



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

November 2023

“The wilderness of despair” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Luke 7:19, 21-23

Calling two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord to ask, ‘Are you the one we’ve been anticipating or should we await someone else?’ Now Jesus had just healed many of diseases, afflictions and evil spirits, and given sight to many who were blind. He replied, ‘Go and report to John the things you have seen and heard: how the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers become whole, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor hear good news. Blessed is everyone who has no problem understanding this.’ (Luke 7:19, 21-23)

There are days when life seems utterly bleak. We listen to the news and it is another catalogue of disaster, tragedy, hatred and violence. We look around us, and we see greed, division and selfishness. We look within, and where once there was faith now there is doubt. It felt like that for John the Baptist in the days following his arrest.

Having spent his ministry as a voice in the desert, he found himself in a different sort of wilderness: the wilderness of despair. Had all his efforts been for nothing? Had he been taken in, naively putting his faith in a sovereign purpose that simply didn’t exist? Was Jesus an impostor, not the Messiah after all? No wonder John sent messengers to Jesus seeking reassurance, asking what exactly was going on. Only then the message came back: news of a different sort, good things happening, signs of hope, new beginnings, new life. What that news meant to John back in the darkness of his cell we are not told, but I imagine it was all he needed to hear, giving him strength to face his imminent death with a quiet and calm assurance, the knowledge that God’s will would triumph. His story is a reminder to all who find themselves in the wilderness of despair: stop and look again, for there, in the apparent barrenness all around you, you will see the seeds of God’s kingdom, the proof of his love, bursting into new and irrepressible life.

Sunday Services in November

Blood

Sunday 5th November: 10.00 a.m.
Remembering Loved Ones Sunday

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 12th November: 10.45 a.m.
Remembrance Sunday

Leader: Dick Beath

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 19th November: 10.00 a.m.
All Age Worship

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 26th November: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Talk: Eating flesh and drinking Blood -
John 6:52-69

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Dick Beath

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or through the church website.

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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 10:45am Remembrance Sunday
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

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

Quite recently Jane and myself attended a Church Warden's training day in Wells. We had a most enjoyable day and gathered lots of information regarding the duties of Church Wardens. We came away realising how lucky we are at St Julian's with a service most Sundays and a wonderful team of preachers and helpers. We came away feeling very blessed especially after hearing of the many problems that other churches are faced with.

Sadly we do have some disturbing news to pass on. Some weeks ago it was noticed that panes of glass in the church windows facing the North Field had been broken: We believe conkers had been thrown at the windows and again this past week more panes were broken, this time with stones. Also the middle bench under the trees at the top of the field has been badly damaged.

Our first Service for November is Remembering Loved Ones Sunday. All are invited to come along to light a candle and spend time in reflection and memory of someone they have lost .

Remembrance Sunday is on 12th November and the service will start promptly at 10.45 am.

St Julian's is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 18th November; there will be lots of stalls selling local crafts and Christmas goodies and you don't have to get in the car!

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Lunch Club

November Lunch Club will be held on 23rd November in the Village Hall at 1 p.m.

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 01225 835840

You are invited to the :
Wellow and District Horticultural Society
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 16th November 2023
7.30pm, Wellow Village Hall
The meeting is followed by food and drinks,
free for members, £5 for non-members.

The History of Wellow

Some of you will have seen my display on the History of Wellow at the Flower Show. For those of you who missed it or would like to have another look at it, I will be putting it up again in the church during the Christmas Bazaar.

This display included the entries for Wellow Hundred in the Domesday Book, information about Wellow people in the 13th and 14th centuries from the Hungerford Cartulary and the display boards that formed the Wellow Village exhibit that was shown in the Radstock Museum in 2015.

Jane Rees

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



St. Julian's Church Wellow



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 18th

11.30 am – 2.30 pm



*Raffle,
Refreshments,
Cards, Paintings, Gifts,
Jams, Preserves, Cakes,
Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings,*



All locally sourced.

BRAINS OF WELLOW QUIZ



In Wellow Village Hall on

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

7.30 start

£5 per person - tables of 4

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Raffle

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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: pamelapike8@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

Parlour Shop: Tel: 835438; Email: wellowparlourshop@gmail.com

Wellow Village Hall bookings: Tel: 835840. Email: canndu@live.com

Wellow Community Bus: Contact: Mike Tel: 07854 414084, Email: michaeljclarkson@gmail.com

Friends of St. Julians: Contact: Email: friends@stjulianswellow.co.uk

Wellow Valley Tennis: Contact: Email: wvtennisclub@gmail.com

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