**Community Notices**

Do you live with a long-term persistent pain condition? Does it affect your emotional wellbeing and get you down? Stop you sleeping well? Restrict daily activities and stop you doing things you want to? The local GP surgeries have a non-medical pain management programme called **Live Well with Pain** which covers subjects such as sleep, relaxation, managing moods, etc. There is a friendly, informal and welcoming monthly **Live Well with Pain Café** that takes place on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2-3pm at the communal lounge at Balsam Close (BA9 9HW).  All welcome! For more information ask the health coaches at Wincanton Health Centre, email sue.crisfield1@nhs.net or Tel:07749 418 850. [www.livewellwithpain.co.uk](http://www.livewellwithpain.co.uk).

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. ”

**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 and recovering from 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

 **15th September 3rd Sunday of Creation**

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

Welcome!

**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 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 22nd September:**

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

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

 **Readings: Psalm 24 Luke 7: 1-10**

 ***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 16th September | 44 | Acts 19: 8-20 |
| Tuesday 17th September | 48 | Acts 19: 21-end |
| Wednesday 18th September | 119: 57-80 | Acts 20: 1-16 |
| Thursday 19th September | 57 | Acts 20: 17-end |
| Friday 20thSeptember | 51 | Acts 21: 1-16 |
| Saturday 21st September | 117 | 2 Timothy 3: 14-end  |

#### Church Diary

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)

Tues 17th Sept 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice

Thur 19th Sept 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice

Sun 22nd Sept 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

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

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!** Our Alpha course begins **this week** on **18th September** at **6.30pm** in the **Catholic Church**. Everyone is very welcome, no matter your background or beliefs, for an open and friendly evening to eat, relax and chat, followed by a short video. There is a chance to share your thoughts on the session, but no pressure to say anything. For further information contact **Penny:** 07733 162342 or **Jo:** 07909 652467.

**Mother's Union Diaries & Christmas Cards –** If you would like to order a diary or Christmas cards, there is a form on the MU table at the back of Wincanton church. The order will be sent off after **September 22nd** so don't delay. **Thank you.**

**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 **Harvest Festival** is **Sunday October 6th**. The service at 10:45am will be followed by a delicious Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch at 1pm. Tickets for the lunch are **£6** from Gill Oaten or the Parish Office. This year we are supporting our local food bank, so please bring long-dated tins and packets of food to the Harvest service. **Thank you**.

Pen Selwood **Harvest Festival** is on **Sunday 29th September** at **10:45am** and is a 5th Sunday joint service. Everyone is very warmly welcome to this service at St Michael’s Church, and afterwards for Ploughman’s & Pimms in the Village Hall. Tickets for lunch (donations welcome) are available from Helen 01747 841082 or Linda 01747 840652 or let Rachel in the Parish Office know you would like a ticket for lunch. **Thank you.**



**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. **THANK YOU to all those who have generously donated already.**

**Wincanton Church Sponsored Knit** - This year we are knitting babies/children’s hats, mitts & scarves. Sponsor Forms and patterns are at the back of the church but feel free to use your own pattern. 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.

**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, as we come together in our new Benefice of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington with Stoke Trister and Bayford and Charlton Musgrove. Holy Spirit, guide those who are seeking the right priest to be our next vicar, and those who are seeking the right next step in their ministry. Lead us all, Lord. Amen.*



**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). **Fun for all the family!**