



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

October 2025

“From Night-Lights to a Call to Shine: What It Means to Be the Light of the World”
by Matthew Street, the Vicar, based on Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. Just as a city situated on a mountaintop cannot be hidden, so nobody lights a lamp and places it under a bushel basket, putting it instead on a lamp stand in order that it might shed light throughout the house. Similarly, let your light shine before others, so that they may see the good deeds you do and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

Light has long been a source of comfort. Many children still fall asleep with a lamp or night-light burning, a small beacon against the darkness. Across cultures and faiths, light is more than a practical necessity—it is a universal symbol of hope, truth, and safety.

In Christianity, perhaps no image is more cherished than that of Jesus as the “Light of the World.” It is an image that reassures, offering the promise of guidance in life’s shadows.

Yet in one striking passage from the Gospels, Jesus turns that image upside down. “You are the light of the world,” he tells his followers. It is a radical shift: believers are not only recipients of light but bearers of it.

That statement carries weight. Faith, the passage suggests, is not simply about comfort and blessing. It is about responsibility. To follow Christ is to share his light with others, to illuminate lives beyond our own.

This is not a task taken on alone. Christians believe it is ultimately Christ’s light that shines through them. But the challenge is clear: to embrace the gift without embracing the responsibility is to miss the point entirely. Without stepping forward to shine, there is the danger of slipping back into the dark.

Sunday Services in October

Keep fit for life - Witnessing

Sunday 5th October. 10.00 a.m

Mission Sunday

Leader: Rachel Howlett

Speaker: Mentoring Plus

Sunday 12th October. 10.30 a.m.

**Joint service with St. John's Pease-
down: Worship for Everyone**

Leader: W4E team

Speaker: Rachel Howlett

Sunday 19th October. 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Leader: AAW team

Speaker: AAW team

Sunday 26th October 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Witness to the gentiles - Acts
10:23b-48

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

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

FREE for voluntary organisations and charities based in Wellow. All other individuals and businesses, whether based in Wellow or elsewhere.

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

2nd Sunday 10:30am W4E

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 to
subscribe to the mailing list.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Church News

September was a fairly quiet month for the church with the normal services but there are a number of special services coming up in October and November.

On 5th October we celebrate Mission Sunday. This year, St. Julian's is supporting two charities; a local charity, Mentoring Plus, who offer a valuable service supporting young people facing tough challenges. They will be sending a representative to the service to tell us about the work they do. We also chose to support the Children's Society.

On Sunday 12 October there is a joint service at St John's, Peasedown. This will be the second of their Worship for Everyone services, a new service, similar to All Age Worship, combining their three church services – Bubble Church, the 10:30am Service, and Soul Food, bringing the whole congregation together. There will be no service at St. Julian's.

On November 2nd it will be Remembering Loved Ones Sunday. There will be an opportunity nearer the time for you to add any names that you wish to the list of loved ones that are remembered at this service.

And then on November 9th we will be holding our usual Remembrance service.

We celebrated Harvest Festival at the All Age Worship on September 16th which was very well attended. Many thanks to everyone who came and brought food for the Food Bank. We were able to take a very considerable donation to them. We are also pleased to welcome Andrew Avramenko to the team, who is taking over from Sue Smith in overseeing the AAW team. We are very sorry to lose Sue, who has been an inspiration to us all but were delighted to be able to say "goodbye" to Sue and Derek Smith over lunch in the Fox and Badger. They will not be leaving us altogether but due to other commitments felt that they needed to step back from active participation in the AAW service.

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 you would be made very welcome. Thank you.

23rd Oct

20th Nov

11th Dec

The Lunch Club Team

**Coffee Morning and Raffle
9 – 12 on Thursday
the 9th of October
in Wellow Village Hall**

in aid of

**Macmillan Cancer Support
and Breast Cancer Now**



Wellow to Shoscombe Vale: Join Sustrans' design feedback workshop

Tuesday 21st October at Wellow Village Hall, 5pm - 7pm

Sustrans previously engaged with the residents of Shoscombe Vale and Wellow in April 2025, to explore potential design improvements to National Cycle Network Route 24 which passes through the two villages.

We are now finalising the initial designs based on what you told us and would like to invite people that live and work in Shoscombe Vale and Wellow villages, to come along to our next engagement event and give us your feedback on the initial designs so that we can check that we've understood you correctly.

How to get involved: Join us at our in-person event: This is a drop-in event, so you can arrive and leave as you please. Sustrans staff will be on hand to facilitate conversations with event attendees.

Engage with us online: If you are unable to attend the in-person drop-in event, you can visit our project webpage to find out more information and share your experiences and views online: <https://bit.ly/wellow-to-shoscombe-vale> (the online mapping tool will be live the week before the event).

Helen Morse
Sustrans Officer | South
07929 779339

Table Tennis Restarts In Wellow!

I'm delighted to announce a return to regular table tennis sessions in the Village Hall, with the first scheduled for 18.30 on Wednesday 8th October.

I'm particularly pleased to add that within the next few days we will take delivery of 2 brand new tables on which to hone our skills!

Do please come along, and pass on this welcome to others who may wish to join us in a fun and inclusive social environment.

Subs have been inflation-proofed at £2 per session (cash).

Ding Dong Ping Pong!

Peter Gaines
Petergaines60@gmail.com
07785 950918

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

THE SHOP NEEDS HEATING FOR THE WINTER MONTHS!

CAN YOU HELP?



During the winter the Shop can become unbearably cold for our volunteers and so we desperately want to install a proper heating system (an eco-friendly, air to air source system) and also insulate the ceilings. **To do this we need to raise £8,200.**

As many of you know, we have recently received a wonderful inheritance from Emma Rose's father and we do expect to have to dip into this money for the heating project. However, ideally, we need the interest from this lump sum to cover some of our annual shortfall of £7,000. The inheritance money is also a reassuring backstop to use when we are still short, thus guaranteeing we can keep the shop going from year to year.

So, we are hoping that villagers who value the Village Shop might make a contribution to our Heating Fund, however large or small. If you would like to do this, we would be very grateful if you could make a donation direct to our bank account:

Wellow Village Shop Association

Sort Code: 09-01-54

Account No: 99313283

Reference: Heating Fund

We are very grateful to the Wellow Carbon Offset Fund who have pledged an initial £500 and have promised to donate 50% of future contributions to our project over the coming year. Thank you Wecof!

We will keep you updated with how much more we have raised!

Many thanks in advance,

The Parlour Shop Committee

St. Julian's Church Wellow



Christmas Bazaar

***Saturday 29th November
11.00 a.m. to 2 p.m.***



***Raffle,
Refreshments,
Cards, Paintings, Gifts,
Jams, Preserves, Cakes,
Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings,
And Much More ...***

Spaces still available @ £12 per pitch

Please contact;

Chris Corp on 07934 665020

Pam Pike on 07428 846473

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

Westlink, flexible bus service: Website: westlink.app.ridewithvia.com]westlink.app.ridewithvia.com Tel: 0117 4578561 Email: westlink@wedrt.com

Parish Magazine Editor: Jane Rees, 3 Weavers Orchard, Wellow; Tel: 07950 605239; Email: jane@reestools.co.uk. Please let me have material for the following month's magazine by 18th of each month.

Printed by St Phillip and St James' Church, Odd Down.

Published and Promoted by St Julian's Parish Church at the St J's Group Office,
The Vicarage, Church Road, Peasedown St John, BA2 8AA, administrator@stjsgroup.church