**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Carers Support Group & Respite Activity Group –** 2nd Monday of every month **2pm-3:30pm** at the **NEW VENUE: River Cale Café**, Cemetery Lane, Wincanton. Bring the person you care for. Contact Cath Holloway 07951 944 420 or email Cath: cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk.

**Wincanton & District Gardeners’ Association** present **67th Annual Show** on **Saturday 7th September**  at **2:00pm** in the **Memorial Hall, Wincanton.** Adults £1.50, Children u16 free. Refreshments available. Prize giving at 3:30pm. Children’s classes too! To enter, obtain show schedule from the Parish Office, Wild Cardz, The Library or Show Secretary on 01963 32081. Please visit: [www.wincantongardeners.co.uk](http://www.wincantongardeners.co.uk).

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.”

**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, please 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, Irene Rix (Sue Hall’s Mum), Ann & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Joyce Bentley, Mike Gray, Brenda Piper, Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Oliver Feltham, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Elizabeth Wise, Brian Dicker, Christopher Browne, Sandra Jones, Ken and Ann Madeley, Josie Dukes, Ben White, Sylvie Pattison, Anne Beaven, Grace Cox, Bishop Peter & Jane Hancock, Sandra James, Gill Abbott.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Patricia King, Gwen Evans.

* We pray for our interregnum and for the future of our churches coming together with our neighbouring parishes of Cucklington with Stoke Trister and Bayford and Charlton Musgrove, and for our vacancy process.
* We pray for His Majesty King Charles III and Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales both undergoing treatment for cancer.

*Parish Office: Administrator: Rachel Feltham – Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:15am to 1:15pm. Address: Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF.*

*Telephone: 01963 824503. Facebook: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches. Email:**office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk* *Website:*[*www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*](http://www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk)

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 **Sunday 14th July 7th Sunday of Trinity**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 14th July:**

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

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

 **Readings: Ezekiel 2: 1-5 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 1-13**

**Please join us for tea and coffee after the services**

A loop system operates at both churches. Large print service sheets are also available – 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 21st July:**

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

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Hilary Jalland

 **Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Mark 6: 30-34 and 53-end**

 ***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 15th July | 1 | Luke 22: 24-30 |
| Tuesday 16th July | 5 | Luke 22: 31-38 |
| Wednesday 17th July | 119: 1-32 | Luke 22: 39-46 |
| Thursday 18th July | 15 | Luke 22: 47-62 |
| Friday 19thJuly | 19 | Luke 22: 63-end |
| Saturday 20th July | 23 | Luke 23: 1-12 |

#### Church Diary

Sat 13th July 10am–12:00 Wincanton – Coffee Morning in Church

Sun 14th July 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

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

Tues 16th July 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thur 18th July 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 21st July 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Hilary Jalland)

StPeter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton is open daily from 9am–3pm via the **South Door.**

St Michael’s Church in Pen Selwood is open every day 10am – 3pm.

#### Church Notices

**Road Closure -** Brains Farm Renewable Energy are undertaking gas installation works installing gas pipework on **Station Road, Wincanton** on **17th July** and this will include temporary traffic light signals between Pines Close (zebra crossing outside the church) and the mini-roundabout at the bottom of Station Road whilst gas pipework is being installed until **2nd August**. This will very much affect the vehicular route to St Peter & St Paul’s Church, with alternative routes being to use Southgate Drive to Common Road back down to park on the High Street, or to come into Wincanton via West Hill.

**Explore Alpha!** We are holding another Alpha course beginning on **18th September** at **6.30pm** in the **Catholic Church**. Everyone is very welcome to come along, no matter your background or beliefs. Join us for an open and friendly evening with time to eat, relax and to get to know the group, followed by a short video. There is a chance to share your thoughts on the session’s topic but there is no pressure to say anything. Listening and forming your own opinion is fine too. We hope to see you there! For further information contact **Penny Ashton** or **Jo Ebner**.

**Don’t miss this chance to hear about the Gaza War - Wincanton Quakers Meeting** is hosting a public talk by the Very Reverent Nicholas Papadopulos (Dean of Salisbury) who has just returned from the West Bank, working as an Ecumenical Accompanier for EAPPI, at **7pm** in the **Balsam Centre** on **Monday 15th July**.

**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 is next open on **26th July**. Please check [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/) for further details.

**13th July Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church –** **10:00am – 12:00.** Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Refreshments, Books & Raffle! Come along and enjoy this friendly, social event. **All welcome**!

**23rd July Bereavement Café –** at the **River Cale Café**, Cemetery Lane, Wincanton BA9 9EDat **2:00pm**. Come along to our new venue and share in this safe space where we can support and help each other through our grief with friendship. **Everyone welcome.**

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**Home Communion and other visits –** It is possible to make pastoral visits, and this could include home communion. Please get in touch to arrange. **Penny Ashton.**

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Loving God, guide us with your heavenly wisdom as we serve you together through this period of vacancy. Guide our parishes of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington with Stoke Trister and Charlton Musgrove during this time of interregnum. Amen.*

**Benefice News -** There will be an **Open Meeting** for the whole Benefice on **Wednesday** **17th July** in the **Arthur Morison Memorial Hall**, Rowls Lane Cucklington BA9 9PY **6pm-8pm**. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting is to discuss the results of the questionnaires that have been circulating around our Parishes as part of the **vacancy process** to select a new Rector: What is good in our Parishes? What currently challenges us? What are the hopes & aspirations for our Parishes? What are the priorities? Plus any other comments you would like raised. For further details contact Janet Lowe 01963 34965 or Chris Avery 01963 371418. **Everyone welcome.**

The **Wincanton Community Survey** is now **LIVE** and will run for three weeks closing on **Monday 29th July**.  As an incentive to complete the survey there is a prize draw to win £50 to spend at Clementina Deli. Please see the poster in Wincanton Church or the Parish Office where you can scan the QR code to link to the survey, or find it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WincantonCP>. Paper copies of the survey are available in the Town Hall office or from Rachel in the Parish Office.  Completed paper copies must be returned to the Town Hall office by **Monday 29th July.** Information received from this survey is crucial to the development of the Wincanton Community Review & Action Plan. **Emma Curtis – Town Clerk.**