



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**July 2025**

“This is the day” by Matthew Street, the Vicar, based on Psalm 118:24

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us celebrate and rejoice in it.* (Psalm 118:24)

The other day, I was flipping through an old holiday scrapbook that I had put together when I was about nine. It was from my very first proper holiday, and as I turned the pages, all sorts of memories came flooding back—things I hadn’t thought about in years. It was both touching and fascinating to recall those long-ago moments, to remember how things felt back then.

There’s something valuable about taking time to look back. Just as there’s something important about looking ahead, both have their place. However, I think we need to be cautious with both, because each comes with its own kind of danger. It’s so easy to get caught up in nostalgia or worry about what’s to come, that we completely miss what’s happening right now—today.

So often, especially in the early part of life, we rush from one thing to the next—always striving, always planning for the next goal or milestone. Then, later on, we find ourselves looking back, remembering “the good old days,” and wishing we’d savoured them more while we were living through them.

The truth is, there’s something to be said for learning to live in the present moment, not carelessly or thoughtlessly, but in a way that’s grateful, attentive, and open. There’s so much we miss when we’re distracted by what was or what might be.

By all means, let’s give thanks for the past—it’s shaped us and holds precious memories. And let’s look to the future with hope and anticipation. But most of all, let’s not forget the gift of the present. As the psalm says, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Let’s not let it pass us by unnoticed.

# Sunday Services in July

Keep fit for life - Rest

## Sunday 6th July 10.00 a.m

**Talk:** Sabbath rest. Genesis 2:2-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Leviticus 25:4-5

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

## Sunday 13th July 10.00 a.m. H.C.

**Talk:** Rest for the weary. Matthew 11:28-30

**Leader:** Rachel Howlett/Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

## Sunday 20th July 10.00 a.m.

### All Age Worship

**Talk:** Jesus rests. Mark 1:35, Mark 4:38-39, Mark 6:31-32, 46

**Leader:** AAW Team

**Speaker:** AAW Team

## Sunday 27th July.

**No Service at St. Julian's.**

**Deanery Service at St. John's,**

**Chilcompton at 10.30 a.m.**

## Contact the Vicar:

The Revd. Matthew Street

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**Email:** mgstreet@me.com  
or through the church website.

## Benefice Office

For anything church related contact the  
Benefice Office:

**Tel:** 07973972018

**Email:** office@stjsgroup.church

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Half page: £5 per month: £50 per annum

Cheques to be made payable to St. Julian's Church P.C.C. and sent to the Editor.

## 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      Deanery service at Chilcompton

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](mailto:administrator@stjsgroup.church) to subscribe to the mailing list.

Visit the Church website: [www.stjsgroup.church](http://www.stjsgroup.church)

## Church News

As this wonderful summer weather continues, it is nice sometimes to retreat into the cool and peace of St. Julian's Church. Everyone is welcome and the church is open each day from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

We are delighted that there have been two weddings in June and wish both couples long and happy marriages. For both weddings the bell ringers rang both before and after the service.

As usual the third Sunday in June was All Age Worship. It was well attended but we would love to see more parishioners of all ages at these fun services.

We were delighted to have Rose Patterson-Veira with us for two Sundays, including preaching the sermon on one of them, which was both interesting and well presented. Rose is a student at Trinity College, the Anglican theological college in Bristol, and has been in the St. J's Group for a month's work experience.

Later this month we are looking forward to welcoming our new curate, Rachel Howlett, to the St. J's Group. Her first service with us at St. Julian's will be on 13 July.

**Please note that there will be no service at St. Julian's on Sunday 27th July.**

This will be the annual Midsomer Norton Deanery Service which this year is being held at St. John's Church, Chilcompton at 10.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome from all the churches across the Deanery.

*Jane Rees, Church Warden*

## Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is now taking its summer break and there will not be any lunches until September.

Lunch Club dates for the rest of 2025: If you are unable to make it please call Vicky on 0797 7900 387. If you would like to join us you would be made very welcome. Thank you.

25th Sept

20th Nov

23rd Oct

11th Dec

*The Lunch Club Team*

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

# WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Calling all vegetable gardeners who want to increase productivity!



<https://www.homewoodbath.co.uk/our-estate/no-dig-kitchen-garden/>

## TOUR OF HOMEWOOD HOTEL'S NO-DIG KITCHEN GARDEN

Sunday afternoon 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

See the productive kitchen garden at Homewood Hotel, with a guided tour by the Head Gardener. You'll learn about the sowing and planting plans for the year, but especially to keep producing food during the winter and spring.

£5 per person, free for members

Book your place with

[secretary@hortsoc.wellow.org](mailto:secretary@hortsoc.wellow.org)

After the tour we can enjoy tea and cakes in the hotel!

<https://hortsoc.wellow.org>



# THE PARLOUR SHOP

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## WELLOW

I'm sure most of you value our Village Shop but without volunteers it would not exist. Volunteers order stock, collect it from wholesalers, serve behind the counter, do the accounts, the cleaning and the staff rota, they raise much needed funds and they sit on a committee to oversee the whole organisation.

But now, to keep the Shop open, we need more volunteers. Could that be you?



Volunteering isn't just about giving, it's good for you too:

- It boosts wellbeing - studies show it can lower stress, improve mood, and even benefit physical health;
- It reduces isolation - it's a chance to connect with others and feel part of something;
- It builds experience - you can gently grow your skills, knowledge, and confidence;
- It gives routine and structure - for some, a regular commitment brings a helpful rhythm to the week.

In short, volunteering makes a big difference to others but it also can bring a sense of purpose, connection, and confidence.

If you'd like to offer your time (just an hour or two weekly or fortnightly could make all the difference) or, if you'd just like to know more, please call or email me on: 07930 341583 [alice@aliceharper.com](mailto:alice@aliceharper.com)

# **WELLOW VILLAGE SHOW 2025**

**ENTRY £5 ENTRY £3 FOR HORT SOC MEMBERS  
FREE FOR 17 AND UNDERS**



**LOCAL STALLS // DOG SHOW // BBQ  
BEER TENT // CREAM TEAS // RAFFLE  
CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT  
EAST V WEST TUG OF WAR  
AND LOTS MORE ....**

**12-4PM SATURDAY AUGUST 30th  
WELLOW RECREATION FIELD**



*Some entries in previous flower shows*





# 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.

**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: 0797 7900 387

**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: 0797 7900 387. Email: canndu@live.com

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**Friends of St. Julians:** Contact: Email: friends@stjulianswellow.co.uk

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