



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

August 2025

“Studying the word” by the Vicar, Matthew Street, based on Ezra 7:10

“Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.” (Ezra 7:10)

Few people, if asked to list their top ten characters of the Old Testament, would include Ezra in their choice. Despite having a book named after him, he fails to capture our imagination as characters like Moses, Solomon, David or Elijah do. Some have called him dull; others have gone further and accused him of being largely responsible for the narrow legalism which came to typify Judaism at the time of Jesus.

Yet this overlooks the very real contribution Ezra made to his nation at a formative time in its history, and undervalues the motivation that lay behind it. As a scribe and priest, his overriding concern was to nurture the faith of his people, and he did this in the way he knew best: by reading, learning and acting upon God’s word. He knew that if past mistakes were not to be repeated, the people’s relationship with God needed to be deepened, and one of the best ways to ensure this was through reflecting on scripture. There is much we can learn today from his example of single-minded devotion to the study of God’s word, if we, too, like him, wish to grow our faith.

Sunday Services in August

Keep fit for life - God's word

Sunday 3rd August 10.00 a.m

Talk: Why should we read God's word?

2 Timothy 3:15-17

Leader: Dick Beath

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 10th August 10.00 a.m. H. C.

Talk: Listening to God's word. Nehemiah 8:1-18

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 17th August 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: Memorising God's word. Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: AAW Team

Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 24th August 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Meditating on God's word. Psalm 1

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Rachel Howlett

Sunday 31st August 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Studying God's word- Ezra 7:1-10

Leader: Derek Smith

Speaker: Derek Smith

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or through the church website.

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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 10:30am MP

2nd Sunday 9..00am BC 4:30pm SF

3rd Sunday 10:30am MP

4th Sunday 4:30pm SF

5th Sunday 10:30am HC

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

We are very pleased to welcome our new curate, Rachel Howlett who led the service on Sunday 13th July. Do please say “hello” if you see her out and about in Wellow. I am looking forward very much to working with her over the next three years.

The July All Age Worship service on Sunday 20th was well attended, though it would be nice to see a few more children at the services. It is a very informal service and always great fun, so if you haven't been to one yet, do please think about coming. It is always held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

We were also pleased to welcome some visiting ringers to St Julian's. And our own ringers will be ringing on Saturday 2nd August to celebrate the wedding of Alice and Stevenson.

Some dates for your diaries:. Our Harvest Festival will be on 21st September, which will also be All Age Worship; Mission Sunday is on 5th October; Remembering Loved Ones Sunday is on 5th November and Remembrance Sunday is on 9th November.

And last but not least, the St Julian's Church Fair will be on 29th November.

Jane Rees, Church Warden

Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Monday July 7th 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Public Participation: A member of the public addressed the meeting raising their concerns about the application for planning for a dog walking field, including noise, cars, flood plain. Concerns were noted.

The Village Sweeper stated that tree work has been completed.

He stated that someone had a “near-miss” with a car near the shop. This was noted.

The paths & ivy are being trimmed.

Present: Dave Workman, Nick Chapman, Jonathan Luck, Chris Cook, The Parish Clerk & 4 members of the public. Apologies received from Sarah Sell & Mike Clarkson.

The Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Planning Applications: The following planning application was discussed

25/02080/FUL: Under Hayes, White Ox Mead. Erection of extension to existing implement building. No Comment was made by the PC.

8QJ25/02175/TCA: The Maltings, Mill Hill, Wellow. T1 – Yew, reduction to protect the listed buildings, after proposed work tree will be 4.6m tall, 5.4m wide. No Objection.

25/02422/TCA: 1 High Street, Wellow. Pine tree at back of garden – Remove. Tamarisk tree on west edge of garden – Remove. Back hedge at north end of garden including overgrown holly tree and buddleia – Remove. No Objection.

Wellow Community Bus: Nothing to report at the present time

Highways & Transport: Update on speed indicator devices: It was agreed that the PC would apply for a grant that may be available, and that if grant received equipment to monitor speed in the village would be installed

SUSTRANS Update: SUSTRANS are looking at various aspects of road usage and a survey is to be done with passers by. They would like to come and address a meeting of the PC in the near future

Wellow Recreation: A new contractor has been engaged to service the playing fields after the old one went into administration.

A 50/50 split of costs between the PC & Wellow Recreation was suggested

Mr. M. Clarkson was unanimously voted to be the Parish Council Representative on the Wellow Board of Trustee

Tree Maintenance: Proposed works have been carried out

Burial Board: No-one has been appointed to cut the grass as yet, but it is hoped that equipment will be sorted so that the person responsible for the churchyard will be able to undertake the task.

The meeting ended at 8.15.

Dates of the next meetings: 8th September 2025: 3rd November 2025. All meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

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



Wellow Community Bus

August holiday suspension

Dear Parishioners,

With schools on holiday and a seasonal drop off in passenger numbers we have decided that the Community Bus will take a rest for the month of August and we will temporarily suspend our services from Friday 1 August until Monday 1 September.

This will enable us to make significant cash savings as we have to do everything possible to be financially sustainable for the long term future.

We hope that this will not inconvenience any of our passengers but if any parishioner depends entirely on our service please phone Mike on 07854 414084 and he will do his best to arrange a lift in a volunteer's car.

Please note the minibus will still be available for Group Hires - please phone Prakriti on 07900 163167

Have a great summer!

Wellow Community Bus Group

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

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**



THE PARLOUR SHOP

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

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

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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