**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:** “But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’.”.

**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, Nigel Steady, Julie, Rob Munday (Kath White’s son), Corinne Beaven.

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

**Please pray for those who grieve, and for the departed:** Elizabeth Vivyan,Michael Hatcher, 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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 www.penselwood.ning

 **31st August 2025 Trinity 11**

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

Welcome!

**SUNDAY 31st August:**

**10:00am** Pen Selwood – Joint Communion Service for whole Benefice

on this 5th Sunday with Rev Diane Barrett at **10am**

**Readings: Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18 Luke 14: 1 & 7-14**

**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 7th September:**

 **9:00am** Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service with Penny Ashton

**10:45am** Wincanton – Communion Service with Rev Brian McConnell

**Readings: Genesis 1: 1-25 John 1: 1-5**

***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 **September 5th & 19th.** 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 1st September | 80 | Mark 5: 1-20 |
| Tuesday 2nd September | 89: 1-18 | Mark 5: 21-30 |
| Wednesday 3rd September | 119: 105-128 | Mark 5: 35-end |
| Thursday 4th September | 92 | Mark 6: 1-13 |
| Friday 5th September | 88 | Mark 6: 14-29 |
| Saturday 6th September | 97 | Mark 6: 30-44 |

#### Church Diary

Sun 31st Aug **10:00am** Pen Selwood – Joint Communion Service (Rev Diane Barrett)

 for the whole benefice on this 5th Sunday.

Mon 1st Sept 2:00pm Wincanton – Funeral in Church

Tues 2nd Sept 7:30pm Wincanton – Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Thur 4th Sept 2:30pm Wincanton – Mothers’ Union Meeting in Church

 7:30pm Wincanton – Choir Practice in Church

Sun 7th Sept 9:00am Pen Selwood – Rise & Shine Family Service (Penny Ashton)

 10:45am Wincanton – Communion Service (Rev Brian McConnell)

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 13th September!** Thank you for your continued support.

**The Late** **Elizabeth Vivyan -** A Funeral will be held at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday 19th September at 11:20am, followed by a Thanksgiving Service in Wincanton Church at 2pm**.**

Congratulations and enormous thanks to everybody involved in this year’s **Pen Selwood Grand Fete** and Flower & Produce Show! A ‘grand’ year resulting in over **£10,000** being raised, split equally between the Church (PCC) and Penselwood Community Association.

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 all your precious children at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. Amen”.*

**Parish Administrator** - the parish of Castle Cary and Ansford is inviting  applications for the role of Parish Administrator. The job involves record keeping, producing material for services and maintaining the website and social media. It takes 4-6 hours a week, most of which can be done from home. £14 per hour. For more details please contact standrews.allsaints@gmail.com. Closing date for applications 23rd September.

 

**Prayer for the Benefice**

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

**Services in our Benefice Churches:**

**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

**Sunday 21st Sept 10am** Morning Praise St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

 **6pm** Evensong St Lawrence, Cucklington

**Sunday 28th Sept 9am** Holy Communion St Lawrence, Cucklington

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