



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

July 2024

“The litmus test of faith” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Matthew 25:31-40

Just before Jesus was going to the Cross he shares with his disciples a story that helps explain what will we happen when Jesus returns.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, together with his angels, he will sit in state on his throne, with all the nations gathered before him, and he will separate people one from the other as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, putting the sheep to his right and the goats to his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, “Come, those who my Father has blessed – inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you made me welcome, naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you had time for me.” Then the righteous will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, or naked and clothe you? When was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” Then the king will answer, “I tell you the truth, whenever you did it to the least of your brothers and sisters, you did it also to me.” (Matthew 25:31-40)

Do you remember your first chemistry experiment at school? Almost certainly it involved a piece of litmus paper, dipped into a test-tube of liquid to see if it turned red or blue, indicating acid or alkali. There is something of that test in the words of Jesus concerning the sheep and the goats, only this time the test concerns something very different – how faithfully we have responded to Christ.

What are the distinguishing features we should look for? Doctrinal soundness? Faith that can move mountains? Gifts of the Spirit? An impeccable record of church attendance? Not according to this parable, they're not. What counts, rather, is whether we have responded to people in need; whether we have shown our faith in action, expressing through our care and compassion the love of Christ. That, we are told, is the litmus test of Christian discipleship. Of course, we need to consider such words in the light of Christ's teaching concerning mercy and forgiveness, but we should not use that to evade or tone down their challenge. Faith may not *depend* on works but it ought to *result* in them, at least in part. The warning here is not so much that Jesus will reject us but that, through turning our back on others, we may find that we have rejected him.

Sunday Services in July

Mission to the poor

Sunday 7th July: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: The rich man and Lazarus. Luke
16:19-31

Leader: Andy Frazer

Speaker: Andy Frazer

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

Talk: The sheep and the goats. Matthew
25:31-46

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 21st July: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: Giving to the needy. Matthew 6:1-4

Leader: AAW Team

Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 28th July: 10.30 a.m.

**Deanery Service at St. John's, Mid-
somer Norton**

No service at St. Julian's.

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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

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e-newsletter with all the latest news and
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Church News

A relatively quiet month for the church though not for the All Age Worship service held on 16th June. Led by Martin Palmer, it was a celebration of Nature's Creation and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The children were asked to bring any instruments they played, which included a steel band, and guitars, supplemented by bells, tambourines and shakers. We enjoyed a rendition of Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego and after looking round the church and North Field for inspiration, everyone helped write a new version of "Thank you Lord ..." which is set out below.

The next All Age Worship will be held on Sunday 21st July and we encourage everyone to come along.

On Sunday 28th July there is a Deanery Service being held at St. John's Church, Midsomer Norton and it would be lovely to see some of the congregation from Wel-low there. There is no service at St. Julian's that Sunday.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Thank you Lord for music, voices, artists
Thank you Lord for skills, helpers, leaders
Thank you Lord for happy memories
Right where we are.

Thank you Lord for sunshine and blue sky,
Thank you Lord for fathers, families and friends
Thank you Lord for teachers, our health
Right where we are.

Thank you Lord for flowers, and fruits
Thank you Lord for bats, and healing plants
Thank you Lord for biscuits, and the earth
Right where we are.

Thank you Lord for daisies, cow parsley, stingers
Thank you Lord for birds, bees, insects
Thank you Lord for the fields and trees
Right where we are.

Thank you Lord for the air we breathe,
Thank you Lord for our pets, our health
Thank you Lord for our world
Right were we are.

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EMAIL: sal_lyons@icloud.com

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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; 3rd 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

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