



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

April 2025

“Truth will out!” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Matthew 28:11-15

Some of the guards went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, “You must say, “His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.” If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” So they took the money and did as they were directed.” (Matthew 28:11-15)

Truth will out, we are told, and so it repeatedly proves. There may be occasions when deceit goes unnoticed, but falsehood has an uncanny habit of being exposed; of weaving a web that finally traps the very one who spins it. We may suppress the truth, we may twist and distort it, but it is hard to keep it hidden for ever, as the death and resurrection of Christ make crystal clear. His enemies stopped at nothing to get their man, cynically employing false witnesses to secure the verdict they were looking for. Similarly, when they heard news of the empty tomb, they turned once again to deceit, slipping a backhander to the guards in a desperate bid to hush up events. They did all they could to stifle the truth, but it was no good, for first one person, then another, then another still, and so on in perpetuity, met with the risen Lord and knew the truth for themselves.

There is here both challenge and promise. On the one hand, there is a warning that deception will be uncovered however hard we try to conceal it; that all things will finally come to light. On the other hand there is assurance that right will triumph; that God’s purpose will prevail. So we put our trust in Christ - ‘the way, the truth and the life’ - knowing that his love is sure and his mercy dependable, now and always.

Sunday Services in

April

Keep fit for life – Confession

Sunday 6th April: 10.00 a.m.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 13th April: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Palm Sunday

Talk: Private confession. Psalm 51

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Jo Vening

Friday April 18th: 3.00 p.m.

Good Friday

Meditation at the Cross

Leader: Matthew Street

Sunday 20th April: 10.00 a.m.

Easter Day Family Communion

Leader: Derek Smith

Speaker: Derek Smith

Sunday 27th April: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Corporate confession. Nehemiah 9:1-38

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 4:30pm SF + APCM

3rd Sunday 10:30am 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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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

Although I wasn't able to be there as I was away, I am told that the AAW service on Mothering Sunday, 30th March, was a lovely service with a good attendance.

Coming up on Sunday 6th April is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Sadly, Pam will be standing down as Churchwarden as she has completed the six years that you are allowed. I am sure you will all agree with me that she has done a magnificent job. She will be a hard act to follow but I am sure she will help me as I continue as Churchwarden.

Coming up in two weeks is Easter. There is a Meditation at the Cross on 3 p.m. on Good Friday. This is a short service and is very moving and if you have not been to it before, I would encourage you to come.

On Easter Sunday there will be family communion which will be led by Derek Smith at the usual time of 10 a.m. As this is the third Sunday, it would have been the April AAW service, so there will be no AAW service this month.

Looking further ahead, the annual spring clean of St Julian's will take place on Saturday 24th May.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

St Julian's Church Spring Cleaning: Saturday 24th May 2025 from 10.00am

We have many visitors to Saint Julian's, who often compliment us on the state of the church, and that is thanks, largely to our regular cleaners. However, once a year people who don't necessarily visit the church, come and give it a good spring clean, and it really does make such a difference. We have the dusters and the hoover – we just need your muscles.

It is, after all, your church, there for your weddings and funerals, flower festivals and baptisms.

Could you spare half an hour or so out of your busy morning to polish or hoover, sweep or dust. You will be rewarded with hot coffee, croissants and fruit.

Please come if you can, and do bring the children.

Jill Tremellen.

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

Lunch Club

Please make a note of the Lunch Club dates for 2025, if you are unable to make it please call Vicky on 01225 835840. If you would like to join us you would be made very welcome. Thank you

24th April

23rd Oct

22nd May

20th Nov

26th June

11th Dec

25th Sept

The Lunch Club Team

Wellow & District Horticultural Society

ANNUAL PLANT SALE –WELLOW VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 10th MAY

2 – 3.30 pm

The annual Plant Sale is a chance to exchange plants with our Wellow community and at the same time make some money for the Society and other village good causes.

It is also a fun social gathering.

Please sow extra seeds of flowers and vegetables, which are always popular.

Also, divide and pot up perennials as you spring tidy your garden borders (remember to label all plants).

There is also a Green Elephant Stall for pre-loved books, tools and garden paraphernalia.

Delicious cakes, hot and cold drinks.

Entrance £2, children under 18 FREE

Please bring plants, Green Elephant items to the Village Hall 12-1.45pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

Mari Bartholomew, HORT SOC committee

Don't forget to visit the Wellow website @ www.wellowparish.info

Wellow Traffic – Everyone's Help Needed

Over 90% of the responses to the 2024 Wellow Parish Council's traffic survey indicated that traffic and speeding was thought to be a serious issue. Over 90% of responses indicated that it was important that these issues were resolved.

SUSTRANS now have funding to produce outline and detailed designs for traffic calming measures through Wellow and Shoscombe Vale. The Parish Council needs your help to make this a success.

SUSTRANS is holding a drop-in consultation style event on the **29th April** between **17:00 and 19:00** in the village hall to understand your views and ideas. This is the best opportunity we are likely to have to finally solve traffic related problems in the village.

Please spare a few minutes to come along and have your say.

Thank you.

Chris Cook

News from Somervally Food Bank

We are writing to inform you of a positive development to Somervally Foodbank.

From 3rd June 2025, we will be merging with Bath and Keynsham Foodbanks to create a combined foodbank run by Genesis Trust Bath to serve local people in crisis. We will be operating under the new name of Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley Foodbank.

As you may know, foodbanks have been facing a number of challenges in recent years, not least because of the increase in the volume and complexities of client's needs. There are also ever-expanding rules and regulations which need to be managed. This inevitably results in increasing activity and costs. Merging the three foodbanks will help us all to maintain an effective service which best serves our clients across the region.

All three foodbanks are part of the Trussell network of UK foodbanks. Clients are already able to access any of the three foodbanks once they receive their voucher, so each foodbank regularly supports clients from across the area. We also have joined together in providing Citizens Advice support across all three foodbanks, funded by Trussell.

We are so grateful for the support that you have given us and we would hope that you would be able to carry on supporting the merged Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley Foodbank.

Wellow Recreation / Table Tennis

Good News Could Get Better

I'm delighted to report that Wellow Recreation has been approved by Tesco as one of three good causes in its Tesco Stronger Starts "blue token" scheme to be introduced to local Tesco stores between April and June 2025. As you know, the scheme invites customers to select the local good cause(s) which they wish to support by placement of blue tokens in perspex containers marked with the names and objectives of the entities approved by Tesco.

At the conclusion of the 3 month appeal, Tesco awards grants to all three qualifying good causes according to votes cast in the form of tokens. As such, Wellow Recreation's application is already assured of a £500 award. However, please help us to qualify for the higher awards of £1000 (2nd place) or even £1500 (1st place).

Wellow Recreation's specific objective for this award is to support the development of its weekly table tennis club, which has proved to be popular in providing a source of healthy physical activity and social interaction, especially during cold, dark winter months. The initiative is a "win-win" for Wellow Recreation and the Village Hall, which we hire on Wednesday evenings.

However, we currently rely on two ageing (and not entirely flat!) tables which will eventually need replacement. With reference to the Tesco awards, £1000 would enable us to purchase 2 new or slightly used tables.

Do please go the extra mile to support us. The applicable stores are as follows:-

Bath Express BA1 1QE

Combe Down Express BA2 5RU

Midsomer Norton BS39 7SW

Bath Weston's Express BA1 4BX

Peasedown St John BA2 8DN

Bath Englishcombe Lane Express BA2 2ER

Bathwick Hill Express BA2 4EN

Windsor Bridge Express BA1 3DE

Bath Wellsway Express BA2 4SA

Bath Westgate Building Express BA1 1EB

Many thanks,

Peter Gaines Chairman Wellow Recreation

A Wellow Talk/Discussion on Warmer Homes, Lower Bills and Reducing Carbon.

Tuesday 6th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall - Everyone Welcome

The recent Future Wellow Parish survey showed a high level of interest from respondents in trying to reduce the carbon footprint of their heating systems (and save money at the same time). For example, 83% of people using oil/LPG to heat their homes were willing to consider switching to a heat pump. Others were interested in having solar panels. People sometimes cited obstacles (like planning consent) that, in some cases, are possible to overcome. So, Future Wellow has invited an expert to come and help us understand what is possible.

Cathy Crozier-Cole from Bath & West Community Energy will join us to talk about opportunities to make your home warmer, save on energy bills and cut carbon – through measures like insulation, heat pumps and solar panels. Come along to get ideas for how these could work in your home, and find out what support is available locally, including financial support, to help you on your way.

(Please note that Bath and West Community Energy are a not for profit community enterprise, set up to help the development of low cost, clean energy alternatives).



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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

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