



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

January 2025

“A new beginning” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Luke 2:21-24, 39-40

When eight days had passed, the time came to circumcise the child; and they called him Jesus, the name the angel had given even before conception. When the time came for him to be purified according to the law of Moses, they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”. They offered a sacrifice as prescribed in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons’. When they had done everything the law of the Lord required, they returned to their hometown of Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew in strength and wisdom; and God’s favour rested on him. (Luke 2:21-24, 39-40)

“And it’s from the old I travel to the new” – so runs the popular hymn of Sydney Carter - and those words perfectly capture a truth at the heart of the gospel: that in Christ we see a new beginning. Yet, read the account of Jesus’ presentation at the temple and you could be excused for thinking that nothing was going to change after all. Jesus was brought according to the law of Moses; presented at the temple as it is written in the law of the Lord, and a sacrifice offered as prescribed in the law of the Lord. It was only when they had done everything the law required that Mary and Joseph felt able to return home.

Do not be fooled, however, for once Jesus began his ministry it became clear that he brought a decisive break with the old. ‘You have heard it said’, he told the crowd, concerning various points of the law, ‘but I say to you’, after which he set out a new and revolutionary interpretation of established wisdom. This was a break with the past, a parting of the ways between old and new, but it was not a complete parting, for he was also able to say, ‘Do not think I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. From the old had come something new. Turn from the birth to the death of Jesus, for thirty-three years later he was presented to God in Jerusalem once again, only this time there were to be no sacrifices offered on his behalf - he was the sacrifice! Here, supremely, is the Christ who brings new life out of old, transforming what has been into what shall be. He continues to do the same in our lives today, taking what we are and reshaping our lives day by day into a new creation.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Sunday Services in

January

Keep fit for life – Generosity

Sunday 5th January: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Train yourself to be Godly? 1 Timothy 4:6-16, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Leader: Andrew Avromenko

Speaker: Andrew Avromenko

Sunday 12th January: 10.30 a.m. H.C.

Joint benefice Service at St. John's Peasedown

Sunday 19th January: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: Rich generosity. 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Leader: AAW team

Speaker: AAW team

Sunday 26th January: 10.00 a.m.

Review of Giving Sunday

Talk: Give with a generous heart. Exodus 35:4-35

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Contact the Vicar:

The Revd. Matthew Street

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or through the church website.

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For anything church related contact the Benefice Office:

Tel: 07973972018

Email: office@stjsgroup.church

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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 Joint Benefice Service

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?

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.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Church News

A Happy New Year from all at St Julian's.

We had some wonderful services here at St Julian's over the Christmas period: The AAW Christingle; A Carols by Candlelight service followed by mulled wine and mince pies; the Christmas Eve Children's Nativity and Christmas Day Family Worship. All were very well attended and full of joy and happiness.

Now we are in a New Year with lots to look forward to. We have a new Curate, which we were not expecting, coming in July. We very much look forward to meeting her and her family.

Things are looking positive with regard to the kitchen/loo project.

On Sunday Jan 12th we will be joining St John's Peasedown for a joint Benefice service when we will be celebrating 20 years of having Matthew as our Vicar.

Hopefully the planned clean-up of the belfry will take place this month.

The flower and cleaning rotas have been circulated for the year; thank you to everyone. Also we are grateful to the team who make sure that the church is opened daily and shut at night; we know this is appreciated by the comments in the visitors book.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Wellow 2024 Poppy Collection

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our Poppy Collection this year. We raised £316.07!

Sarah Hartigan

Sunday 12th January. 10.30 am at St John's, Peasedown.

Please join us to celebrate the 20 years of Matthew and Jane being with us. Tom Benyon will be leading the service and Tom Morgan, born and brought up in PSJ and now a vicar in the Diocese of Salisbury, will be preaching.

The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Please bring anything you like but if you want some guidance, it is being co-ordinated by Jo Venning, email: jo.venning@stjsgroup.church.

Young Carers Development Trust

One of the charities that St Julian's Church supported this year was the Young Carers Development Trust and we thought that the village might like to know more about their work and perhaps also support them.

Young Carers Development Trust

Change A Life: Support A Young Carer

About YCDT

The Young Carers Development Trust (YCDT) is a charity set up in 2012 to empower young carers and raise their aspirations, to achieve their ambitions and to have the same opportunities in life as their non caring peers. We support young carers who are providing a significant level of care for a disabled or seriously ill family member, resulting in much poorer outcomes for their own health and future expectations.



What do we do?

Long Term Programme

Each young carer is matched to a volunteer Development Mentor who offers long-term support and advice throughout their time with YCDT. In addition to mentoring our support can include private tuition, equipment, travel costs to visit universities/colleges, support with apprenticeships and help finding work experience. The average mentor spends about 4 hours a month with their mentee. We have supported over 50 young carers through this programme.

Aspirations Conference

This annual conference for young carers age 14-18 offers a variety of workshops pertaining to higher education, going into employment and caring, delivered by various organisations, from universities to apprenticeship schemes. The next conference will be at Bath University in April 2025.

Group Mentoring Programme

This new programme, just completing its first year, supports young carers a year through a combination of group work and 1:1 mentoring support once a month. Groups will comprise of 4-8 young carers ages 14-18, meeting monthly for six months with individual support and signposting for several months before and after the group sessions.

Want to learn more about us? Get in touch via YCDT's Charity Manager: Karina Eccles

07368 366660 karinae@ycdt.org.uk www.ycdt.org.uk

The Young Carers Development Trust is a charity (1150197) and a company limited by guarantee (England and Wales No. 07771110)



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Phoebe's Story

Phoebe has a complex caring role and provides support for her younger sister who has Autism, her father who has Epilepsy and Crohns Disease, which includes fits as a side effect, as well as her mother who has mobility issues. Phoebe has also faced her own challenges; she has Hypermobility Syndrome which can be very painful and her attendance at school has suffered due to this. Phoebe, 18 years old, now attends University studying Psychology and Criminology and is getting on well. Phoebe is in her 4th and final year of YCDT support which in addition to a mentor, has included counselling for mental health issues, a bus pass to college, and a laptop light enough for her to carry.



"I didn't feel I could think about university, much less have the equipment and achieve the grades necessary to go. With the help of my Development Mentor Becky we found a laptop, a counsellor and a psychology tutor, funded by YCDT, who helped me over the course of my A Levels and I was able to get into university."

"Without the support of YCDT I strongly feel I would have not been able to achieve my goals."

Support YCDT and Get Involved!

- Donate to empower a young carer to achieve their aspirations and change lives
- Are you someone who has capacity to mentor a young carer for a couple hours over 6 weeks? Get in touch and apply to become a Development Mentor
- Fundraise for YCDT! Hold a bake sale, run a marathon, host an auction, do a raffle and raise funds for YCDT

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*Community Matters: Support your Village
The Parlour Shop, the Village Hall, the Church and the Societies*

Please Help Local Endangered Amphibians

Populations of common toads, frogs and newts are declining rapidly in the UK. Thousands are killed on roads each Spring as they migrate to the breeding ponds they have used for generations.

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME TO HELP OUR TOADS & FROGS CROSS A ROAD ?

- Our local rescue group saves approximately 2000 amphibians each year from being killed by vehicles on their migration route to and from their breeding grounds in Tucking Mill Lane.
- We greatly need more volunteers to patrol on mild wet evenings in February and March.
- You can take part as little or as often as you like. Although, if possible, a regular once a week commitment would be very helpful.
- Volunteers patrol in teams of 2 or more on a shift system for approximately 1.5 hours between dusk and 9:30pm in Tucking Mill.
- Short training, hi-vis and answers to your questions are provided.
- All volunteers must meet the insurance policy criteria. Apologies, but the insurance scheme restricts patrollers to adults only. Everyone is required to complete a Patrollers form.
- You will need warm clothes, a bucket, a good torch, and non latex gloves.

Interested? Please respond ASAP but no later than 12th January 2025 to the Amphibian Rescue Group co-ordinators Lyndi and Lena at tuckingmilltoads@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in advance.



Froglife
www.froglife.org

Avon Reptile and Amphibian Group
www.groups.arguk.org/arag

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Wellow Parish Diary

Regular activities:

Parish Council meetings: Village Hall; Contact: Parish Clerk: Email: clerk@wellowpc.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

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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