



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

March 2024

“A straight choice” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Mark 15:29-32a

Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!” In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Mark 15:29-32a

‘Many a true word is spoken in jest’, so we say, and if you need convincing of that, take a look at the taunts faced by Jesus on the cross. ‘He saved others, but he cannot save himself!’ - words of mockery and derision aimed at adding to the suffering already experienced by Jesus, and you can imagine his tormentors smirking, chuckling, congratulating themselves on their own wit. Make him eat his words, they thought; now let’s see how smart he is!

Yet if they had but known, they could not have spoken more profoundly, for those words give voice to the stark choice faced by Jesus and the love he showed in taking the path he did. Could he have saved himself? Of course he could. Not only could he have steered well clear of Jerusalem in the first place, but for someone who had healed the sick, stilled the storm, fed the multitude, even raised the dead, to come down from the cross was nothing, positively straightforward by comparison. Yet to do that would have been to go back on his mission and deny his calling; for it was only through his accepting suffering and death that he could open up the way to life for others. It was a straight choice, an ‘either / or’ rather than ‘both/ and’ situation, and he chose to save us rather than himself. ‘He saved others but he cannot save himself.’ How wrong they were, yet how right!

Sunday Services in March

Mission to the unclean

Sunday 3rd March: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Naaman healed of leprosy. 2 Kings 5:1-15

Leader: Dick Beath

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 10th March: 10.00 a.m.

Mothering Sunday. All Age Worship.

Leader: AAW Team

Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 17th March: 10.00 a.m.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 24th March: 10.00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Talk: Ten Lepers. Luke 17:11-19

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Friday 29th March. 3.00 p.m.

Good Friday Meditation at the Cross

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 31st March: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Easter Sunday

Leader: Derek Smith

Speaker: Derek Smith

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or through the church website.

Benefice Office

For anything church related contact the
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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 9..00am BC 10:30am HC

4:30pm SF

2nd Sunday 10:30am MP 4:30pm SF

3rd Sunday No service 4:30pm SF HC

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

5th Sunday 10:30am HC No Soul Food

BC = Bubble Church

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.

Church News

February was quite a full-on month for St Julian's with a visit from Bishop Michael, Bishop of Bath and Wells preaching at the joint Benefice Service held at St John's Peasedown. This was followed on the Monday with the Church Wardens from our church's being able to meet the Bishop and talk over any problems within our Parish and in the evening a joint PCC meeting with the 3 church's all together. It was good to meet up with the other members and discuss and help solve problems together.

This was followed closely by our first AAW service without Shaula, put together by the team and it was a great success with much laughter and serious thoughts.

The next AAW is on Sunday March 10th, Mothering Sunday; gathering as usual at 9.30 a.m. for coffee, croissants, fruit kebabs and more. Do come along; we have an exciting service planned and the children will be able to make posies before the service begins, to be given out during the service.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 17th March. One to note if you are interested in who helps keep St Julian's up and running. All are welcome.

Finally, at the end of the month, March 29th is Good Friday with a Meditation at the Cross at 3 p.m., a time of reflection and prayer. Easter Sunday is on 31st March, with a Holy Communion service at 10 a.m.

A reminder that the road through Wellow will be closed from the Village Hall driveway to Mill Hill on Sunday 3rd March from 8.45 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. for the 10k run. Hopefully, this won't cause too many problems for those getting to the Service that morning.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Foodbank

"What have you given up for Lent?" A quaint question: "I've been told to give up sweets and chocolates" was often the quaint reply. The world religions encourage a time of abstinence: they all encourage charity. Christians see it as the greatest good. Everyone with or without faith has the human wish to help the poor, the broken and the needy.

If you feel that instinct, you may wish to give to Foodbank. Many in Wellow can and do. Thanks to those who have donated and to those who will.

Dick Caudle

Lunch Club

March Lunch Club will be on 21st March. Please let me know if are unable to come.

Vicky 01225 835840

Wellow Outdoor Theatre

Needs YOUR votes

For a share of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund

Wellow Village Hall are delighted that our application to Tesco Stronger Starts in support of the hugely entertaining Outdoor Theatre performances held at Wellow Recreation Field has been successful.

We are really grateful to Tesco for the opportunity to be one of the three local charities in the round of voting starting 14 January 2024.

YOUR VOTES determine the amount we qualify for: £500, £1,000 or £1,500

The grant money will go toward staging a performance by the amazing Miracle Theatre Company in the summer of 2024.

It will be great to have families and friends enjoying live theatre on our recreation field again.

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY:

- popping into one of the Tesco stores listed below after 14 January 2024
- purchasing an item of any value
- asking for a blue token every time you shop
- voting for us in the ballot box in store

NB: It's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

Bath Express	BA1 1QE
Combe Down Express	BA2 5RU
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Bath Weston Express	BA1 4BX
Peasedown St John Express	BA2 8DN
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Bath Wellsway Express	BA2 4SA
Bath Westgate Bld Express	BA1 1EB

Voting is open in Tesco stores from 14th January until the end of March 2024.

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

MY GARDEN OF A THOUSAND BEES

Thursday the 21st March at 7.30pm in
Wellow Village Hall

The film My Garden of a Thousand Bees follows acclaimed wildlife filmmaker Martin Dohrn, who, locked down by coronavirus, turns his lenses on the surprising and spectacular bees living in his own urban garden in Bristol.

Members free and non members £5 All welcome



Update from Dan Norris, Mayor of the West of England

Is Wellow the bees knees? The Bee Bold Awards which celebrate local organisations that are taking action to support pollinators in the West of England are returning for their third year. Local groups are encouraged to submit their nominations for the awards which open 21st February. Winners will be announced at the Bee Bold Awards ceremony over the summer. Find out more here: <https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/bee-and-pollinator-capital/bee-bold-awards/>

Birthday Buses: Residents celebrating their birthday in March can now sign up for free bus travel throughout their birthday month. Don't forget to apply at: www.birthdaybus.co.uk

Help with heating for Charities: Charities in the West may be eligible for financial support to replace old heating systems with environmentally friendly heat pumps.

Grants are available on a first come, first served basis. For further information please contact: lowcarbonbusiness@westofengland-ca.gov.uk

Knitting Group Easter Sale

Monday March 18th at Manor Close Community Hall, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Knitted items, tea/coffee, home-made cakes, raffle.

Proceeds to the Air Ambulance

FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER

Treatments available include:

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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

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

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

BANES Local Councillors: Matt McCabe: Tel: 07711 047267; Email: mattmccabe.1@outlook.com. Fiona Gourley: Tel: 07803 015886; Email: Fiona_Gourley@bathnes.gov.uk

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