**Community Notices**

**Local Unpaid Carers Group –** Held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month **2pm-3:30pm** at **River Cale Café**, Cemetery Lane, Wincanton BA9 9ED in the **Café Room**. Meet other carers, advice & information, share ideas, visiting speakers. Accessible facilities, parking outside. For more information contact cathh@somersetrcc.org.uk or Tel: 07535 279359. [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org). **Pop in for a Cuppa. All Welcome!**

**The Foresters Friendly Society –** The annual coach outing will take place on **Wednesday 17th September,** this time to **Seaton. Members £13pp**, **Non-Members £16pp.** Depart Wincanton **9:30am.** Booking forms available from the Parish Church Office and Wincanton Library. For further information contact Richard D’Arcy - Tel: 01963 33160.

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**PRAYER DIARY**

**From the readings:** “Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.”.

**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:** Peter Thorn.

* 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* *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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 **10th August – 23rd August 2025 Trinity 8 – Trinity 9**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 10th August:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Communion Service with Rev Brian McConnell

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

**Readings: Genesis 15: 1-6 Luke 12: 32-40**

**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 17th August:**

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**10:45am** Wincanton – Service of the Word with LWA Chris Avery

**Readings: Jeremiah 23: 23-29 Luke 12: 49-56**

**SUNDAY 24th August:**

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

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

**Readings: Isaiah 58: 9b-end Luke 13: 10-17**

***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 next open **August 22nd & Sept 5th.** 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 **12:30-12:45pm.** Library visiting **Aug 29th & Sept 26th.**

**4th September Mother’s Union Meeting 2:30pm** at **St Peter & St Paul’s Church.**  Come and enjoy our happy meeting. You do not need to be a member to enjoy our meetings. **Everyone warmly welcome!**

**13th September 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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**Readings for the Week Ahead:**

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| **Day** | **Psalm** | **Reading** |
| Monday 11th August | 30 | James 2: 1-13 |
| Tuesday 12th August | 36 | James 2: 14-end |
| Wednesday 13th August | 34 | James 3 |
| Thursday 14th August | 37 | James 4: 1-12  |
| Friday 15th August | 98 | Luke 11: 27-28 |
| Saturday 16th August | 42 | James 5: 7-end |
| Monday 18th August | 44 | Mark 1: 1-13 |
| Tuesday 19th August | 48 | Mark 1: 14-20 |
| Wednesday 20th August | 119: 57-80 | Mark 1: 21-28 |
| Thursday 21st August | 57 | Mark 1: 29-end |
| Friday 22nd August | 51 | Mark 2: 1-12 |
| Saturday 23rd August | 68 | Mark 2: 13-22 |

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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.

**Services in our Benefice Churches:**

**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

**Sunday 31st Aug 10am** Holy Communion St Michael’s, Pen Selwood

 5th Sunday Joint Benefice service

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

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

**Sunday 14th Sept 9am** Holy Communion St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove

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

#### 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 & Saturday 13th September.** Thank you for your continued support.

**VJ Day 80th Anniversary Celebration –** Join Wincanton Town Council on **Sunday 17th August** from **1pm-5pm** at **Wincanton Memorial Hall** for a traditional cream tea, raffle and live entertainment from The Decadettes! This free event is open to Wincanton residents aged 80 or over. Pop into the Town Hall office to collect your ticket, or contact them on 01963 31693 Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm. Proof of age and address may be requested. Limited number of tickets available. CAT Bus transport available on request.

**AGE LIMIT NOW OVER 70!**

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”.*

The **Parish Office** will be **CLOSED** on **Friday 8th August** and will reopen at 9:30am on

**Tuesday 19th August**. For urgent matters during this time please contact the Churchwardens in our Churches, or Penny Ashton on 07733 162 342. **Thank you.**

**Prayer for the Vacancy**

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