**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:** “May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works; He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being.”

**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, Elizabeth Constantine.

**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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 www.penselwood.ning

 **8th September 2nd Sunday of Creation**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 8th September:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Diane Barrett

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

 **Readings: Psalm 104: 1-35 Luke 13: 6-9**

**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 15th September:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Diane Barrett

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

 **Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-7 John 21: 1-14**

 ***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 open **Sept 20th** and **Oct 4th**. Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**14th September 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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**Readings for the Weeks Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 9th September | 30 | Acts 16: 6-24 |
| Tuesday 10th September | 36 | Acts 16: 25-end |
| Wednesday 11th September | 34 | Acts 17: 1-15 |
| Thursday 12th September | 37 | Acts 17: 16-end |
| Friday 13thSeptember | 31 | Acts 18: 1-21 |
| Saturday 14th September | 146 | John 12: 27-36a |

#### Church Diary

Sun 8th Sept 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

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

Tues 10th Sept 12:30pm Wincanton – Funeral service in Church for Mavis Lawrence

7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thur 12th Sept 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sat 14th Sept 10am–12:00 Wincanton – Coffee Morning in Church

Sun 15th Sept 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

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

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.

**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.*

Bishop Michael, together with the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, are taking part in a 24hr Wave of Prayer starting on **Friday 6th September** in the Diocese. Locally a visiting prayer group will be holding an evening of Praise & Thanksgiving **at St John’s Church** in **Charlton Musgrove** on **Friday 6th September** from **7:30-9:30pm**. Everybody is very welcome to come and join in this wave of prayer!





**EMERGENCY! LEAD STRIPPED** from our beautiful Church roof in Wincanton. 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:

<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. THANK YOU 😊**

**Wincanton Church Sponsored Knit** - This year we are knitting babies/children’s hats, mitts & scarves. There are patterns at the back of the church but feel free to use your own. Sponsor forms are also at the back of the church. If you are not knitting, please sponsor someone who is. Hopefully we will all get together to knit at the coffee morning on **October 12th**. Soon after, Sarah Steven will take the knitted items to the Methodist Church in Sherborne, where they are distributed to those who need them. Let's get knitting now so that we can send a nice big parcel! Money raised goes to church funds. Thank You.

**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**.

**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.**

**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.



**Happy Harvest Celebration – Wincanton Church –** **Saturday 21st September**. Craft activities from 2pm, celebration at 2:45pm followed by refreshments. *An event for families (activities to suit primary age children and younger).* Bring a gift for the Lord’s larder food bank (long dated tins and packets).