

*The United Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow*

*The Parish of Wellow*

Vestry Meeting

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday, 17 April 2005

11.00 am

## REPORTS FOR 2004

### ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

During the past year no names have been removed and 3 new names have been added.

Total number on Electoral Roll in is 50

Simon Veysey  
Electoral Roll Officer

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

There have been seven meetings of the PCC during 2004. The main topics of discussion have been the interregnum, the vacancy and appointment of Revd Matthew Street and the quinquennial.

Jo Vening  
PCC Secretary

### VICAR'S REPORT

The first three months of ministry in Wellow have certainly been hectic but exciting. It has been a delight to worship with 30-40 people regularly each Sunday and to begin to get to know the congregation better. As I mentioned in my very first sermon I believe that God wants to rebuild the spiritual walls of his church in Wellow and already we are beginning to see the start of God doing that. Before setting off to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem Nehemiah planned his trip thoroughly, everything he needed was put in place. Like Nehemiah we too need objectives and plans if we are fulfil God's purposes in Wellow. After considerable thought and prayer the PCC have agreed the following objectives and plans for St Julian's Church over the coming year. Come 2006 it will be good to look back at these objectives and plans and to see what we have achieved with God's blessing.

#### 1. Objectives for 2005

What do we plan to achieve in 2005?

- To introduce a new pattern of Sunday Worship that is both accessible and promotes individual spiritual growth and

development.

- To grow the number of regular attendees at our Sunday Morning Worship from 12 to 30.
- To introduce initiatives that will actively encourage families to participate in Sunday Worship
- To significantly improve our worship environment
- To Increase our covenanted giving.
- To encourage regular tax efficient giving
- To pilot a newcomers/home group
- To introduce a least one initiative that will seek to draw the not yet believing members of the village into Christian Community.
- To improve communication of church activities within the village

## 2. Plan for 2005

### 2.1 Introduce a new pattern of Sunday Worship from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2005

Sunday Of Month	Old Time	Old Format	NEW TIME	NEW FORMAT
1st	11.15	Family Service	11.00	All-age Worship - Child friendly Children stay for the whole service 45 min in length
2nd	11.15	Mattins	11.00	All-age Worship -10 min Sermon Activities provided for the children Circa 1 Hour in length
3rd	9.30	Said Eucharist	11.00	All-age Worship - 10 min Sermon Activities provided for the children Holy Communion Just over 1 hour in length
4th	11.15	Sung Eucharist	11.00	All-age Worship - 10 min Sermon Activities provided for the children Circa 1 Hour in length
5th	11.15	Said Eucharist	11.00	All-age Worship - 10 min Sermon Activities provided for the children Circa 1 Hour in length

Other changes will include:

- Formation of a new first Sunday All Age Worship Committee, who would meet monthly to evaluate the previous first Sunday service and to plan the coming first Sunday service. This committee would attempt to get representation from families and different age groups
- All services to be held in the Nave (dependent on numbers).
- Cassalb and Stole to be worn for Holy Communion but otherwise dog collar, jacket and trousers.
- Introduction of a monthly Birthday Spot at the first Sunday All-age Worship
- On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday an Action song will be included for the children and the talk will be child friendly and no longer than 5 minutes.
- Sermons on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays to follow a series rather than the Lectionary.
- Sung Worship will mainly be focused on traditional well known hymns although new worship songs will be added to the repertoire slowly.
- Holy Communion to be celebrated on the people side of the rood screen in the Nave.  
Coffee to be regularly offered at the end of the service.

2.2 Organise a number of social events so that the new incumbent can get to meet a large number of the Parish

Each member of the PCC will be asked to host a social event e.g. a coffee morning, a drinks party, a supper party inviting their geographically close neighbours to meet the new vicar. These social events will run between February and June 2005

2.3 Continue to build a Christian Community

Encourage these same people to host a Summer and Winter Event e.g. Maybe a picnic in the Summer and an opportunity to sing carols with mince pies at Christmas.

2.4 Introduce a Prayer meeting on Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 12.30pm - 1pm in the church at which the vicar will be present and members of the parish are invited from w/c 6<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

The format of this time will be a short 3 minute thought on a verse of scripture followed by a time of prayer.

2.5 To significantly improve the worship environment in St Julian's

In close consultation with Alan Hardiman (Church Architect) to look at ways:

- Of improving the seating comfort of the medieval pews.
- Of providing a sound system
- Of providing toilet facilities
- Of providing kitchen facilities

2.6 To pilot from September 2005 a newcomers/home group

2.7 To ensure that the incumbent regularly takes school assembly at the Primary School

2.8 To make a special effort to encourage members of the Parish to come to:

- Mothering Sunday Service
- Easter Services
- Christmas Services
- Harvest Service
- Remembrance Sunday

2.9 To encourage regular tax efficient giving

To introduce a Budget Sunday at which the plan and budget for 2005/6 is shared and a short talk on giving is delivered.

2.10 Meetings with the Incumbent present

- To hold an annual AGM

- To hold a bi-monthly PCC Meeting
- To hold a monthly SC Meeting
- Jo and Matthew to meet fortnightly.

Other Committees e.g. Fabric Committee to meet regularly without the incumbent but to report back to the PCC.

## 2.11 Improving Church Communications in the Village

To ensure that the current communication of Church activities in the village is effective and to present to the Standing Committee and PCC where necessary new initiatives to improve church communication in the future.

## 2.12 Improving Communication within the Church

- To pilot from January a Monthly Notice Sheet
- To pilot from June a Church Family Directory

## 2.12 Incumbent's Day Off, Holiday and Retreat in 2005

Day Off: Friday

Holiday:

1. Easter - Monday 28th March to Monday 4th April - Cover required for Sunday 3rd April.
2. Summer Half term week - Saturday 28th May to Saturday 4th June - Cover required for Sunday 29th May
3. Summer A -Wednesday 13th July - Wednesday 27th July - Cover required for Sunday 17th and 24th of July
4. Summer B - Saturday 6th August - Saturday 13th August - Cover required for Sunday 7th August
5. Christmas - Monday 26th December - Saturday 31st December

Retreat: April 20-21<sup>st</sup>. A further retreat of two to three days will be booked for October 2005

## 2.13 Visiting

- The incumbent to visit church members who are ill or infirm either in their home or in Hospital.

- The Incumbent to visit key members of the community as agreed by the Standing Committee by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2005

## 2.14 Wedding and Baptism Preparation

- To offer an annual Wedding Preparation Day
- To offer a Baptism Preparation Course

## TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2004 the St. Julian's Restoration Fund, previously administered separately, came under PCC auspices and as such is officially included in the accounts. Our liquid assets at the end of 2004 were £36,631, including £13,354 held in the restricted Restoration Fund.

We covered our costs in 2004 ending the year with a surplus of over £3000. However, this is not due to good money management but fortune. We received a bequest of £1000, a very generous single donation of £3000 and £674 in memoriam of Gordon Hewlett, which is restricted to use by the Belfry Fund. We held three highly successful fund raising events (£2158): the concert supper party benefitting considerably by individuals generously donating refreshments and "Exclusively Kitchens" sponsorship of the orchestra.

On the expenditure side we purchased new carpet for the chancel (£700), paid for architects fees for the quinquennial report (£597) and £864 on electrical repairs and maintenance.

So, although our accounts appear to be in good heart it must be taken into consideration that, whilst the potential drop in Gift Aid giving (£750) did not occur as anticipated last year, that threat has moved to 2005 instead. Our outward giving remains fairly static at 3% of income and no planned maintenance took place on the building in 2004. However we now have a quinquennial report with areas to action.

There are issues around finding the money to make improvements - to our outreach and towards making the church more welcoming and comfortable. Basically we cannot afford to be complacent but need to approach 2005 with a view to reviewing the church's financial needs realistically.

Clover Holland  
Treasurer

## GOODS & ORNAMENTS

New tea urn purchased other than this no significant changes during the year.

## FABRIC & GENERAL REPAIRS

During this year the following fabric and general repairs have been made:

- New chancel carpet
- Repairs to the electrics

Jonathan Wyld  
Church Warden

## TOWER MASTER/KEEPER'S REPORT

This year has been a relatively quite one but full of sadness.

On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2004 our dear friend and joint Tower Keeper died suddenly leaving us all in a state of shock and a great sense of loss. Gordon was an extremely valued member of our tower and a great support to us all, whether to do with bellringing, or as a true friend. He is greatly missed and a eulogy was given in his memory by three bellringers at his funeral.

Our numbers have diminished somewhat this year due to ringers other commitments thus leaving us with a much reduced band that is now generally no greater than 7 at best. We have however enlisted a new member from Wellow, Mr. Stewart Cole who has been learning for the last few months and is making steady progress.

Our tower outing this year took us to deepest Somerset visiting towers at Templecombe, Horsington, North Cadbury, West Camel and West Lydford. A glorious day, full of fun and challenge! This was a very happy day, in late July and one in which our memories of Gordon will remain a joy.

On matters technical the tower has had new light switching and sockets to replace the old metal-clad electrical fittings in the staircase, our thanks to the PCC for attending to this. We await the introduction of emergency lighting to the staircase, ringing chamber and belfry but understand the delay due to the prohibitive nature of the quote received to date. We had a fortunate escape from major expense when the clapper to the treble bell took flight and left the sanctuary of its surrounding bell to come crashing to rest in the belfry. Over a number of weeks it had worked loose from the staple housing and crashed into the slider shattering the ash slider into pieces. However, local craftsman to the rescue and our grateful thanks to Colin Warren, sometime frequenter of the Fox & Badger, who, when approached kindly agreed to source and manufacture a beautiful new slider within a few weeks of the incident.

With the loss of Gordon, Geoff Pike has continued as Tower Keeper and to this end we are most grateful. However, with Gordon's particular expertise not now available Geoff Pike and Richard Holland are due to attend a "Tower Keepers Maintenance Course" in early April with a view to widening our knowledge.

Finally, grateful thanks go to Jill Tremellen for her secretarial duties and to Clover Holland for her treasurership.

Our current membership comprises:-

Richard Holland (Tower Master)

Revd Brian Sutton (Ringing Master)

Jill Tremellen (Secretary)

Clover Holland (Treasurer)

Sue Nandi

Pam Pike

Colin Tremellen

Geoff Pike

Stewart Cole

Practice Night: Friday 7.45pm to 9.00pm - New members always welcome.  
Sunday Ringing: 10.15am to 11.00am.

Richard Holland  
Tower Master

## DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The highlight of this year has been the success of Bishop Peter's Changing Lives Road Show in January. A good deal of positive feedback has been recorded at synod meetings since then.

This has been seen in a large amount of youth work in the parishes. A wide range of youth activities have been undertaken by the Parishes throughout the year, ranging from Cover to Cover 24 hour Bible reading in Chilcompton to the Westfield Youth Group having local kids coming in of the streets to a Christmas play loosely based on The Snowman at Holy Trinity, Coleford.

The Revd Colin Turner was able to report that following his Teaching on Giving during 2003. Giving was up by £10,000 on 2002.

The Diocese is offering a half-time lay post for a possible youth and children's worker. They will pay the salary and the Deanery will pay the expenses. Tony Cook has drawn up specifications for primary school work, year 5, 6 into 7. This is to support the upper end of the primary school and on to secondary. If grant approved it would start September 2005 and cover all schools and would be a 3 to 4 year post. The expenses would be around £4000.00 a year.

Deanery Synod Meetings: for 2005

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Peasedown Church Preb Graham Dodds-

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Chilcompton - Shared Supper

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Coleford - Eucharist

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Westfield

Nigel Vening  
Deanery Synod Representative



