**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).

The **Wincanton Community Survey - DEADLINE** is **Monday 29th July** to complete the survey: find it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WincantonCP>. Paper copies of the survey are available in the Town Hall. **Emma Curtis – Town Clerk.**

**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:** “So he repeated, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, “They shall eat and have some left.”’ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.”

**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 28th July 9th Sunday of Trinity**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 4th August:**

**10:30am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Hilary Jalland

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Ken Masters

**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 29th July | 44 | Acts 1: 1-14 |
| Tuesday 30th July | 48 | Acts 1: 15-end |
| Wednesday 31st July | 119: 57-80 | Acts 2: 1-21 |
| Thursday 1st August | 57 | Acts 2: 22-36 |
| Friday 2ndAugust | 51 | Acts 2: 37-end |
| Saturday 3rd August | 68 | Acts 3: 1-10 |

#### Church Diary

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

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

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

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

Thur 1st Aug 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 4th Aug **10:30am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Revd Hilary Jalland)

10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Ken Masters)

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

**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, for an open and friendly evening to eat, relax and get to know the group, followed by a short video. There is a chance to share your thoughts on the session’s topic but no pressure to say anything. Listening & forming your own opinion is fine too. For further information contact **Penny:** 07733 162342 or **Jo:** 07909 652467.

**Pen Selwood Village Fete** is on **Saturday 3rd August at 12:00** and includes the Village Flower & Produce Show in the Church. Live entertainment from Mr Wilkins’ Shillings Morris Dancers, circus skills, Pen’s amazing white elephant, pre-loved clothes, grand draw, tombola, beer tent, cakes, BBQ, teas & much more! Proceeds to St Michael’s Church & Pen Selwood Community Association. [www.penselwood.ning.com](http://www.penselwood.ning.com). **All Welcome!**

**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 serve you in our communities of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Stoke Trister, Bayford & Charlton Musgrove. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

**Contact Pool –** The winners of the June draw (drawn on Saturday, 13th July) are: 1st prize £30 Beryl Williams (No.48), 2nd prize £20 Christine Spencer (No.1) and 3rd prize £10 Sue Humphries (No.30). Congratulations to all the winners. **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**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 **9th & 23rd August**. Please check [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/) for further details.

**Sat 3rd August Pen Selwood Village Fete – opens at 12:00** and includes the Village Flower & Produce Show (in the church). Live entertainment from Mr Wilkins’ Shillings Morris Dancers. Tombolas, pre-loved clothing, Pen’s amazing white elephant, BBQ, beer tent, teas, grand draw, circus skills – **All 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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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.**

**GWEN EVANS – A Reflective Prayer**

O Lord our God we remember before you our dear friend Gwen who died recently. I was privileged to be with her a few hours before she died, and one of her last conscious acts must have been to squeeze my hand in time as I attempted to sing ‘Dear Lord and Father of Mankind’.

We pray for the repose of her soul – safe and at peace now in your loving arms.

We remember all she was to us and the several and various communities in which she lived; her life of duty and service; her love of life itself; her generosity and kindness. She was a staunch supporter of the Mothers’ Union and would regularly have prayed:

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who gave marriage to be a source of blessing, we thank you for family life, with all its joys and sorrows. May we know your presence and peace in our homes, fill them with your love and use them to your glory. Bless all who are married and every parent and child. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love and serve you. Unite us in prayer and worship, in love and service, that strengthened by your grace we may seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Gwen certainly did her best to carry out these precepts in her life through her love and care for her family and friends, her service in the Army and subsequently in the British Legion, and her self-denying charity work for many years in the shop. She volunteered for and supported any and every Christian initiative and gave willing service as a steward at Stourhead.

If we listen, we can almost hear you saying to her “Well done thou good and faithful servant” as you welcome her into the Joy of Heaven.

Dearest Gwen – Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**