**Community Notices**

**St Mary’s Church, Bruton** is hosting an **Organ Concert** by **David Slater** on **Friday, 13th September** at **7:30pm.** Tickets cost £10 on the door, bar available. All proceeds towards a new toilet for the church. Come along and enjoy David’s beautiful music.

**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:** “Jesus said to the crowd: ‘Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.”

**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:** Mavis Lawrence, 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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 **25th August 13th Sunday after Trinity**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 25th August:**

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

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

 **Readings: Joshua 24: 1-2a and 14-18 John 6: 56-59**

**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 1st September:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service led by Penny Ashton

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

 **Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-13 Mark 4: 1-9**

 ***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. Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for details of when the café is next open.

**27th August Bereavement Café –** at the **River Cale Café** at **2:00pm**. Come along and share in this safe space where we can support and help each other through our grief with friendship. **Everyone welcome.**

**5th September Mother’s Union Meeting 2:30pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s**

 **Church** has been **CANCELLED.** See you on **3rd October.**

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**Readings for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 26th August | 126 | Acts 10: 34-end |
| Tuesday 27th August | 132 | Acts 11: 1-18 |
| Wednesday 28th August | 119 153-end | Acts 11: 19-end |
| Thursday 29th August | 143 | Like 12: 1-17 |
| Friday 30thAugust | 144 | Acts 12: 18-end |
| Saturday 31st August | 147 | Acts 13: 1-12 |

#### Church Diary

Sun 25th Aug 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

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

Tues 27th Aug 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thur 29th Aug 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 1st Sept 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

 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

 **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.

**Wincanton Church Coffee Morning** – We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for our coffee mornings please, also donations of homemade cakes and sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. If you can help, please bring donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can be left at the Parish Office. The next Coffee Mornings is on **Saturday 14th September**. Thank you.

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, surround us with your spirit as we work together during this time of vacancy. Guide us as we come together in our new Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Stoke Trister and Charlton Musgrove. Lead us, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

The **Mothers’ Union Meeting** due to take place in Wincanton Church on **Thursday 5th September at 2:30pm** has been **CANCELLED**. We will see you next time, in **October (Thursday 3rd October 2:30pm in church).** Many apologies.

**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.**

**EMERGENCY! LEAD STRIPPED** from our beautiful Church roof in Wincanton. This will require immediate and costly repairs. Any financial help towards the cost of repairs would be very gratefully received. Donations can be made by scanning this QR Code with your mobile phone, or you can click on the following link, which is also on our website: <https://givealittle.co/c/2cS6rKVFOzrs3qNEGJfGkB>. You can also donate via cheque made payable to ‘Wincanton PCC’ and sent to the Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. **Every £1 you kindly donate will help us enormously. THANK YOU 😊**



Exciting times are ahead for **Wincanton Choral Society.** There will be three concerts in this their **35th year** - a December concert in St Luke & St Teresa’s church in Wincanton featuring Vivaldi’s glorious Gloria and Rutter’s Magnificat, followed by the St. John Passion in the Spring and an evening of more relaxed music in King Arthur’s school in June. Join us on our Come and Sing Choral Day at the school in October with our Musical Director **Neil Moore.** To find out more visit [www.wincantonchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.wincantonchoralsociety.co.uk) or contact our Chairman Sally Greenhalgh 01749 860457. Our new series of rehearsals starts on 9th September, and almost every Monday evening (7:15pm-9pm) up to our December concert. Anyone who would like to try us out would be most welcome! Contact Sally.

**MU Diaries and Christmas Cards -** It's August so time to order your Mother's Union diaries and Christmas cards! On the MU table at the back of Wincanton Church is a catalogue and order form. Write your order and name on the form. Any queries please speak to **Judy**.

**Contact Pool –** The winners of the July Contact Pool (drawn on 10th August 2024 at the coffee morning) are: 1st prize £30 Ruby Wilkins (No. 27), 2nd prize £20 Doug Puckett (No. 35) and 3rd prize £10 Kim Cole (No. 66). Congratulations to all our winners. **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

**St Andrew’s Church in Stoke Trister** invite you to their **Churchyard BBQ** on **Sunday 15th September** at **12:30pm.** Donations only, Jazz music and friendship. **All welcome.**