



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**September 2025**

“The Grateful Stranger” by Matthew Street, the Vicar, based on Luke 17:11-19

*“Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”*

*When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.*

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.*

*Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.” (Luke 17:11-19)*

As Jesus journeyed toward Jerusalem, He passed between Samaria and Galilee. Along the way, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, calling out for mercy. In that time, leprosy was more than a disease—it was a sentence of isolation. It separated people from family, community, and worship.

Jesus did not heal them on the spot. Instead, He told them to go and show themselves to the priests—the ones who could officially declare them clean. As they obeyed, they were healed. Faith often means taking the first steps of obedience before seeing the outcome.

But here is the striking part: only one of the ten returned to give thanks, and he was a Samaritan—a foreigner. Falling at Jesus’ feet, he praised God with a loud voice. Jesus’ gentle question still lingers today: “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”

This account reminds us that while many may receive God’s blessings, not all respond with gratitude. The one who returned not only received physical healing but also heard the words, “Your faith has made you well.” His thankfulness opened the door to a deeper spiritual wholeness.

Gratitude is more than good manners—it is the natural overflow of a heart that recognises the Giver. In a world quick to cry for help but slow to say “thank you,” this story challenges us to be like the one who turned back. May we not just seek God’s hand for what He can do, but also His face for who He is.

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

# Sunday Services in September

Keep fit for life - Gratitude

**Sunday 7th September 10.00 a.m**

**Talk:** A grateful leper. Luke 17:11-19

**Leader:** Rachel Howlett

**Speaker:** Rachel Howlett

**Sunday 14th September 10.00 a.m.**

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**Talk:** Hannah's gratitude. Samuel 1-2:2

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

**Sunday 21 September 10.00 a.m.**

**Harvest Festival**

**All Age Worship**

**Leader:** AAW team

**Speaker:** AAW team

**Sunday 28th September 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** Prayer and gratitude. Philippians 1:3-11

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Dick Beath

## Contact the Vicar:

The Revd. Matthew Street

**Tel:** 01761 432293

**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

## Advertising in this Newsletter

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Full page: £10 per month: £100 per annum

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 Joint service at Wellow.

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

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

## Church News

We were delighted that Alice and Stevenson celebrated their marriage in the church. Alice and Steve are regular attendees at the St. Julian's and it was lovely to be able to share their special day with them.

As usual, All Age Worship was on August 17th. We are very sad to say good-bye to Sue Smith who has led the All Age Worship team since Shaula left, but welcome Andrew Avramenko in her place. Many of you will have met Andrew as he serves as a non-stipendiary priest in the St. J's group. If you have not been to one of these services, do please consider coming along. It is a more informal service with lots of activities and singing.

The next AAW will be on Sunday 21st September and will be our annual Harvest Festival. As in previous years, we will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Bath Keynsham and Somer Valley Food Bank. So please bring along your contributions.

Looking ahead, Sunday 5th October will be Mission Sunday, 2nd November will be Remembering Loved Ones Sunday and 9th November will be Remembrance Sunday.

Also in November, we will be holding the St. Julian's Church Fair on Saturday 29th November.

*Jane Rees, Church Warden*

## Lunch Club

Lunch Club dates for 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*

## Flower Arrangers

Would anyone who is not already on the rota for doing the church flowers like to go on it? You would only have to do it once a year for two consecutive weeks. It involves doing one arrangement (absolutely not professional!) by the pulpit and a small posy on the welcome table. I can explain more to anyone interested. It would be great if we could have one or two more helpers. Julia Wyld 07774428216. [juliawyld@gmail.com](mailto:juliawyld@gmail.com)

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

## Smokeless Fuel available:

I have recently had to give up using my coal-fired Rayburn and have about 125 kilos of now unwanted Phurnacite. This is a smokeless fuel, no good for open fires but excellent in stoves. If you could use it, or know of someone who might, would you let me know on 07983 502 682. There would be no charge for the fuel but it would have to be collected. Marian.



## THE PARLOUR SHOP

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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?



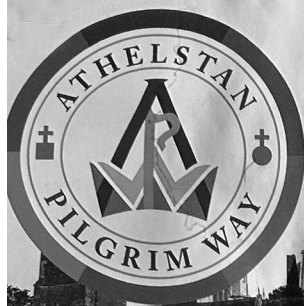
Volunteering isn't just about giving, it's good for you too:

- 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.

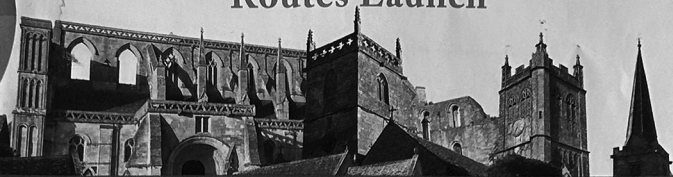
If you'd like to offer your time (just an hour or two weekly or fortnightly could make all the difference) or, if you would just like to know more, please call or email me on: 07930 341583 [alice@aliceharper.com](mailto:alice@aliceharper.com)

*Don't forget to visit the Wellow website @ [www.wellowparish.info](http://www.wellowparish.info)*



# ATHELSTAN PILGRIM WAY

## Braydon Brook & Upper Thames Routes Launch



# 6th September 2025



**11.30am Pilgrimage Walk**  
from the Leigh Chancel (SN6 6QY) to Cricklade

**2.30pm St Sampson's Church  
Cricklade (SN6 6AT)**

Ticketed event with guest speaker  
**Martin Palmer**



MARTIN PALMER

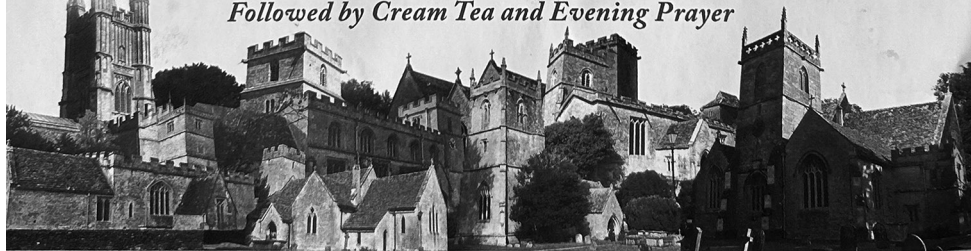
**TICKETS: £10.50 adults (children free)**

available from 14th July 2025 from Cricklade Town Hall  
and also online via [www.athelstanpilgrimway.org](http://www.athelstanpilgrimway.org)

PLUS: the walk continues ... **7th September 2pm**

from All Saints, Crudwell (SN16 9ER) to Holy Cross, Hankerton (SN16 9LF)

*Followed by Cream Tea and Evening Prayer*



The Athelstan Pilgrim Way is a walking & cycling route linking 36 churches across the North Wiltshire Deanery



North Wiltshire Mission Area  
Diocese of Bristol

[www.athelstanpilgrimway.org](http://www.athelstanpilgrimway.org)



# ALL AGE WORSHIP

**10 - 10.45 with coffee and croissants from 9.30am**  
**3rd Sunday of the month at St Julian's Church, Wellow**

## Dates for 2025

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19 January  
16 February  
30 March - Mothering Sunday  
18 May  
15 June  
20 July

17 August  
21 September  
19 October  
16 November  
14 December Christingle - 4.30  
24 December Nativity - 4.30

**Come as you are - everyone is welcome**



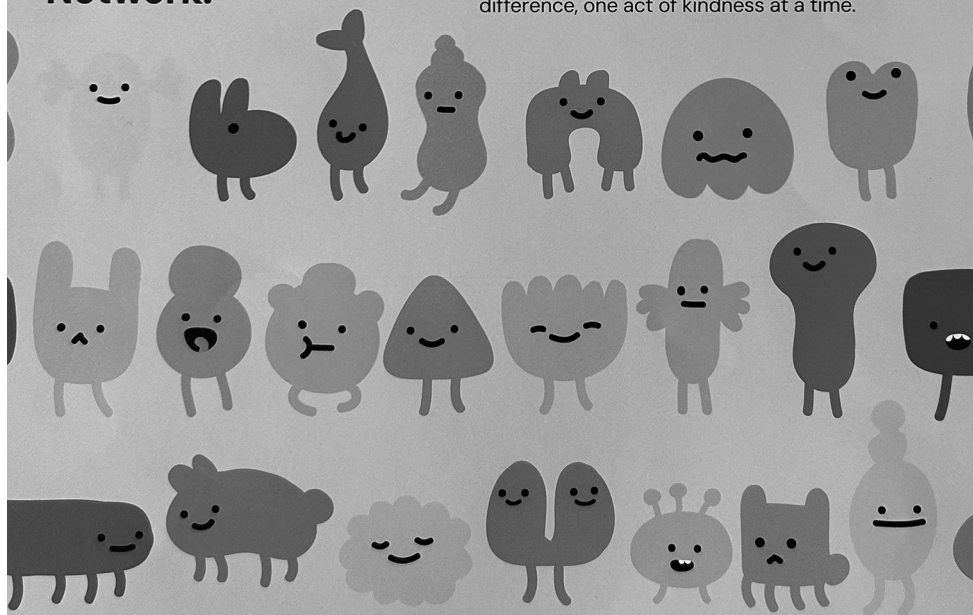


# GOOD NEIGHBOUR NETWORK



**Share God's love in  
our community by  
being part of our  
Good Neighbour  
Network.**

The Good Neighbour Network (GNN) is all about the St J's Group showing God's love in action by helping people in our community. It's simple. If someone needs prayer, practical help around the house, emotional support, or even a meal or a lift, we connect them with people in our church who can lend a hand. We're here to make a real difference, one act of kindness at a time.



**IF YOU SPOT A NEED EMAIL [GNN@STJSGROUP.CHURCH](mailto:GNN@STJSGROUP.CHURCH)**

# 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: 11.15 a.m. –12.00 noon.

## 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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