**Community Notices**

**Wincanton Choral Society Present** – G.Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle on **Saturday 15th May** at **Wincanton Parish Church St Peter & St Paul’s** at **7:30pm.** For more information see [www.wincantonchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.wincantonchoralsociety.co.uk) or ring Ben on 07813 680534.Tickets £12.50 (under 18’s £6) on the door, via a member, or available online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society).

** Prayer Diary**

**From the readings:** “Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.”

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like immediate prayers for yourself or someone you know please contact one of the following (requests passed in confidence): Penny Ashton 01963 33990 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 Rev Alison Way 33151.

**Please continue to pray for** those of our fellowship and friends whoare ill or recovering from operations: Derek Ayers, June and Steve Beech, Margaret Brown (Gwen Evans’ Daughter), Irene Rix (Sue Hall’s Mum), Ann & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Joyce Bentley, Mike Gray, Sue Cox, Brenda Piper, Bishop Peter & Jane Hancock, Canon Alan & Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Gwen Evans, Oliver Feltham & family, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Heather Doe, Elizabeth Wise, Karen Woods.

**Please remember** the long-term sick, the housebound & their carers.

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Rev Derek Taylor, Jean Lambert, Francis Dukes, Sonia Willis-Fleming.

We pray for Wincanton Health Centre & Wincanton Community Hospital, for the staff in their work pressures.

We pray for *WOW!* and *Rise and Shine*, and all the work being done to bring these initiatives to life in 2022 and the work underway for safeguarding in both churches.

We pray for everyone’s gifts and talents to be shared as we look at ways of “Growing Younger in God’s love for us” in both churches.

*Parish Office: For May, office hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings 9:15am to 12:15pm. The Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Tel: 01963 824503*

*Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter to Rachel by midday on Wednesday.*

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**1st May 2022 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Dear Friends,

We have received exciting news from the Diocese! Downing Street has announced today (10am, 28 April 2022) that the Rt Revd Michael Beasley will be the next Bishop of Bath and Wells. He is currently the Bishop of Hertford, a role which he has held since 2015. Prior to taking a fulltime role with the church, Bishop Michael was an epidemiologist, a background he was called on to use during the pandemic as a member of the Church of England’s Covid task force.

Speaking in advance of today’s announcement, Bishop Michael shared his joy in becoming the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells and said he was looking forward to getting to know the people of Somerset. He says, “I am delighted to be coming to be the Bishop of Bath and Wells and to joining with everyone in the diocese as together we live and tell the story of Jesus.

“We have strong family connections with Somerset and I’m very much looking forward to working alongside its people, communities and churches. We have all been through a challenging few years. The Covid pandemic pushed us all apart. Now is the time to come back together. Our churches have an essential role in helping us rebuild communities and in facing the challenges present to us both internationally and at home. Jesus’s message is one of peace – a peace I’m looking forward to sharing and pursuing as I join you as your bishop.”

Commenting on the news Bishop Ruth said, "I am very much looking forward to having him as my new colleague and to welcoming him and his family to Bath and Wells in due course."

Bishop Michael and Lizzie have two young children. In his spare time, he enjoys tending his garden and his bees.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Michael when he comes.

**A prayer for our new bishop:**

*Gracious God, we give you thanks for the wonderful ways in which you gently guide our lives in order to fulfil your purposes in us. We give thanks for bringing us all to this day, and for your continuing presence with us through times of change.*

*We give thanks especially for Bishop Michael’s coming to us.*

**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 & wonderful cakes. Please check the website [penselwood.ning.com](http://penselwood.ning.com/) for when next open.

**14th May 2022** **Coffee Morning & Plant Sale: 10am – 12:00** in **St Peter & St Paul’s** **Church**. Refreshments, homemade cakes, books, raffle & plant sale. **All Welcome!**

*May the coming days be filled with your blessing as he begins to see something of the life of our Diocese, and meets strangers who will become colleagues and friends. Guide us all, we pray, through this coming time of preparation, and pour the gifts of your Spirit upon him, his family, and on this Diocese. Give to us all the grace of encouragement as we wait in hope and trust for the unfolding of your plans for us, that we may build up in one another the confidence to respond to your call into the future. AMEN*. With best wishes and prayers, Penny

**Worship for the Week Ahead:**

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| Day | Psalm | Reading |
| 2nd May PHILIP AND JAMES | 139 | James 1:1-12 |
| 3rd May | 98 | Luke 1:26-38 |
| 4th May | 34 | Luke 1:36-56 |
| 5th May | 136 | Luke 1:57-end |
| 6th May | 107 | Luke 2:1-20 |
| 7th May  | 110 | Luke 2:21-40 |

**Readings for 1st May: Acts 9: 1-6 John 21: 1-19**

**Readings for 8th May: Acts 9: 36-end John 10: 22-30**

#### Church Diary

Sun 1st May 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service led by Rev Ken Masters

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service led by Rev Hilary Jalland

Tues 3rd May 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice – Wincanton

Thurs 5th May 2:30pm Wincanton – Mothers’ Union Meeting

 7:30pm Choir Practice – Wincanton

Sun 8th May 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service

St Peter & St Paul’s Church in Wincanton is open on weekdays between 9am and 3pm.

St Michaels Church in Pen Selwood is open every day between 10am and 3pm.

#### Church Notices

**Wincanton Food Bank –** Donations of long-life milk, tinned rice pudding/custard, tinned meat/fish, jars of sauces, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, coffee, toilet rolls and jars/packets of baby food would be very gratefully appreciated at the Community Church. Drop donations off on Tuesdays or Sundays 10am-12:00. **Grateful thanks.**

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning 14th May** *–* Wincanton Church – We would be very grateful if you would sow a few extra seeds for plants to sell at the sale. Bring your plants along with you to the coffee morning **10am-12:00noon**. Thank you.

**Zambia Link -** Many thanks to all those who contributed to our Zambia Link fund through the Lent lunch, Good Friday collection and Lent boxes.  To date **£218.89** has been raised.  If you still have a Lent box, please bring it to Church on Sunday or drop it into the Parish Office.  Your support is much appreciated.  **Rosemary Keep.**

**Contact Details for Rev Alison Way –** Please note my contact details are:

Address: The Parish Office; 38 High Street, Wincanton, BA9 9JF

Landline: 01963 33151, Work mobile: 07515 958988

Email: rector@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk,

Facebook Group: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches

*Please note my usual day off is on Monday.*

**Home Communion and other visits –** It is possible moving forward to make pastoral visits, (and this could include home communion if desired). Please get in touch to arrange, it will be very good to catch up.  **Alison and Penny.**

**Children’s Society Garden Party -** As we were unable to have a Christingle last year, and to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Anniversary, I have decided to hold a garden party in my garden on Thursday 2nd June from 2pm-4pm. Tickets will be available in advance and cost £5 for adults, £2 for children, to include a choice of sandwiches scones and cake and tea or coffee. There will be a ‘decorate the crown’ competition with a prize for everyone! I would like people to dress up in smart clothes suitable for a royal occasion! There will be a bring & buy sale and a raffle. Please email Nicky on nicky\_86@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01963 33454 for more information, or for offers of cakes or help to make sandwiches or scones. I have issued a challenge to other groups I have met during my time as a Diocesan ambassador. **Nicky King.**

**Coffee Morning Request –** Donations of homemade cakes and sausage rolls would be gratefully appreciated for St Peter & St Paul’s Church coffee mornings please! Bring them along with you on the morning – next one **14th May at 10am!** Thank you.

**Rev Derek Taylor –** We were saddened to learn on Sunday of the death of Rev Derek Taylor.  Derek and Jane have lived in Wincanton for about 3 years and when he was able, Derek took an active part in church life and has always been supportive and encouraging. He was an inspiration to many with his deep faith and will be very much missed.

**Prayer List –** If you would like to be added to our Prayer List, or feel a friend or relative should be on our Prayer List, please do let me know. If you are wanting someone else to be prayed for you must have their permission. Anybody is welcome to be included in our prayers at any time, and I will also pray for you in my daily prayers. Please use the contact details in this newsletter to contact me. **Alison.**