



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

August 2023

“The spitting image” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Colossians 1:15-17, 19-20

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, because through him all things in heaven and on earth were created, both visible and invisible, whether thrones, dominions, rulers or powers – each has been created through him and for him. He is before all, and everything holds together through him. In him, God was pleased fully to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things to himself, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” (Colossians 1:15-17, 19-20)

‘Isn’t he like his dad!’ we often say, or ‘Isn’t she like her mum!’ ‘Look at those eyes, that nose - the spitting image of his father! Look at her chin, her mouth - a dead ringer for her mother!’ The similarities between parent and child can indeed be remarkable, and that usually extends further than mere physical resemblance. Like it or not, our gestures, mannerisms, temperaments and attitudes all betray our origins, far more than we might realise. Not that two people are ever the same, but there can be remarkable likenesses between them. However great these may be, though, they are nothing compared with the likeness Paul speaks of in his letter to the Colossians: that between Jesus and God. Here is a parallel unlike any other, closer and more striking even than perfectly identical twins, for the Son does not just resemble his Father; he is one with him, fully and completely making him known.

To know Jesus is to know God, to look at his life is to see God at work, to experience his love is to be touched by God’s love in turn, and so it goes on.

This is a startling claim at any level, but altogether astonishing when we recall that the God we are talking about here is the same God who, according to the Old Testament, is enthroned in righteousness, mighty in power, greater than the human mind can comprehend and so holy that nothing impure can stand before him. A yawning gulf had separated him from humankind, any knowledge of him partial and once removed, but suddenly it is different - God made flesh, sharing our humanity and inviting us to share his life. That is the truth at the heart of the gospel. We are not limited simply to knowing about God; we are invited to know him for ourselves in a daily relationship with Christ - the spitting image of the Father!

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Sunday Services in

August

Head

Sunday 6th August: 10.30 a.m.

No Service in Wellow. Joint service at St. John's, Peasedown

Talk: Anointed head. 1 Samuel 10: 1-27

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 13th August: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Talk: Severed head: Mark 6:14-29 & Matthew 14:1-12

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 20th August: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: Protected head. Ephesians 6:10-18

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 27th August: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Head of the body. Colossians 1:13-20

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

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Church Community Groups

Wellow Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 3pm

Phone Pauline for details: 832625

Benefice Praise and Prayer

Every Monday, 7.45pm-9.30pm

@ The Vicarage, Peasedown St John

'God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.' John 4:24.

Please join us as we praise God, hear from His Word, and come to Him in prayer.

St John's Peasedown

1st Sunday 10:30am

2nd Sunday 4:30pm SF

3rd Sunday 10:30am HC 4:30pm SF HC

4th Sunday 4:30pm SF

HC = Holy Communion

SF = Soul Food: A service with modern lively music followed by a family tea

MP = Morning Praise

Want to keep in touch?

St Julian's Church sends out a weekly e-newsletter with all the latest news and views from around the Benefice.

Email **administrator@stjsgroup.church** to subscribe to the mailing list.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Church News

The weather was not very kind for the third wedding of the year held on 8th July but the church was beautifully decorated and we were able to enjoy many of the flowers on the Sunday morning after the wedding.

The All Age Worship was very well attended, with many of the children participating in the service. It is a lovely service that is enjoyed by all in the church. Many thanks to Shaula, Rachel, and all those who work so hard to make this such a success.

We would also like to thank Pat Caudle who has arranged with B&NES (whose responsibility it is) to regularly cut the North Field.

We are also very grateful to Jack Coombs, who has very kindly repaired the church's music stand which unfortunately was damaged.

The contactless giving machine continues to be well used and we would encourage all who wish to give to the church to use this method. It makes it much easier for our hard-working bookkeeper, Ruth, with fewer visits to the bank.

There will be no service in Wellow on Sunday 30th July as there is a Deanery Service in St. John's Church in Midsomer Norton. It would be lovely if St. Julian's was represented at the service.

There will also be no service in Wellow on Sunday 6th August as it is a joint service at St. John's, Peasedown. These joint services are a wonderful opportunity to meet the other members of our joint benefice and we encourage you all to come to them.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Wellow Parish Council

As a result of uncontested election in May 2023 David Workman, Nick Chapman and Mike Clarkson were duly elected as Councillors of Parish of Wellow without contest.

The new Parish Council Members met on the 22 May 23 in the Village Hall. Chris Cook has been co-opted to become the Parish Councillor. Currently there are 4 members of the Parish Council and five vacant seats.

Anyone who lives in the village can become the parish councillor. If you would like to make a change and or passionate about your community, please contact the parish Clerk to find out how to join our team.

David Workman has been voted by the Council to be the Chairman. Nick Chapman has been voted to be the Vice- Chairman.

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The following responsibilities were agreed:

Finance: Nick Chapman

Planning: Mike Clarkson (advice will also be taken from the planning sub-committee, former councillors Pat Caudle and Debbie Clarkson)

Highways & Traffic: Chris Cook

Dave Workman and Nick Chapman were appointed as signatories for the Internet banking.

Public Participation: A resident raised an objection about planned installation of a bench by the stream. Concerns raised about dangers of frequently changing water levels, traffic, parking and inadequate protection fencing.

Another resident expressed concerns for public safety and also concerns about access to her property, which may be compromised by inconsiderate parking if the bench is installed at the place where it has been marked out. She is also expressed concerns that the bench will attract people with antisocial behaviour.

The Parish Sweeper has reported that the grass around Henley View has been cut.

Planning Applications: The following planning applications were considered:

22/02169/EOUT: Parcel 4234, Combe Hay Lane, Combe Hay. The Council submitted a response to B&NES, outlining a requirement for an extra exit from the development into Southstoke Rd. and/or Midford Rd to prevent future increased traffic going through Wellow.

23/01421/TCA: Winsford, High Street.- Fell Conifer T1. No objection from the parish council

23/01681/TCA: Honeysuckle Cottage , Bull's Hill. Fell Ash T1. No objection

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council since the last PC meeting were Noted:

23/00616/FUL: The Orchard, High Street. Erection of a two-storey and single storey side extension (Part demolition of dwelling house) Permitted.

Highways and Transport: There was no update. The Community Speed Watch has taken a break.

Wellow and Shoscombe Cemetery: The damaged gates to the cemetery have been repaired. The Clerk is in communication with the insurance company with regards to the claim for the damaged gate.

Wellow Recreation: The new Board of WR Trustees has been elected.

Cricket coaching sessions are offered in Wellow with free taster session for children.

The Flower Show is planned for the 2nd September and will be organised jointly between Wellow Rec and Horticultural Society with the intention of an eventual takeover of the non-horticultural activities by Wellow Rec. Parish Councillors will participate on the day of the Flower Show.

Community Infrastructure Levy: Councillors will visit the site, where the bench is intended to be installed in order to assess the risks, expressed by the residents.

The village noticeboard is currently undergoing renovation.

Ideas on how to spend the CIL funds are to be reviewed. Councillors discussed the results of the resident's survey, which was carried out previously.

Future PC meeting dates: Monday 4th September in the Village Hall

Olga Shepherd, Parish Clerk. Tel: 07988 192619. Email: clerk@wellowpc.org.uk

Lunch Club

Please note that there is no Lunch Club in August.

Vicky 01225 835840

Wellow & District Horticultural Society

Flower Show: Saturday 2nd September from 12 noon until 4.30pm

I hope you received the Village Show programme, included with last month's newsletter. The entry form, with the list of classes to enter, was in the centre. If you need another, they are available in the village shop and church. New for this year – the entry form can be submitted by email – but please note the email address to send your entry form is treasurer@hortsoc.wellow.org, and not the address printed in the programme (ending in .com.)

Further details about the show, including the recipe for the raspberry bakewell in the cooking class, and prizes to be won, can be found on the Village Show website <https://villageshow.wellow.org> under The Flower Show.

We're all looking forward to a great day, with so many things on offer. Of course we're focussing on the competitions in the marquee – so bring along your entries, whether that's fruit and veg, flowers, floral art, cakes/ cookery, drinks, artwork/photography, eggs or crafts, plus, of course, all the children's contributions.

We hope to see you, and the sunshine, there!!

Don't forget to visit the Wellow website @ www.wellowparish.info

Shredder



We have a shredder available for hire – a STIHL GHE250 Electric. It will chip/shred flower cuttings, vegetables, leaves, brambles, hedge trimmings, bushy twigs and branches with a thickness up to 30mm. My rule of thumb is “if I can cut it with secateurs, I can use this to shred it”.

Using this shredder has transformed my ability to make useful compost, quickly. The compost gets much hotter, which results in most seeds being killed.

You can hire the shredder for £20. Contact Rob Greig. Email rob.greig2@btinternet.com or tel: 07789 653174

Hugh Prentice. Tel: 07966 080 005 Email: secretary@hortsoc.wellow.org

Wellow Village Show - Saturday 2nd September from 12 noon until 4.30pm.

Only a few weeks until this year's Wellow Village Show. It's going to be a fabulous, busy afternoon with lots of attractions, fun and games for everyone. This year's Show includes:

- * Over 20 stalls, selling gifts, food, plants and much more
- * Great entertainment for children - including a disco dome, inflatable jousting and sporting activity on the tennis courts
- * The Flower Show in the marquee. A separate entry in this edition of the Parish newsletter from the Hort Soc tells you how to go about entering into the many and varied classes
- * The traditional 'village show' coconut shy and tug of war, plus egg smashing on the boules piste
- * Six food and drink outlets, including the BBQ run by the Parlour Shop, Thai food, the F&B's beer tent and tea and cakes in the Village Hall courtesy of the school PTA
- * The raffle - with great prizes including tickets and vouchers for Bath Rugby, Iford Manor, picture framing and Hair on the Yard. (tickets already on sale in the Parlour Shop)
- * Exhibitions to explore, including an 'Old Wellow' display in the sports pavilion

- * Ferret and snail racing
- * The Dog Show (entries on the day or alongside your Flower Show entries)

You can access all the details (including entry forms for the Flower Show and the Dog Show) on our new Village Show website villageshow.wellow.org and make sure you are following our Wellow Village Show Facebook page for last minute announcements. Hard copies with Flower Show details and the Dog Show form can be picked up in the Parlour Shop.

It will be a fabulous day, so bring all your friends along. Remember it starts at 12 noon - and don't forget to bring cash with you. Several stalls will be accepting credit cards, but many of the entertainments will be cash only.

The Wellow Show Team

A message from the Environment Agency

The Environment Agency is urging people to be cautious if cooling off in rivers this summer.

Places like Wellow Gauging Station can be hazardous to swimmers as there can be hidden hazards – especially around weirs, bridges and flood channels.

Do not ignore the signage which warns of strong currents, underwater obstructions, sudden changes in water levels and steep banks.

The advice from the Respect the Water campaign is:

- If you get into trouble in the water, Float to Live.
- Lean back and use your arms and legs to help you float, then get control of your breathing before calling for help or swimming to safety.
- If you see someone else in trouble in the water, call 999 or 112. If you are at the coast, ask for the coastguard, if you are inland, ask for the fire service.

A spokesperson said: “While youngsters and even adults can sometimes be seen to be jumping into the water, there can be hidden dangers that could cause them to get into difficulties. We are urging parents to supervise their children closely in and around the water and make sure they do not go into the water alone”.

“Our message is to come and enjoy the river and all that is going on around it, but please follow safety advice and always take heed of all signage and warnings signalling dangers and hazards – they are there to keep you safe.”

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A message from Dan Norris, Metro Mayor of West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.

Many happy returns and singles: I'm pleased to let Wellow readers know about Birthday Buses. Please do apply at www.birthdaybus.co.uk There you can apply for a special Birthday bus pass for free bus travel throughout the whole month of your Birthday. We have ambitious net zero targets in the West of England and 44% of our carbon emissions currently come from transport.

This is a plan to encourage people to try the buses and hopefully switch to them, which in turn will mean more fare income and so better buses in the future too. You'll need a digital style passport photo and a local address to apply - and to fill in a couple of quick questions about your travel habits.

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Water Quality in Wellow Brook

A meeting with representatives from Wessex Water and Wellow Brook fishing group is arranged for Monday 4th September at 6pm in the Village Hall, just before the PC meeting at 7.30pm. There will be discussions about water quality in the brook and questions will be asked by the Brook fishing Syndicate. Residents are invited and can also ask questions.

WestLink Bus Service

We have been asked to tell you about the WestLink Bus service

What is WESTlink? WESTlink is the region's first on-demand bus service that runs without a fixed route and does not follow a timetable, unlike a traditional bus service.

Who can use WESTlink? WESTlink is available for anyone who wants to travel within the operating zones.

Where can I travel? WESTlink operates in 3 zones (see map). You can travel anywhere within a zone but not from one to another or more details on where you can travel, go to www.westlink.app.

What is the Future Transport Zone? This is a trial version of WESTlink, with longer operating hours, aimed at helping people get to employment areas not currently served by public transport.

How do I book? Booking is available via the WESTlink app, by calling 0117 457 8561 or via www.westlink.app.

When can I book? Journeys can be booked up to a day in advance and passengers can also book on-demand on the day of travel.

Do I need to know where my nearest bus stop is? No, our smart app will work out the closest pick-up and drop-off location points and the app/phone operator will tell you where these are.

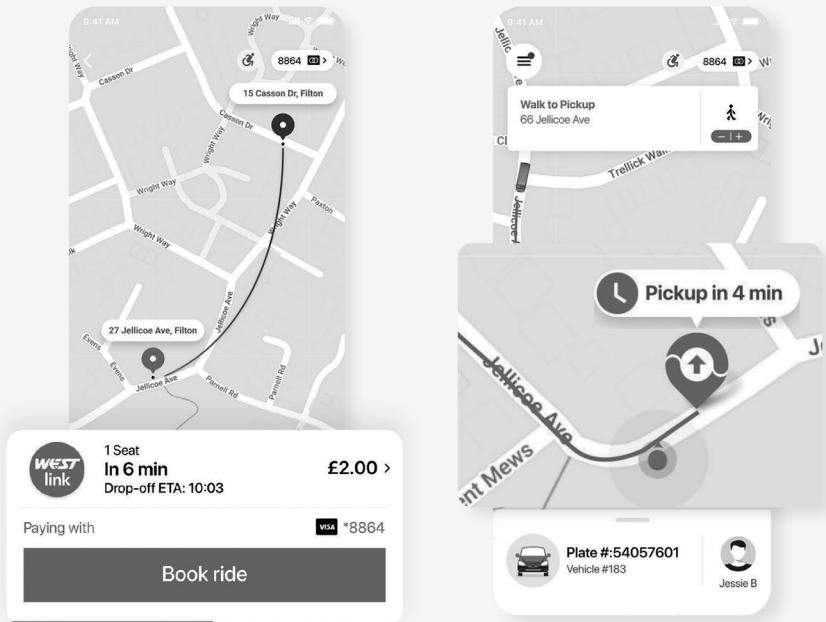
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Wellow Parish Diary

Regular activities:

Parish Council meetings: Village Hall; Contact: Parish Clerk: Olga Shepherd: Tel: 07988 192619. Email: clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk

Magic Box Pre-School: Village Hall; Mondays, Wednesday and Friday in term-time. 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Contact: Tel: 0771 2369130 or Email: MagicBoxPreSchool@outlook.com

Boules: Wellow Recreation Ground; Summer months: Wednesday, 6.00pm and Sunday, 2:30pm. October: Sunday afternoon only. Contact: Email: wellow.boules@gmail.com: Tel: 01225 830188

Wellow Wellbeing Art & Craft Group: Village Hall; Tuesdays, 10.30-13.00. Contact Averil Swift: Tel: 01373 834384 or Vicky Hamerton: Tel: 01225 835840

Wellow Knitting Group: Manor Close Community Hall: Monday's 1.30-4 p.m. Contact Pam Pike. Tel: 07428 846473 Email: pamela.pike8@gmail.com

Bellringing: Wednesday evening, 7.30 p.m. at St Julian's Church. Contact Clover Holland; Tel: 01225 833348; Email: cloverholland@outlook.com

Lunch Club: Village Hall; 4th Thursday in the month, September to June. Contact: Vicky Hammerton: Tel: 01225 835840

Mobile Library: Alternate Tuesdays. Village hall: 10.45-11.45 a.m.

Wellow Parish Directory:

Wellow Horticultural Society: Secretary: Tel: 07966 080005; Email: info@hortsoc.wellow.org

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