



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

2024

“The God who seeks us out” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Luke 15:3-7

Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.” I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.” (Luke 15:3-7)

Why is it that when we drop something it always falls into the most awkward and inaccessible of places? Instead of falling into the middle of the room, somehow it invariably ends up in some obscure nook or cranny, never to be found again. How long we are willing to keep on looking for it depends on the item in question. If it’s a pound coin, we may soon shrug our shoulders and abandon the search; a gold ring, on the other hand, we’ll keep on looking for many weeks, probably always hoping that it will finally turn up. Few if any of us, however, will keep on looking for ever.

Yet this is the wonderful picture that Jesus paints of God in the parable of the Lost Sheep. God, we are told, is like the shepherd who goes on looking for his missing sheep ‘until he has found it’! What a wonderful picture that is - a truly astonishing testimony to God’s amazing grace! Here is the love that will not let me go of which the hymn-writer George Matheson speaks; a love that goes on looking for us whenever we go astray; never resting and never giving up until we have been restored to the Father’s side. It is a love unlike anything else we can ever know.

Sunday Services in

January

Mission to the lost

Sunday 7th January: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: "To seek and save the lost." Luke 19:1-10

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 14th January: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Talk: Lost and found - Luke 15:1-10

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Mary Warren

Sunday 21st January: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: The lost son - Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 28th January: 10.00 a.m.

Review of Giving Sunday

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

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or through the church website.

Benefice Office

For anything church related contact the Benefice Office:

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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 10:30am MP 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

St Julian's enjoyed a wonderful Christmas period, with the Church decorated beautifully as usual with flowers, greenery and a spectacular tree.

The festivities began with the Christingle Service, led by the All Age Worship team. So many families, young children and regular congregation came along to be part of this, enjoying acting out the meaning behind the decorated orange.

Following this came the Carol Service. St Julian's glowing in candle light and full to bursting to enjoy traditional readings and carols. The village choir treated us to their wonderful singing and the bells welcomed everyone in. Mince pies and mulled wine were enjoyed after the service by many.

On Christmas Eve, Festive Fred finds the Greatest Gift, a pop up Nativity; what a wonderful way to tell the Christmas Story. Lots of animals, Angels, Wise men and Shepherds joined the cast of children to act out the story and to top it all, we were treated to the narrators playing guitar and singing a song composed by themselves. A fantastic ending to the afternoon.

A good number came along for a meaningful Midnight Mass Communion Service and the bells rang out on Christmas Morning to welcome everyone to the Service.

It was so good to see so many come along to St Julian's Christmas Services and we look forward to seeing you at some of our January services.

As you will know Shaula, our Curate, will be moving on some time in the Spring. We at St Julian's will miss her so much. She has inspired us greatly and we hope to continue with the All Age Worship services each month so pop the dates in the diary; hopefully we can carry on her good work.

The windows in the Church have been repaired and a new bench is being looked into. No other damage has been reported and the installation of cameras is being looked into. Sadly we still have some leaks in the roof but it would seem not as bad as previously noted.

The kitchen/toilet project is still ongoing but sadly nothing cheerful to report yet.

We are most thankful to all who make it possible for a Service to take place at St Julian's each Sunday and to all of you who help to make it a well-used and vibrant part of the Village of Wellow.

Wishing all a Happy New Year.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

*Community Matters: Support your Village
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Lunch Club

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

The Lunch Club dates for the next year are as follows.

25th January	22nd February
21st March	18th April
16th May	20th June
19th September	17th October
21st November	12th December

Vicky Hammerton Tel: 01225 835840

Update from Dan Norris, Mayor of the West of England

Safer Shops West:

In response to the rise in shoplifting across the West of England, grants of up to £2,000 for independent retailers to install-much security measures are now on offer. 'Safer Shops West' will allow any independent shop impacted by shoplifting, like local convenience stores, to receive support towards the costs of items such as CCTV, screens, body cams and hand-held radios. For more information, please visit: <http://www.westofengland.ca.gov.uk/safershopswest>.

Happy Bus month:

Have you got a Birthday coming up? If so don't forget to apply for your "Birthday bus" pass which gives you unlimited free bus travel throughout the month of your Birthday. Please apply at: www.birthdaybus.co.uk

Culture West to give every child chance to see wonders of West :

Working with the Arts Council, the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority has launched "Culture West." This will ensure every child in the West of England

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has the opportunity to enjoy a cultural experience. New cash will enable schools to organise trips to the West of England's fantastic theatres, galleries and museums. Plus, musicians, painters and poets will head to the classroom for a series of "artists residencies" with local school pupils.

Local charities urged to apply for new Heat Pump Grants:

Charities with inefficient heating systems looking to upgrade can benefit from new grants to help to install air-to-water, ground-to-water or water-to-water heat pumps. For further information please contact: lowcarbonbusiness@westofengland-ca.gov.uk

From the Editor

Apologies for the late delivery of this newsletter. I was abroad over Christmas and the New Year and was not able to produce the newsletter until I returned.

The newsletter is delivered to every house in the village and I am always happy to receive information and notices to go into it. Do please make use of it.

From the Wellow Archive

Wellow School in 1913.



Wellow Community Bus

Happy New Year 2024

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited a new professional minibus driver, Michael Ball from Peasedown St. John who will begin driving the community bus as soon as the usual checks have been completed.

Michael is a qualified driving instructor and former owner of a driving school so we are confident that he will be a safe and effective addition to our team.

It will be a few days until Michael is cleared to drive therefore our services will continue to be suspended until we re-start our full timetable on Thursday 4 January with volunteers driving until our new professional can begin.

With thanks to our passengers and supporters over the last few difficult months we look forward to a happy and peaceful 2024 when our fundraising campaign for the purchase of a replacement minibus will continue at full speed ahead.

Mike Clarkson, Chairman Wellow Community Bus Group

Mimmo and Michelle

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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

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

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