



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**May 2024**

“Grasping the moment” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Acts 8:30-31, 34-35

*Running up to the chariot, Philip heard [the eunuch] reading Isaiah the prophet, so he asked him, “Do you understand these words you’re reading?” The eunuch answered, “How can I possibly do that unless someone explains them to me?” And he urged Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, who is the prophet talking about here? Does he refer to himself or someone else?” Then Philip, beginning with that passage of scripture, talked to him about Jesus. (Acts 8:30-31, 34-35)*

The question caught me entirely by surprise. I was sitting in a coffee shop during my time as a theological student, when suddenly a young man sitting nearby, spotting the textbook I was poring over, leant across and asked me what I made of Jesus. Have you ever had an experience like that, asked out of the blue to summarise what your faith means to you? If you have, then, like me, you may well have found yourself caught on the hop, unable to make the most of the opportunity. Contrast that with the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. For years, the eunuch had been searching the scriptures seeking enlightenment, recognising that they pointed to something truly special yet unsure quite how to interpret them. Philip found himself in the right place at the right time but, more important, he turned out to be the right person, using the God-given moment to win this man to faith. Interested enquiry rapidly turned into enthusiastic commitment, and all it took was a willingness to get alongside and bear witness to Christ.

How, then, should we apply this today? I don’t think it’s about memorising words of testimony until we have them off pat – that will cut little ice with anyone. Nor would I advocate immersing ourselves in statements of doctrine, creeds, or other kinds of theological jargon, in the hope that we can trot them out parrot-fashion whenever the need arises – that would prove even more counter-productive. What is important is that we take time to reflect on our faith, and to ask ourselves honestly what Jesus means to us and what difference he has made to our lives. Do that and, when the opportunity comes to speak out for Christ, we shall not be found wanting.

# Sunday Services in

## May

Mission to the Captives

**Sunday 5th May: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** Jesus drives out an evil spirit. Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:31-37

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Pauline Priddy

**Sunday 12th May: 10.00 a.m. H.C.**

**Talk:** Ministry in Ephesus. Acts 19:1-20

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Andy Fraser

**Sunday 19th May: 10.00 a.m.**

**All Age Worship**

**Talk:** Tomb dweller Mark 5:1-20, Matthew 8:28-34, Luke 8:26-37

**Leader:** AAW Team

**Speaker:** AAW Team

**Sunday 26th May: 10.30 a.m.**

**Joint Benefice Service at St. Julian's**

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

### Contact the Vicar:

The Revd. 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 9..00am BC 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

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?

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

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## Church News

March came to an end with Easter, always a joyous occasion, with a good attendance and the church looked wonderful – decorated as usual with beautiful flowers, including the lovely garland around the south door. We are so lucky to have such a talented group of flower arrangers.

The Easter services started on Good Friday with a Meditation on the Cross. This is a most moving service and if you have never attended, please consider it next year. Then on Easter Day, we celebrated with Holy Communion, led by Derek Smith.

April's AAW was held on 21st April. The theme was the imprisonment of Paul and Silas, which was very creatively presented by the AAW team, with the help of a number of bears and some silver paper chains. Kim Cottle provided the music, excellent as always, and coffee, croissant and fruit kebabs were also appreciated by all who came. If you have not attended this service, please give it a try – it is always fun as well as being instructive. The next service is on 19th May.

The Church's Spring Clean is taking place on Saturday 11 May. Many hands make light work, so everyone is most welcome to come and help. Please contact Jill Tremellen for further details. Email: [jill.tremellen@icloud.com](mailto:jill.tremellen@icloud.com). Mobile: 07950 142126

*Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens*

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**Sunday - 2:30pm   ●   Wednesday - 6:00pm**

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**MAY 2024**

**Thursday - 7:00pm**

**Contact: [wellow.boules@gmail.com](mailto:wellow.boules@gmail.com)  
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## Regular activities:

**Parish Council meetings:** Village Hall; Contact: Parish Clerk: Olga Shepherd: Tel: 07988 192619. Email: [clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@hortsoc.wellow.org)

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**Wellow Community Bus:** Contact: Mike Tel: 07854 414084, Email: [michaeljclarkson@gmail.com](mailto:michaeljclarkson@gmail.com)

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