



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

February 2025

“A fitting response” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Psalm 40:2-3

He rescued me from the slippery pit, out of the mud and the mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a sure footing. He has put a new song on my lips, a song of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:2-3)

Imagine going to a concert or a play in which the most superlative performance was given but after which the audience got up and left in stony silence. Or imagine going to a football match or some other sporting event in which the crowd sat motionless, with no sign of emotion or involvement whatsoever. It's unimaginable, isn't it? Each of these excites passion and appreciation, not only inviting but expecting some kind of response. To applaud, chant, cheer, leap out of one's seat - each denotes how much the event means to those experiencing it.

So it is with God. After everything he has done for us can we remain silent? In the light of his inexpressible love, his innumerable gifts and his inexhaustible grace, can we do anything less than respond? Of course not! Here is the essence of worship - a spontaneous outpouring of praise, thanksgiving, love and wonder; a way of telling God how much it all means to us. Is that what worship means to you? Is that your motivation behind these few moments you have set aside for prayer and reflection? It should be, and if it's not then maybe it's time you reminded yourself once again of who God is, what he has given, and what he continues to give.

Sunday Services in February

Keep fit for life - Worship

Sunday 2nd February: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Praise the Lord .Psalm 150

Leader: Andrew Fraser

Speaker: Andrew Fraser

Sunday 9th February: 10.30 a.m. H.C.

Joint servcie at St. John's Peasdown

Talk: Prison worship. Acts 16:16-40

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 16th February: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: Solomon's worship. 1 Kings 8:54-61

Leader: AAW Team

Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 23 February: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Worthy is the Lamb. Revelation 5:8-24

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

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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
Joint service at St. J.' Peasedown

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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Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Church News

January has been a relatively quiet month in St. Julian's but on January 12th, we were delighted to join with St. John's, Peasedown, Shoscombe and Foxcote at St. John's to celebrate Matthew and Jane's 20th anniversary of serving the St. J's Group. It was a wonderful service, led by Tom Benyon, previously curate with the group, with Tom Morgan preaching. Organised by Nigel Venning and Richard Downing, the Churchwardens at St. John's, it was a great service with many heartfelt thanks and many reminiscences. Following the service was a bring and share lunch which gave good opportunities to chat those from St. John's. St. Julian's was well represented and it was a most fitting occasion. I think Matthew and Jane enjoyed it too!

Sunday 19th January was the first All Age Worship of 2025. Again, a wonderful service with a good attendance. If you have not been to one of these services, do try and make it. They are a bit different than the normal services at St. Julian's, a bit more informal with lots of activities for both children and parents – and anyone else! We would love to see you.

Coming up are the review of giving Sunday, another joint service with St. John's on 9th and the February All Age Worship on 16th. On 20th February is the next PCC meeting. Do remember that if there are things you would like us to discuss, please let any of the members of the PCC or Pam and I know.

Looking a little further ahead, Mothering Sunday on 30th March will be another AAW and on 6 April the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It would be great to see you here.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Jenny Matthews

Many of you will be aware that sadly Jenny left us on Friday 10th January. Following a private cremation, there will be a Thanksgiving Service at St. Julian's on Monday 24th February at 1.30 p.m. and afterwards at the Fox and Badger. Everyone is welcome.

Wellow Parish Council

A meeting of Wellow Parish Council was held 6th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Participation: Before the Parish Council Meeting commenced Parishioners raised the following points

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

The Village Sweeper stated that there is still rubbish left from clearance

The Village Walk was cancelled in December due to bad weather

There was a query re Ash trees in the car park & it was confirmed that they are due to be felled due to ash die-back

There was a query re resurfacing & potholes, this will be looked at by the Chairman

The Village sweeper stated that the drains are now working well, but that the drive to the village hall needs attention & that the lights there need either replacing or mending.

A parishioner mentioned that the road opposite the village hall drive is a blind exit and suggested that a mirror should be placed on the wall opposite. The PC will follow this up.

In attendance: Dave Workman, Jonathan Luck, Chris Cooke, Nick Chapman, Cllr. Matt McCabe, Stuart Kotchie. Apologies for absence received from Sarah Sell, Mike Clarkson.

The minutes from November 4th 2024 were approved

The following planning application was discussed, and no issues were raised:

24/04172/FUL & 24/04173/LBA. Farm buildings at Weavers Farm, Weavers Orchard, Wellow. Conversion of two barns to form a single dwelling including an independent flat with ancillary use to the main dwelling. (Resubmission.)

Wellow Community Bus. It was confirmed that the bus is working although still some issues with the filter clogging up – this is still covered by the warranty

Highways & Transport: A radar type system is still being investigated

Wellow Recreation: New Cricket nets have been ordered

Wellow 10K Report: The 10K event is taking place on April 6th 2025. It was reported that the 2024 event went well, and was a good fund-raiser

There were a few issues raised last year with road closures & costs but it is hoped that no road closures will be necessary this year, but that there will be road controls instead. B&NES have given the green light to submit a plan.

A B&NES permit & insurance will be required. All other plans are being submitted for H & S etc. The children colour run will also take place with two runs for different ages. There will be stands in the car park. Everything should be finished by approx. 12.30

The PC fully supported the request for £250 for the B&NES licence.

Burial Board: It was reported that funds provided for next year will be matched by Shoscombe. Harries fencing has been put up to try to discourage dumping of rubbish. A payment has been made to Green Sword.

Date of the next meetings: 3rd March 2025; 12th May 2025 (Annual PC Meeting). Please note the change of date due to Bank Holiday; 7th July 2025

Claire Dicken, Parish Clerk. Email: clerk@wellowpc.org.uk

Lunch Club

Please make a note of this years Lunch Club dates, if you are unable to make it please call Vicky. If you would like to join us you would be made very welcome. Thank you

23rd Jan	26th June
27th Feb	25th Sept
27th March	23rd Oct
24th April	20th Nov
22nd May	11th Dec

Vicky 01225 835840

Wellow Carbon Offset Fund nears first anniversary.

Contributors towards the Wellow Carbon Offset fund have decided that funds collected so far will be used to support the installation of an EV(electric vehicle) Charge Point in the village in a location to be determined after considering all options and discussing with other relevant parties*

The fund reaches its first anniversary at the end of January and currently stands at just over £700. With your help, we are aiming to exceed £1000 in the first year.

If you are interested in contributing to the fund as a result of you or your family's air travel or heating oil consumption during the past year, then please join the fund by making a payment to our ring fenced account :

Unity Trust Bank
Wellow Parish Council
Acc: 20434889
Sort code: 60-83-01

Also, please email WeCOF@future.wellow.org telling us you have done this and the amount – so we can monitor payments.

To assist in calculating your appropriate carbon offset contribution please see:

<https://www.clevel.co.uk/flight-carbon-calculator/>

<https://www.worldlandtrust.org/carbon-calculator/individual/household/household-calculator/>

And remember any contribution is better than none and it will be used to reduce carbon emissions in the local community.

Thank you very much.

WeCOF Committee

*Further research will be required to determine the logistics of Charge Point installation, the availability of existing power supplies and obtaining the necessary approvals. Costs will no doubt exceed funds raised so far however the intention will be to seek grant/matched funding contributions using the catalyst of funds raised so far.



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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 to the Amphibian Rescue Group co-ordinators Lyndi and Lena at tuckingmilltoads@gmail.com.
Thank you for your help in advance.



ARG UK

Froglife

www.froglife.org

Avon Reptile and Amphibian Group

www.groups.arguk.org/arag

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

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