



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**August 2024**

From the Vicar, Matthew Street, based on John 8:2-11

*The scribes and Pharisees escorted a woman into the crowd who had been caught committing adultery and, setting her before Jesus, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. Now, in the law Moses commanded us to stone women like her, so what do you say we should do?" They said this to trap him, so that they might have some accusation to level against him. Jesus crouched down and wrote with his finger in the dust, but since they persisted in questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any of you are without sin, then you be the one to hurl the first stone at her." He bent down once more and again wrote in the dust. Hearing his words, they melted away, one by one, starting with the oldest, until he was left alone with just the woman before him. Standing up again, he asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Off you go, and from now on do not sin again." (John 8:2-11)*

There's a wonderful old hymn, all too rarely sung nowadays, which begins "There's a wideness in God's mercy", and which continues, in a later verse: "But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own."

How true those words are. We tend to assume that God will judge us in much the same way that we so readily judge others. Surely even his patience has its limits! Yet, the astonishing message at the heart of the gospel is that God is altogether different from us, his attitudes, goodness and forgiveness on a level we find hard to comprehend. Never labour under a burden of guilt. Never imagine that you have committed some unforgivable sin. Whereas we are swift to point the accusing finger, even at ourselves, the nature of God is always to have mercy.

# Sunday Services in

## August

Mission to the outcasts

### Sunday 4th August: Joint H. C. with St. Johns, Peasedown.

**Talk:** Levi the tax collector. Luke 5:27-32, Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:14-17

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

### Sunday 11th August: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

**Talk:** Extravagant worship. Luke 7:36-50

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

### Sunday 18th August: 10.00 a.m.

#### All Age Worship

**Talk:** Go and sin no more. John 8:3-11

**Leader:** AAW team

**Speaker:** AAW team

### Sunday 25th August: 10.00 a.m.

**Talk:** Healing at the pool. John 5:1-15

**Leader:** Derek Smith

**Speaker:** Derek Smith

### Contact the Vicar:

The Revd. Matthew Street

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or through the church website.

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

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## Church News

There is little news to report from St Julian's, July was a quiet month. The All Age Worship was as always enjoyed by everyone with 24 adults and 3 children.

St Julian's was host to its first wedding of the year at the end of the month closely followed by a Deanery service at St John's, Midsomer Norton and a joint service at Peasedown St John on August 4th. (There is no service in Wellow on that Sunday.)

On August 10th, a naming service will take place and in the evening St Julian's is the venue for a jazz concert in aid of pancreatic cancer. More information can be found on the Parish Post.

The next AAW service is Sunday August 18th, as always everyone is welcome.

We thank everyone who comes along to take the services at St Julian's and all who help maintain St Julian's.

*Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens*

## We Want Your Memories, Please!!

St Julian's Church are creating a memory board of all the events that have been held in the church (in recent memory!!) to display at the flower show and would love it if you might share them with us. If you have any photos from Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Sparkle Parties, Christmas Fairs, Nature Walks, Picnics, Easter Services, Concerts, School Services, we would love to borrow them.

I promise I will take care of them and scan them, so will not use your originals in the process. Please do email them to me [rachelkotchie@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkotchie@gmail.com) or drop them into me at George House in the square.

Thank you, St Julian's Church.

## Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Monday 8 July in the Village Hall. Nine residents attended the meeting to address the matters on the agenda. B&NES Councillor Matt McCabe was in attendance.

The following matters were raised by residents at the Public Participation section:

- The Parish Sweeper mentioned that the Community Minibus alarm had sounded one evening. He agreed to keep a close watch on the vehicle
- A resident noted that the hedge to White Baines needed trimming

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- It was agreed that a note would be sent to the Parish Post reminding residents that overhanging trees and hedges at this time of the year should be trimmed so as not to cause a hazard to vehicles and to pedestrians
- A number of ash trees in the village car park are due to be felled due to ash die-back. It was hoped that this would be carried out after any nesting birds had fledged.

**Parish Council vacancies:** The Parish Council confirmed that 3 vacancies can still be filled by co-option. Expressions of interest were invited.

**Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:** The Chairman addressed the meeting regarding actions being taken following the resignation of the former Parish Clerk. As no job applications had so far been forthcoming councillors have agreed to continue to hold Parish Council meetings and to share the administrative work of the PC amongst themselves until a replacement can be appointed.

Stuart Kotchie has volunteered to take over the role of Responsible Financial Officer, formerly held by the Parish Clerk and councillors thanked him for his willingness to ensure that the finances and accounting records of the Parish Council are kept in good order.

It was agreed that Stuart Kotchie is appointed as administrator of the Unity Trust Bank accounts for initiating payments and to ensure that interim arrangements are in place for processing payments.

The PC decided to adopt the Village Hall as the official address of Wellow Parish Council and to request agreement of the Village Hall committee to the installation of a letterbox adjacent to the main door. Cllr. Clarkson agreed to apply to the Royal Mail for a postcode for Wellow Village Hall (subsequently granted as BA2 8QE)

**Wellow and Shoscombe Cemetery:** The meeting noted the resignation of the former Burial Board Clerk, Olga Shepherd and discussed the interim arrangements for covering the role in future. Discussions will be held with Shoscombe representatives on the Burial Board including arrangements for the appointment of an administrator for the NatWest Bank account.

**Planning Applications:** The following planning applications were considered:

24/ 02435/VAR: Parcel 3573, Bath Hill, Wellow, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset Variation of condition 9 (Materials - Submission of Schedule and Samples (Bespoke Trigger)) and 14 (Plans List (Compliance)) of application 19/04187/FUL (Erection of a Farmhouse (with agricultural tie) The Parish Council had no objection to this application,

*Don't forget to visit the Wellow website @ [www.wellowparish.info](http://www.wellowparish.info)*

24/02457/TCA Meadow View , High Street, Wellow, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA2 8PU Willow (T1) - Repollard to 1.5m above previous primary pollard cuts on bole. It was decided to leave the decision to the B&NES Tree Officer

24/02003/FUL: 24/02004/LBA: White Ox Mead Farm , White Ox Mead, Erection of Ground Mounted Solar Panels. The Parish Council supported this planning application.

24/01654/OUT: Parcel 2200, Norton Lane, Wellow, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 no. agricultural workers dwelling, The Parish Council objected to this application due to it being inappropriate development in the green belt and AONB, there being no evidence of a need for such a dwelling.

24/01919/ADCOU: Barn And Yard, Wellow Farm, Norton Lane, Wellow, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, Prior approval request for change of use from Agricultural Building to 1no. Dwelling (C3) and for associated operational development. The Parish Council supported this application.

24/01776/ADCOU: Underdown Barn, Bath Hill, Wellow, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA2 8QZ Prior approval request for change of use from Agricultural Building to 1no. Dwelling (Use Class C3) and associated operational development. The Parish Council supported this application on condition that the recommendations of B&NES ecology, soft landscaping and lighting are followed due to the possible effect of increased light spill on wildlife.

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council since the last PC meeting were noted:

24/00938/FUL: The Byre, Upper Twinhoe Erection of shelter porch to entrance. Installation of new windows, doors and related steps, landings and balustrades. Replacement of doors, windows, timber cladding, rainwater goods. Installation of rooflights and changes to fenestration to outbuilding. Installation of permeable bound gravel surface and stone paved area in yard. PERMITTED

24/00892/FUL: Springfield, High Street, Wellow, Erection of new 900mm high stone wall and 900mm high flood gates to the front of Springfield. PERMITTED

**Wellow Community Bus:** It was noted that the Community Bus fundraising for the purchase of a replacement minibus had reached almost £20,000, that a grant request had been submitted to WECA and that it is hoped to complete the purchase in time for the new school year in September.

**Highways and Transport:** Cllr. Cook reported that he has completed the text of a letter to B&NES requesting a 'walk through' of the village to identify additional road safety measures. Cllr. McCabe recommended that the letter be sent directly to Steffan Chiffers with a copy to him.

Cllr. Cook reported that the cost and complexities of Health & Safety legislation regarding the possible movement of a Speed Indicating Device around 3 locations in the village made this unsustainable and recommended that the application for funding to the Avon & Somerset Police Community Trust be limited to one location at the west end of the village. The PC agreed with this proposal.

**Wellow Recreation** reported that the Outdoor Theatre presentation of “Love Riot” by the Miracle Theatre Company had been a very enjoyable event and had made a small cash surplus, due principally to the grant awarded by Tesco. The St. Julian’s School Sports Day on the playing field had been a success and the Cricket All Stars coaching sessions for 5 to 8 year-olds had been very well attended by up to 21 children each week. The Sports Pavilion is attracting good levels of hires for events and parties including two B&NES rentals as the polling station for recent elections

It was noted that the Parish Council is in dispute with Opus Energy concerning the mis-selling of the contract renewal for the electrical supply to the former phone box in the Village Square. The dispute has been escalated to the Energy Ombudsman for resolution.

**Future Parish Council meeting dates are:** 9 September 2024, 4 November 2024, 6 January 2025, 3 March 2025.

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## **New Cotswolds National Landscape Volunteer Parish Warden**

Hello, a short introduction from the new Cotswolds National Landscape Volunteer Parish Warden for Wellow. My name is Nigel Howcroft and I started as a volunteer with Cotswolds National Landscape in April 2024. The old Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty [AONB] have been re-branded to become National Landscapes and continue to manage conservation and in their respective areas.

I served as a Royal Air Force Policeman from 1982 to 1997 and as a Police Constable in Avon & Somerset Constabulary from 1997 to 2022. I have always preferred to be outside. Since retiring I have joined Somersetshire Coal Canal and volunteer on a Work Party, most Tuesdays at Combe Hay. I completed the Dry Stone Walling Association introductory course in 2022 and volunteer on The Mendip National Landscape Dry Walling Team most Thursdays. I have also completed nature recovery tasks with Mendip National Landscape and Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Since April I have been out and about in Wellow and the surrounding footpaths several times. I have removed nettles, brambles and overgrowth from kissing gates and styles and picked up litter from the footpaths. If the overgrowth is too much for one or the task requires more people, I submit a Work Party request. I also participate on the work parties. We have recently cleared the bridleway from Hassage Hill towards Stoney Littleton.

I look forward to meeting you. Please say hello if you see me out and about. I am easily identifiable with green Cotswolds Volunteer Warden baseball cap and hi-vis jacket.

More information about Cotswolds National Landscapes is available on-line, Cotswolds National Landscape currently shows as Cotswolds AONB. The website includes self-guided walks and guided walks as well as opportunities to become a volunteer. There is also a publication, free and online, The Cotswold Lion, which I will disseminate when I receive my copies.

All the best, Nigel





# The list for JULY

The following foodbank requirements for July 2024 are in the order of need, food items and non-food items.

Please choose items from the list before buying any of the usual items. Thank you.

## **Food items**

Milk Powder  
Puddings (Sponges, Jellies etc.)  
Tinned Pulses [e.g. Kidney beans,  
Chickpeas, Butter beans, Lentils]  
Coffee  
Meat Soup (Tinned)  
Veg Soup (Tinned)  
Rice Packets  
Tea Bags  
Corned Beef (Tinned)  
Meat Pies (Tinned)  
Fruit (Tinned)

## **Non-food items**

Toilet Cleaner  
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# Wellow Parish Diary

## Regular activities:

**Parish Council meetings:** Village Hall; Contact: Parish Clerk: Email: clerk@wellowparish-council.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

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

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