



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

October 2023

“Glimpsing the Kingdom” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Matthew 13:10-17.
The disciples approached him and asked, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ He answered, ‘Because though it has been given to you to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, it has not been given to them, yet those who have will have much more given to them, whereas those who have next to nothing will lose even that. In other words, I speak in parables, because though they look they see nothing, and though they hear they neither listen nor understand. In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah saying: “You will hear but not understand, and see yet not perceive. For this people’s heart has grown complacent, their ears hard of hearing, and their eyes closed; they see nothing, hear nothing and understand nothing that might make them turn to me so that I might heal them.” Blessed, are your eyes, however, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. I tell you this, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it carefully when you enter the house of God. Better to draw near and listen than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they cannot keep themselves from doing evil. Never be in a hurry to talk and do not let your heart speak hastily before God, for God is in heaven and you are upon earth. So, then, let your words be few. (Matthew 13:10-17)

Much of what we see depends on what we are looking for.’ In other words, we often miss something that is staring us in the face, either because we are closed to the possibility of seeing it or because we are preoccupied with something else. Jesus was aware of that problem, his use of parables designed to break through people’s preconceptions so that they might see the world in a new light.

That need is as real today as ever, especially when it comes to understanding the kingdom of God. All too easily, we relegate that kingdom to some far-off place and time. Certainly, the final consummation of God’s purpose must come later, but, as Jesus proclaimed at the very start of his ministry, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near” (Mark 1:15). The fact is that the kingdom has already dawned, if only we have eyes to see it. Like yeast or a mustard seed, it is slowly growing, its presence evidenced in countless lives being changed every day, in numerous expressions of love and service, in the work and worship of the Church, and in so much more. As well, then, as looking to the future and praying ‘Come, Lord, come’, we need to nurture the seeds that Jesus has already sown, ensuring we do all in our power, through his grace, to see them grow.

Sunday Services in October

Ears

Sunday 1st October: 10.00 a.m.

Mission Sunday

Talk: Bibles for Children

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Ruth Reeve

Sunday 8th October: 10.30 a.m. H.C.

Joint Service at Foxcote

Talk: Attentive ears. 2 Chronicles 6:12-21, 40-42

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 15th October: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: Pierced ears. Psalm 40:1-17

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 22nd October: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: 'He who has ears, let him hear.'
Matthew 13:1-23

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 22nd October: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Itching ears - 2 Timothy 4:1-22

Leader: Jo Venning

Speaker: Andy Fraser

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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 HC 4:30pm SF

2nd Sunday Joint service 4:30pm SF

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

4th Sunday 10:30am MP 4:30pm SF

HC = Holy Communion

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

MP = Morning Praise

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Church News

It was a great pity that Julian Davies, the Curate serving in Timsbury, was not able to join us for the Pulpit Swap Sunday due to ill health but we are grateful to Dick Beath, who stood in at the last moment.

Harvest Festival was moved forward a week in order to coincide with All Age Worship. This was a wonderful service, led very ably by Julia Wyld, with contributions from many of those attending the service and looked at the places round the world where our food comes from. It was very well supported and contributions were made for the Food Bank and produce was brought that was offered to those attending the service. We are very grateful to Sue Nandi, who made a lovely Harvest Loaf. All Age Worship is proving very popular and we would love to see even more families from the village and around come and join us.

On Sunday 1st October, we will be celebrating Mission Sunday and we are delighted to welcome Ruth Reeve from Bibles for Children as our speaker. Each year, as part of our Mission Giving, we give a bible to each of the leavers from St. Julian's School which are provided by this organisation.

On October 8th, there will be no service at St Julian's as there is a St. John's Group Joint Service at Foxcote. This will be Holy Communion and will start at 10.30 a.m. We do hope that as many of you as possible will attend. It is always nice to meet up with the other parishioners in the St. J's Group.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 4th September in the Village Hall.

Eleven residents attended this meeting to address the matters on the agenda. The following matters were raised by the residents at the Public Participation section:

The Parish Sweeper reported the following: a new sign was erected on the Double Hill; stones were removed by the Church and the overgrown ivy is also to be removed. He mentioned that potholes near Bubbles Dyke have not been repaired. This work has been logged onto the B&NES Fix My Street portal but the Systems Team have responded "we won't be taking any further action at this time". It was agreed that councillors would continue to report the potholes.

A resident from Stoney Littleton has raised an issue of an increased traffic on the route through Stoney Littleton – Single Hill – Shoscombe Vale. He asked if the Parish Council can support the establishment of 20 mph zone instead of the current

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60 mph. This route is being used by cyclists, farm vehicles and motorists and the resident thinks that it is an accident waiting to happen.

A resident has asked if the Parish Council can financially support the coppicing of a willow tree on the riverbank by the ford. The Council will enquire whether a tree work permission is required for this work and quotes for professional service will be obtained for the consideration at the next PC meeting.

New Councillor: Mr. Jonathan Luck, who is a resident of Wellow, has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Council has voted unanimously for Mr. Jonathan Luck to be co-opted as a new Member of the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Registration of Interests is to be signed after the meeting. Mr. Luck took his seat and participated in the discussions.

Sustrans Presentation: Mr. Alban Luffman, who leads the Wellow to Shoscombe Vale Quietway feasibility study presented his recommendations to the meeting. In his report he explained that there is sufficiently low traffic and speed on the local lanes, and they can be formally designated as “Quiet Lanes” to enable cycling, wheeling, walking and horse riding (where appropriate) comfortably shared with motorised traffic. “Quiet Lanes” means that there are less than 1000 vehicles in 24 hours with less than 30 mph. At the current inception stage SUSTANS is to gauge residents’ support for this initiative. If residents support the initiative, SUSTRANS can recommend measures for traffic calming. The final proposal, developed collaboratively with the PC will be published at the community engagement stage.

The PC pointed out that the feasibility study has not taken into account the PC’s own speeding data. It was agreed that the PC will conduct a survey to understand if there is a public interest in this project. Discussions took place how the PC, B&NES and SUSTRANS can work together to finalise the draft study, which can then be shared publicly.

Planning Applications: The following planning applications were considered:

23/03132/TCA: Canteen Cottage, Canteen Lane. T1-Ash: Fell due to die-back. No objection.

23/03084/TCA-2: The Batch Wellow. T1-Norwegian Maple, pollard. No objection

23/03221/TCA: George House . T1- Maple Tree, pollard significantly to have a tree more suited to garden size. No objection

The following planning applications decisions by B&NES Council were noted:

23/02114/FUL: Weavers Farm, High St. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential. Permitted.

23/02000/FUL: Norton Lane Barn. Partial change of use of agricultural barn offices
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to create a live-work residential unit (Use Class C3) within the building. Provision of gates and fence (Retrospective). Refused.

Discussions took place as to whether a small development can be proposed at the current derelict site at the top of Stoney Littleton Lane. There seems to be a demand in the village for downsizing and affordable housing. The previous planning application to build some houses in this area of AONB and the greenbelt was refused in 2016. The options for re-consideration were discussed such as application to rezone the area for a small development or application for a change of use of the existing derelict buildings. The PC decided that a public consultation is needed to make an application for re-zoning the area for a small development.

Highways & Transport: The following was discussed:

An application to install Speed Indication Device was sent to B&NES Highways Officer, outlining reasons. The Highways Officer is to agree our choice of sites.

Speed Watch: It was reported that new volunteers have signed up and are currently undergoing the training. No more volunteers are required at this time. Recently 11 out of 61 vehicles were caught speeding with the top speed of 60 mph. The survey was done in various locations.

Discussions took place whether reflective bollards need to be installed on the pavement opposite Alma Cottages to prevent parked cars causing a hazard to pedestrians. There was mixed opinion about this. No decision was made.

A request was sent to B&NES to install more reflective bollards on the Double Hill bend where a fatal accident occurred at the beginning of this year.

Wellow Recreation

The 2023 Village Flower Show was a huge success. The Show Team including participants from the Horticultural Society and Wellow Recreation had worked hard to achieve this. The Parish Council thanked everyone involved.

It was reported that minor repairs to the play equipment and gatepost were completed in the playpark.

Wellow Brook: A separate meeting was held prior to this with Wessex Water. Mr Andy Mears made a presentation to residents about the works Wessex Water undertakes to prevent pollution in local rivers. He explained that most water systems in the UK are built in such a way that sewage and ground water pipes are connected. Therefore if sewage treatment works are overwhelmed during very wet weather, a 'storm overflow' can occur when rainwater mixed with raw sewage goes into rivers. Water companies also allow developers to connect wastewater to river overflow. Mesh screens are installed for filtering out larger material. He said that Wellow

has such screen and constant monitoring of water is undertaken downstream from Shoscombe.

The fishing group asked questions about the quality of water in Wellow Brook and whether the water is safe for people to swim. Andy reassured residents that water in the Brook is probably safe for swimming during dry weather when there are no storm overflows, but it is not advisable to swim during wet weather. Residents asked about whether there is an alert system for storm overflows and a number of proposals were discussed.

Community Infrastructure Levy: It was agreed that there are 3 projects that CIL money can be used for:

- a. Village compost bins: A quote received exceeded the available funds. The Parish Council agreed to offer 50% match funding if the composting group agrees to pay its half share of the cost.
- b. Repair of the gates on Railway Lane: A quote is to be obtained and considered at the next meeting.
- c. Improvement of the access from Canteen Lane to the Village Car Park: A quote is to be obtained and considered at the next meeting.

Wellow and Shoscombe Cemetery

- a. It was noted that repairs of the damaged stone pillar and the metal gates have been completed. The insurance claim has been received.
- b. The cemetery insurance from 1 September 2023 to 1 September 2024 has been renewed.
- c. The continuing problem with littering inside and outside the cemetery was discussed. The Parish Council will investigate the possible solutions and discuss at the next meeting.

Communication and engagement with external bodies: The following was noted:
Parish Council's website: A new website has been developed by a local IT specialist. This website will be transferred to the PC's domain shortly.

Residents' questionnaire: This is to be published in the autumn after the holiday season.

Local Plan Workshop: Rural Area Workshop will take place 26th September at 4.30 p.m. in Keynsham. Mike Clarkson will attend.

B&NES Parish Liaison Meeting is to take place 18th October at 6 p.m. in Keynsham. It was agreed that a councillor should only attend if there are specific issues to be raised with B&NES Council officers

e. Bathavon Forum: Jonathan Luck expressed an interest in attending it.

Finance and Administration:

External Audit: Clerk has informed that the External Audit report has not been received yet.

Village noticeboard: Still being renovated.

Dates of the next Parish Council meetings: Monday 6th November; Monday 8th January; Monday 4th March. All held in the Village Hall

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

Lunch Club

Please note the dates for the forthcoming Lunch Clubs at Wellow Village Hall. All are at 1p.m.

28th September

26th October

23rd November

14th December (**please note the change of date**)

If you would like to join our friendly bunch for a lovely lunch please come along and give it a try. A 2 course lunch for £3.50! Please just call me to book. Please do let me know if you are not able to attend.

Would you like to help with the Lunch Club? Are you a great cook? Or maybe you are fabulous at washing up or making coffee. If you would like to help, we would be delighted to hear from you. It's just one day a month and it's a really nice thing to do.

If you would like more information or if you would just like to come along and see what is involved please call me. Very many thanks

Vicky Hammerton Tel. 01225 835840

Your Opinions Matter!

Wellow Parish Council is keen to understand the views of parishioners and their families on their experience of living in Wellow and which priorities they believe the Parish Council should focus upon.

We have designed a short 'Wellow Parish 5-Point Survey' which can be accessed online via this link: <https://forms.gle/KCfSGoixHzEPFJK6>

Please could you take a few minutes to complete the survey – it is completely anonymous and no records are kept of email addresses or any personal data.

The link is also available on the Parish Website: www.wellowparish.info

The survey will be open until 6pm on Monday 23 October. Thank you for your co-operation. We will publish a summary of the results in due course

Wellow Parish Council

Pearl Marglen Smith

Pearl is Wellow's oldest resident and will be 100 on 1 November this year. To mark this occasion I called on her to ask about her life.

She was born in India: Her father, Albert Mannings, was in the Army and had fought in the First World War in the Middle East and later posted to India. The family returned to England soon after Pearl's birth and she was christened on the homeward voyage on SS Marglen, hence her middle name.

They returned to Double Hill. Her father had been born in Wellow and her mother, Alice, in nearby Single Hill, Shoscombe. There were five children in the family. Pearl's eldest brother Ken later married Joyce Mannings.

Thereafter they moved to The Cottage in Canteen Lane and then to Brook Cottage (Brook Lodge at that time being a row of cottages). In 1938 the family moved to 1 The Batch.

Pearl left school at 14 and went to work in a cooked meat shop in Bath. That job was fairly short lived and she took a live-in position at Hinton Charterhouse Vicarage as the cook. When the family moved to Bath, Pearl moved with them, also working part time at McIlroy's in Bath, firstly in haberdashery, then ladies lingerie and was then promoted to the coat and dress department. Whilst in Hinton Charterhouse she met her future husband, Bill. Bill served in the Navy in the war, having previously completed an engineering apprenticeship at Automowers in Norton St Philip. They married in St Julian's Church in December 1946, and had a wedding reception in the Collins Hall, the then village hall, the old Chapel opposite Hungerford Terrace. Their honeymoon was spent with an aunt near Westbury. Sadly Bill died a year ago, just after they had celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

They had two sons, David born in 1949, and Peter in born in 1954. She recalled buying a pale blue coat to hide her bump which she dyed navy blue after Peter was born and then continued to wear it!

Bill worked as an engineer for Horstmann Gear and Pearl worked for Mrs Turner in Waters Mead on Mill Hill helping to bring up the six Turner children. Pearl stayed with them for 30 years.

When she was a young lady Pearl remembers there being five working farms in the village and two shops: one, a Post Office in the Square and the other, a shop next to the pub: two petrol pumps behind the pub were operated by the publican.

Married life was started at no 2 in the High Street (now part of Smoking Kiln Cottage).

2 The High Street and 1 The Batch, where her parents still lived, were both owned at the time by the local council. When Peter was born in 1954 Pearl and Bill swapped houses moving back to the larger 1 The Batch where she has lived for the last 69 years. A number of houses, including 1 & 2 High Street and those in The Batch, where she now lives, were bought by the local Council from farmers selling their redundant tied cottages and, of course, now many of these are once again privately owned.

Her family were friendly with many of the local families, and spent many hours together. She was a member of the WI, the Wellow Singers, who put on an annual Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, and a keen participant in whatever was going on in the village hall. Pearl exhibited regularly at the Flower Show winning many prizes for her jam tarts and scones. These days she looks forward to completing the daily crossword and watches quiz shows on the Television.

Pearl and Bill enjoyed many holidays with friends and family. When Pearl was eighty she returned to India with Bill and her sons, to visit Agra, home of the Taj Mahal, where she was born. Near the old army barracks in Agra Fort was a magnificent mosque, The Pearl Mosque!

In addition to her two sons, Pearl has five grandchildren and five great grandchildren (one born only recently and yet to be cuddled by her), all of whom she sees on a regular basis.

We wish Pearl a very Happy Birthday!

Pat Caudle



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Regular activities:

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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.

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