**Community Notices**

**Read Easy Blackmore Vale North –** Do you need help to read? **Read Easy** helps adults aged 18-80+. Free 1-to-1 help near you. If you know someone who wants to learn to read, or if you want to learn to read, are dyslexic and want to improve your reading, we’d love to hear from you. Call Jane: 07440 745933, Lesley: 07510 250365 or Fran: 07857 159431 or text ‘Ring Me’ and we’ll ring you back.

**Live Well with Pain Café -** Every third Thursday of the month 2-4pm at Common Road/Deansley Way Communal Lounge BA9 9RG. Are you living with a long-term pain condition? Come and talk about your pain and share ideas, develop new tools and just chat about everyday life. Call Sue Crisfield on 07749418850 or the Health Coaches on 435700.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, ‘My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant.”.

**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, 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, Ann & Bryan Phillips, Sam (Gill Oaten’s Great Great Nephew), Brenda Piper, Rosemary Watson, Elroi Manor, Oliver Feltham, Mavis Way, Andrew Gardner, Elizabeth Wise, Brian Dicker, Christopher Browne, Sandra Jones, Josie Dukes, Ben White, Anne Beaven, Grace Cox, Sandra James, Gill Abbott, Elizabeth Baxter, Doug Puckett, Susan Greenway, Ken Madeley, Elizabeth Vivyan, Nigel Steady, Julie, Rob Munday (Kath White’s son).

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:**

* We pray for our interregnum and for our churches coming together with our neighbouring parishes of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford and for our vacancy process for a new Priest.

***CONTACT US:*** *Administrator -* ***Rachel Feltham*** *01963 824503 in the Parish Office* [*office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*](mailto:office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk) *Office hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:30-1pm. The Parish Office, 38 High Street, Wincanton BA9 9JF. Website for Wincanton:* [*www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk*](http://www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk) *Pen Selwood:* [*www.penselwood.ning*](http://www.penselwood.ning) *Facebook Page: Wincanton and Pen Selwood CofE Churches. Find us on* [*www.achurchnearyou.com*](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)*.*

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**20th July 2025 5th Sunday after Trinity**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 20th July:**

**9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Revd Ken Masters

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

**Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10 Luke 10: 38-end**

**Please join us for tea and coffee after the services!**

A loop system operates at both churches. **Large print service sheets** **and hymn books** are also available, **as well as this newsletter**, 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 27th July:**

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Richard Cloete

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

**Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10 Luke 10: 38-end**

***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 21st July | 98 | 2 Corinthians 1: 1-14 |
| Tuesday 22nd July | 30 | Luke 8: 1-3 |
| Wednesday 23rd July | 111 | 2 Corinthians 2: 5-end |
| Thursday 24th July | 115 | 2 Corinthians 3 |
| Friday 25th July | 117 | Luke 9: 46-56 |
| Saturday 26th July | 121 | 2 Corinthians 5 |

#### Church Diary

Sun 20th July 9:00am Pen Selwood – Communion Service (Revd Ken Masters)

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

Tues 22nd July 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 24th July 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Sun 27th July 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Richard Cloete)

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

StPeter & St Paul’s Church Wincanton is open Mon-Fri from 9am–3pm via the **South Door.**

St Michael’s Church in Pen Selwood is open every day 10am – 3pm.

#### Church Notices

**Wincanton Church Coffee Mornings** – We would be very grateful for donations for Raffle prizes for our coffee mornings please, also donations of homemade cakes & sausage rolls would be hugely appreciated. Bring your donations along to the coffee morning or see the Churchwardens. Raffle prizes can be left at the Parish Office. The next coffee morning is **Saturday 9th August.** Thank you for your continued support.

**Pen Selwood Grand Village Fete** is on **Saturday 2nd August at 12:00** and includes the Village Flower & Produce Show in the Church. The Fete includes traditional games, Pen’s amazing white elephant, pre-loved clothes, grand raffle, tombolas, beer tent, cakes, BBQ, teas, ice creams & much more! Proceeds to St Michael’s Church & Pen Selwood Community Association. [www.penselwood.ning.com](http://www.penselwood.ning.com). Fun for all the family! **All Welcome!**

Please continue to pray for peace at this time: “*God of peace and justice, we pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. Amen”.*

**Contact Pool –** The winners of the June draw (drawn on 11th July) are: 1st prize £30 Rachel Skells (No. 67), 2nd prize £20 Nicky King (No. 26) and 3rd prize £10 Jane Findley (No. 57). Many congratulations to all our winners! **Joanna Durham-Matthews.**

The results of the **Independent Review into Safeguarding in the Diocese of Bath & Wells and Wells Cathedral** have been published. If you would like this information, please contact Rachel in the Parish Office 01963 824503 [office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk).

**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 next open **August 8th & August 22nd.** Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**Mobile Library** Visits Pen Selwood at the **Old Orchard lay by** in **Queens Grove** monthly **12:25-12:50pm.** Library next visits on **Fri August 1st.**

**2nd August Pen Selwood Village Fete – opens at 12:00** and includes the Village Flower & Produce Show (in the church). Tombolas, pre-loved clothing, Pen’s amazing white elephant, BBQ, beer tent, teas, grand raffle, plants & produce, ice creams, traditional games and more! **Fun for all the family! Everybody welcome.**

**9th August Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00noon.** Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall and Refreshments.A fun, friendly, social event. **All welcome**!

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**Prayer for the Vacancy**

*Beloved God, guide us as we work together during this time of vacancy, to love and encourage one another in our communities of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Charlton Musgrove and Stoke Trister with Bayford. Hear our prayer, Lord. Amen.*

Thank you to all that have wished me well, and to those who came to my leaving drinks. I'm now nicely settled into my new home here in Poole, and have completed my second week of work at The Greenhouse Christian Centre, as well as settling back into my former church community. If you're heading this way at all, please do get in touch 😊 **Mark Burgess.**

**Services in our Benefice Churches:**

**Sunday 20th July 10am** Morning Praise St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

**6pm** Evensong St Lawrence, Cucklington

**Sunday 27th July 9am** Holy Communion St Lawrence, Cucklington

**Sunday 7th Aug 10am** Café Church St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

**10am** Said Holy Communion St Lawrence, Cucklington

**Sunday 10th Aug 9am** Holy Communion St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove

**Sunday 17th Aug 10am** Morning Praise St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

**6:30pm** Evensong St Andrews, Stoke Trister

**Sunday 24th Aug 9am** Holy Communion St Lawrence, Cucklington

St Stephen’s Church, Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove St John’s Church, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove