



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

January 2026

“All creatures look to you” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Psalm 104:24-34

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. (Psalm 104:24-34)

Psalm 104 is a hymn of wonder. It paints creation not as a machine, but as a living symphony — mountains rising, springs flowing, trees nesting, lions roaring, and humans working until evening. Everything is sustained by a single open hand. The psalmist sees what we often forget: creation depends not on human effort but divine generosity.

“All creatures look to you.” From the smallest insect to the mightiest whale, from the robin at the window to the person at the desk — all depend on God’s breath and provision. When He opens His hand, life flourishes; when He withdraws it, life fades. Our existence is not self-sufficient but gifted.

In a world driven by productivity and control, Psalm 104 invites us to humility and gratitude. We are not owners, but stewards; not creators, but caretakers. The air we breathe, the food we eat, the light we see — all are borrowed blessings.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Sunday Services in January

Ask the Animals...

Sunday 4 Jan. 10.00 a.m

Talk: All creatures look to you -
Psalm 104

Leader: Andrew Avramenko

Speaker: Rachel Howlett

Sunday 11 Jan. 10.00 a.m. H. C.

Talk: God's wild classroom - Job
38:39-39:30

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 18 Jan. 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Leader: AAW team

Speaker: AAW team

Sunday 25 Jan. 10.00 a.m.

Review of Giving Sunday

Talk: The widow's mite - Luke 21:1-
4, 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

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or through the church website.

Benefice Office

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Email: office@stjsgroup.church

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viduals and businesses, whether based in
Wellow or elsewhere.

Full page: £10 per month: £100 per an-
num Half page: £5 per month: £50 per
annum.

Details from the editor

Church Community Groups

Wellow Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

Phone Pauline for details: 832625

Benefice Praise and Prayer

Every Monday, 7.45pm-9.30pm
@ The Vicarage, Peasedown *'God*
is spirit, and his worshippers must
worship in spirit and in truth.' John
4:24. Please join us as we praise God,
hear 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 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.**
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Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

This psalm also reminds us that creation itself worships. The mountains sing by their stillness, the rivers by their movement, the trees by their growth. To live gratefully, reverently, and responsibly is to join the chorus of creation praising its Maker.

Perhaps the challenge is not to make the world praise God, but to notice that it already does — and to add our voices to the song.

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On Sunday 14th December we held our Christingle service. Run by the All Age Worship team, this was a lovely service though it would have been nice if there had been a few more families there.

On Sunday 21st December we had our Carols by Candlelight service, As usual, the church was full and looking its best. We were very grateful to the wonderful Wellow Choir for leading our singing as well as singing a beautiful anthem. Our thanks to the readers and also to David Hyatt who played the organ for us.

On Christmas Eve there was a pop-up Nativity. Organised by Rachel, Kim, Alice and Pam from the AAW team, it was very well attended as was also the morning praise on Christmas Day. I was sorry to miss it as I was away but everyone has said it was wonderful.

Jane Rees, Church Warden

Change of date! Energy Forum and Buffet evening

Parishioners from Peasedown, Wellow and Shoscombe areas are invited to a free evening of open discussion about community owned renewable energy on a NEW DATE: **Wednesday 25 February 2026**, 6pm to 8.30pm at The Hive, Bath Road, BA2 8DH. Please remove the original 21st January date from your diaries, if you had saved it!

There will be a free vegetarian buffet from 6pm, then the Forum from 6.30pm to explore options for local energy projects, hear technical advice and share community priorities.

This event is part of Energy in Your Community, a project helping local people explore and develop renewable energy projects that bring direct benefits to their area. Supported by Bath & North East Somerset Council, Bath & West Community Energy, the Centre for Sustainable Energy and the University of Bath, the shared aim is to deliver 5MW of community owned renewable generation across the district by 2030.



**ALL
AGE
WORSHIP**

Join us to

Ask the Animals

ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE

10-10.45AM WITH COFFEE AND CROISSANTS FROM 9.30AM

3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT ST JULIAN'S CHURCH, WELLOW

18 January – Lion

17 May – Locust

20 September – Eagle

15 February – Sheep

21 June – Wolves

18 October – Fish

15 March – Donkey

19 July – Serpent

15 November – Horses

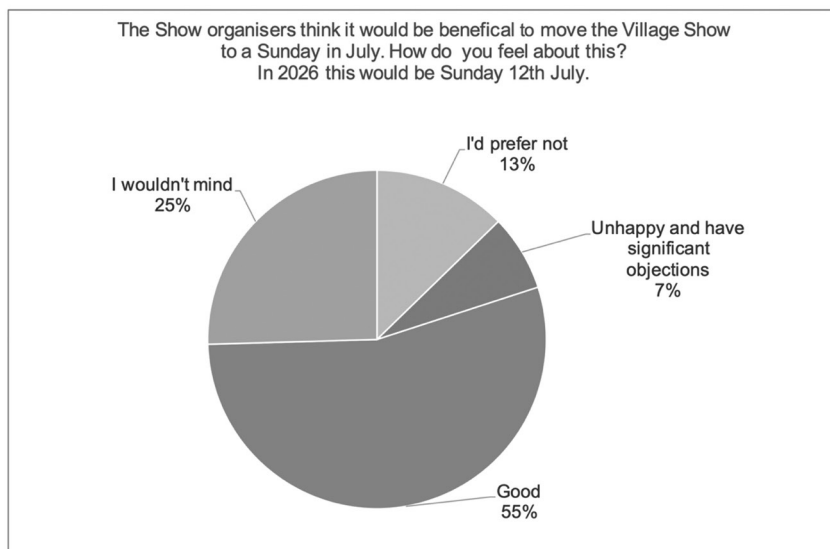
19 April – Lamb

16 August – Ox/Bull

20 December – Dove



Our thanks to those who responded to the poll. The result is :



We received 4 “Unhappy ..” responses. Three opposed the move to Sunday on religious grounds, and one of these opposed the change to July. The fourth comment was “*It is the Wimbledon finals!!!!*”.

We received many other interesting and useful comments which we’ll take on board.

With 80% in favour, please put the date in your diary – the 2026 Village Show will be on Sunday 12th July. We hope to see you there!

Many thanks
The Village Show team
info@villageshow.wellow.org

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

Please Help Local Endangered Amphibians

Populations of common toads, frogs and newts are declining rapidly in the UK. Thousands are killed on roads each Spring as they migrate to the breeding ponds they have used for generations.

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME TO HELP OUR TOADS & FROGS CROSS A ROAD ?

- Our local rescue group saves approximately 2000 amphibians each year from being killed by vehicles on their migration route to and from their breeding grounds in Tucking Mill Lane.
- We greatly need more volunteers to patrol on mild wet evenings in February and March.
- You can take part as little or as often as you like. Although, if possible, a regular once a week commitment would be very helpful.
- Volunteers patrol in teams of 2 or more on a shift system for approximately 1.5 hours between dusk and 9pm in Tucking Mill.
- Short training, hi-vis and answers to your questions are provided.
- All volunteers must meet the insurance policy criteria. Apologies, but the insurance scheme restricts patrollers to adults only. Everyone is required to complete a Patrollers form.
- You will need warm clothes, a bucket, a good torch, and non latex gloves.

Interested? Please respond ASAP but no later than 12th January 2026 to the Amphibian Rescue Group co-ordinators Lyndi, Sue and Patrick at tuckingmilltoads@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in advance.



Froglife
www.froglife.org

Avon Reptile and Amphibian Group
www.groups.arguk.org/arag

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
INVITE YOU TO

A FISH AND CHIP SUPPER!!!!!!!



SATURDAY 17TH JAN 2026 6PM

WELLOW VILLAGE HALL

JOIN US FOR A FISH AND CHIP SUPPER (FROM A LOCAL
CHIPPY) AND SOCIAL GET TOGETHER

THIS IS A THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS FOR THEIR
SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR

ONLY £3 PER PORTION FOR
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMBERS
JOIN ON THE NIGHT FOR JUST £10 FOR A YEAR
COVERING 2026 MEMBERSHIP AND FISH AND CHIPS

MEMBERSHIP WILL ALSO GET YOU DISCOUNT ON
FLOWER SHOW ENTRANCE, ACCESS TO TALKS AND
VISITS, GARDEN PARTY, DISCOUNTS AT GARDEN
CENTRES AND MUCH MORE

WHY NOT JOIN IN JANUARY AND BANISH THOSE WINTER
BLUES WITH FISH AND CHIPS AND CHAT

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TICKETS ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE RSVP ASAP TO VICKY
07979 7900 387 / CANN DU@LIVE.COM

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

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: MagicBoxPre-School@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: michaelj-clarkson@gmail.com

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

Wellow Valley Tennis: Contact: Email: wvtennisclub@gmail.com

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