**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Carers Support Group & Respite Activity Group –** 2nd Monday of every month **2pm-3:30pm** at **River Cale Café**, Wincanton. Bring the person you care for. **Cath Holloway** tel: 07951 944 420 / email: [cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk](mailto:cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk).

**Wincanton REPAIR CAFÉ** is on **Saturday 27th July** in the **Balsam Centre** from **10am - 12:30pm.** Electronics, electricals, mechanical, sewing, crochet, darning, leather stitching and more! Next Repair Cafés taking place on 31st August, 28th Sept.

**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. Prizes 3:30pm. Classes for children. Show schedules available at Parish Office, Wild Cardz, Library or Show Secretary T:32081.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.”

**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, Mavis Lawrence.

**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.*

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**Sunday 21st July 8th Sunday of Trinity**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 28th July:**

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Diane Barrett

**6:30pm** Pen Selwood – Joint Evensong Service led by Penny Ashton

**Readings: 2 Kings: 42-end John 6: 1-21**

***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 22nd July | 30 | Luke 8: 1-3 |
| Tuesday 23rd July | 36 | Luke 23: 26-43 |
| Wednesday 24th July | 34 | Luke 23: 44-56a |
| Thursday 25th July | 7 | Luke 9: 46-56 |
| Friday 26thJuly | 31 | Luke 24: 13-35 |
| Saturday 27th July | 42 | Luke 24: 36-end |

#### Church Diary

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

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

Tues 23rd July 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thur 25th July 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 28th July 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

6:30pm Pen Selwood – Evensong Service (Penny Ashton)

Mon 29th July 12:00 noon Wincanton – Funeral in Church for the late Patricia King

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** 07733 162342 or **Jo Ebner** 07909 652467.

**Help needed** – In **Wincanton Church** we are looking for a sidesperson for the 3rd Sunday of each month. Your duties would be to hand out service and hymn books, put up hymn boards, take the collection and help people at the communion rail if necessary. Please talk to a Churchwarden if you can help or for more information. **Thank you**.

**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 **26th July & 9th August**. Please check [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/) for further details.

**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.**

**10th August 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**!

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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**

*Beloved God, we ask for your guidance as we work together during this time of vacancy: guidance to love and encourage one another; and guidance to draw to us the person that is right for us and our communities of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Stoke Trister, Bayford & Charlton Musgrove. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

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.**

**Bereavement Café –** Come along and share in this safe space where we can support and help each other through our grief, with friendship at **The River Cale Café,** Cemetery Lane, Wincanton BA9 9EDon **Tuesday 23rd July** at **2:00pm**. Everyone warmly welcome. Further dates for the rest of the year to follow soon.

The funeral of the late **Patricia King** will be held in St Peter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton on **Monday, 29th July** at **12:00 noon.** Everybody is welcome, and also afterwards at Orchard Cottage, Moor Lane, Wincanton BA9 9EJ. **Nicky King.**