Benefice of Pen Selwood, Wincanton, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford and worship together as one Benefice.
* We pray for Rev Lydia Avery and her work as Benefice Development Priest, developing and shaping our Benefice in preparation for the arrival of a new Rector.

***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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 **19th October 2025 Trinity 18**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 19th October:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

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

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

**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 26th October:**

**10:45am**  Wincanton – Morning Praise

 **4:00pm** Pen Selwood – Joint Evensong Service

**Readings: Isaiah 45: 22-end Luke 4: 16-24**

***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 31st.** 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.**

**1st November Coffee Morning & Christmas Fayre** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00noon.** Gift Stalls, Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall & Refreshments. **All welcome**!

**6th November Mother’s Union Meeting 2:30pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s Church.**  Guest Speaker Rev Lydia Avery! Come and enjoy our happy meeting. You do not need to be a member to enjoy our meetings. **Everyone warmly welcome!**

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#### Church Diary

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

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

Tues 21st Oct 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 23rd Oct 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church plus Christmas Choir

Sun 26th Oct 10:45am Wincanton – Morning Praise Service (Penny Ashton)

 4:00pm Pen Selwood – Joint Evensong Service (Penny Ashton)

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

**Vacancy Update from Area Dean Revd Caroline Walker – “**I am delighted to announce that, following work with Archdeacon Anne, your PCC representatives and your Churchwardens, and with the approval of all the PCCs, **Revd Lydia Avery** will be working with the parishes of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford, Pen Selwood and Wincanton to develop the new Benefice, helping to shape it in preparation for the arrival of a new Rector”. *Please pray for Rev Lydia as she begins her role as Benefice Development Priest, and for all involved in the life of our parishes as the process begins to bring our churches together as one Benefice, which we pray in time will bring a new Rector.*

**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 our early **Christmas Fayre** 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.

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.**

**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.

**Mother’s Union –** Our next meeting is on **November 6th** at **2:30pm** in **St Peter & St Paul’s Church.**  This month we welcome guest speaker Rev Lydia Avery! Come and enjoy our happy meeting. You do not need to be a member to enjoy our meetings. **All 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. Bless Rev Lydia as we support her in bringing together our parishes of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Charlton Musgrove and Stoke Trister with Bayford into one Benefice to worship you. Amen.*

**Services in our Benefice Churches:**

**Sunday 19th Oct 9am** Holy Communion St Michael, Pen Selwood

 **10am** Morning Praise St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

 **10:45am** Family Communion St Peter & St Paul, Wincanton

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

**Sunday 26th Oct 9am** Holy Communion St Lawrence, Cucklington

 **10:45am** Morning Praise St Peter & St Paul, Wincanton

 **4pm** Evensong St Michael, Pen Selwood

**Sunday 2nd Nov 9am** Rise & Shine Families St Michael, Pen Selwood

 **10am** Said Holy Communion St Lawrence, Cucklington

 **10am** Café Church St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

 **4pm** All Souls Service St Peter & St Paul, Wincanton

**Sunday 9th Nov 10:45am** Remembrance St Stephen, Charlton Musgrove

 **10:45am** Remembrance St Peter & St Paul, Wincanton

 **10:55am** Remembrance St Michael, Pen Selwood

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