

The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

September 2024

"Getting in Deep" from Matthew Street, the Vicar, based on John 4:7, 9-11, 13-15

A woman of Samaria came to draw water, so Jesus asked her, 'Give me a drink.' The Samaritan woman responded, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a woman of Samaria, to give: you a drink?" (Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who has asked you, 'Give me a drink', you would have made the request to him, and he would have given you living water." The woman replied, "Sir, the well is deep and you have no bucket, so where will you get this living water?" Jesus said to her, "Anyone drinking the water here will thirst again, but whoever drinks the water I will give will never be thirsty." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I need never thirst or come here again to draw water." (John 4:7, 9-11, 13-15)

Have you ever bitten off more than you can chew. I certainly did the other day as I started to insert some new software on my computer. After being asked multiple questions, to which I did not really know the answers, the computer began to send back a flurry of error messages. I tried again and again answering the questions in a different way but each time the software failed to load and the same annoying error messages appeared. Eventually I gave up, recognising that I had been defeated and successfully restored my computer back to the time before I started to load the new software.

The woman at the well was to find that she also had taken on more than she'd bargained on, though in a rather different sense. Approached by a stranger asking for a drink, the next thing she knew he seemed to be offering her an inexhaustible source of water of her very own. No wonder she was excited, for it must have been hard work toiling to and from that well each day. She wanted to take things further, to gain access to this personal spring, and only slowly did the truth dawn that Jesus was talking about something very different to what she had in mind. She suddenly found herself drawn into a searching examination of her life, facing facts that she had never questioned before. Meeting Christ is like that, or at least it should be. It involves a penetrating and ongoing challenge that draws us into ever-deeper waters. Unlike my failed software insert, however, we need never be out of our depth, for our ability to meet the challenge depends not on us but on him. Through meeting Jesus, the Samaritan woman came face to face with her true self as never before. Are we prepared to do the same in turn?

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Sunday Services in September

Foreign Mission

Sunday 1st September: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Forty more days and Nineveh will

be overturned. Jonah 3 **Leader:** Dick Beath **Speaker:** Dick Beath

Sunday 8th September: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Talk: The Samaritan Woman. John 4:1-26

Leader: Matthew Street **Speaker:** Matthew Street

Sunday 15th September: 10.00 a.m. All Age Worship & Harvest Festival

Leader: AAW Team Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 22nd September: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Mission to Ethiopia. Acts 8:26-39 **Leader:** Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 29th September: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Healing in the Decapoli. Mark

7:31-37, Matthew 15:29-31

Leader: Dick Beath Speaker: Dick Beath

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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

 5th Sunday
 No service
 4.30 Harvest

10.30am.

BC = Bubble Church

HC = Holy Communion

SF = Soul Food: A service with modern lively music followed by a family tea

Altogether

MP = Morning Praise

Want to keep in touch?

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Church News

Since the last parish news, we have only had two services in St. Julian's as there was a Deanery Service at St. John's Midsomer Norton at the end of July and a joint service with St. John's Peasedown at the beginning of August. At both services there were several of the congregation from St. Julian's which was very nice to see.

Dick Caudle's funeral was held in St. Julian's. A very sad occasion but a very moving service and many of the villagers attended. The choir sang an anthem beautifully and we were all able to say farewell to a much-loved member of our congregation.

The AAW service was well attended though it would be nice to see more children. As usual a fun and instructive time which was enjoyed by all who attended. If you have not been to one of these services, do please come and join us.

Looking forward, we have the next AAW service on 15th September which will also be our Harvest Festival. The cupboards at the Food Bank is full at the moment so they don't need donations but we would welcome cash donations for Julian House in Bath instead.

St. Julian's also hosted a Jazz concert in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Research, which was a fantastic evening greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens



ALL AGE WORSHIP Service

10.00 am in St Julian's Church

on

Sunday 15th September

Cash donations for Julian House in Bath are welcome

Philip Penny

Philip Penny who lived at 3 Manor Close, Wellow, sadly, peacefully passed away age 83 on Monday 12th August 2024 in the Royal United Hospital, Bath after a short illness.

Future Wellow

Future Wellow aims to encourage Wellow Parish residents, individually and collectively, to nurture the village and the environment that we live in, particularly by:

- Recognising the risks of climate change and reducing our carbon footprint
- Contributing to an improved natural/wildlife environment and biodiversity.

To help set our priorities, we are asking people in Wellow and the surrounding villages to complete a short survey about their attitudes to making changes in their lives that will help address these two issues. We will also use the survey results to help inform the Parish Council. Climate Change was the second highest rated concern in their recent survey of local residents - so this will give them more information about what people might be willing to do about climate change and biodiversity.

It will take about 10 minutes to do the survey - which you can access online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJRVCGK

If you would rather complete a paper version, then hard copies will be available in the village shop – where you can also return them. The survey will be running until the end of September. Many thanks.

The Future Wellow Team

Summer Jazz Concert a huge success!

What a beautiful summer evening of excellent music, friendship and community spirit in St Julian's on Saturday 10th August!

A fitting tribute to my brother, Greg, and a joy to the audience.

My family & I would like to thank Fiona and the Schubert family for all their help, and each and every one of you, for such wonderful support enabling us to donate a total of £2,032 for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

A donation to St Julian's Church is also being made, in thanks for a perfect venue with amazing acoustics.

With gratitude

Sal Lyons



Please join us for tea and cake on the 12th September. Thank you. Vicky and Karen

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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

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