



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**March 2026**

“Riding on a donkey” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Luke 19:28-44

*After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”*

*Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”*

*They replied, “The Lord needs it.”*

*They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.*

*When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

*“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*

*Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”*

*“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”*

*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognise the time of God’s coming to you.”*

The journey to Jerusalem is nearly complete. Jesus, knowing what awaits Him — betrayal, suffering, and the cross — chooses a donkey. Not a war-

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# Sunday Services in March

Ask the Animals – Donkey

**Sunday 1 Mar. 10.00 a.m**  
**Talk:** Balaam's donkey - Numbers  
22:21-35  
**Leader:** Rachel Howlett  
**Speaker:** Archdeacon of Bath,  
Charlie Peer

**Sunday 8 Mar. 10.00 a.m. H. C.**  
**Talk:** Lost donkeys. 1 Samuel 9:1 - 10:1  
**Leader:** Matthew Street  
**Speaker:** Dick Beath

**Sunday 15 Mar. 10.00 a.m.**  
**Mothering Sunday and All Age  
Worship**  
**Leader:** AAW team  
**Speaker:** AAW team

**Sunday 22 Mar. 10.00 a.m.**  
**Annual Parochial Church  
Meeting**  
**Leader:** Matthew Street  
**Speaker:** Matthew Street

**Sunday 29 Mar. 10.00 a.m. H.C.**  
**Joint service at St John's, Peas-  
down**

**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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charities based in Wellow. All other indi-  
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 W4E  
3rd Sunday 10:30am HC 4:30pm SF HC  
4th Sunday 4:30pm SF

BC = Bubble Church  
HC = Holy Communion  
SF = Soul Food:  
MP = Morning Praise  
W4E = Worship for Everyone

## 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](http://www.stjsgroup.church)

horse, not a chariot, but a humble colt. The King of glory enters His city not with a sword, but in peace.

The crowd shouts “Hosanna!” and spreads their cloaks before Him, yet few understand what kind of King they are welcoming. They expect revolution; He brings redemption. They cry for deliverance from Rome; He comes to free them from sin. The donkey carries the weight of the world’s misunderstanding, and still, Jesus rides on.

This moment fulfils the ancient prophecy: “See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9). It is a picture of strength wrapped in gentleness — power expressed through humility. The One who commands storms chooses instead to come slowly, patiently, and vulnerably.

As Jesus crests the Mount of Olives and sees the city spread out before Him, He weeps. Not for Himself, but for Jerusalem — for all who will not recognise the peace offered to them. The King on a donkey carries not just prophecy, but heartbreak.

We, too, live in a world that often mistakes noise for power and pride for purpose. But Jesus shows another way. True kingship is not found in domination but in surrender. The donkey’s path leads not to comfort, but to the cross — and beyond it, to resurrection.

Perhaps God is inviting us, like that colt, to carry His presence where pride would never go.

## **Church News**

The February All Age Worship was very well attended – the animals we asked were the sheep and this gave an opportunity to look at the stories of the Good Shepherd. This month All Age Worship will be held on Mothering Sunday and we welcome any mothers – as well as their children – who like to join us for this service.

The following Sunday, 22nd March is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is when we elect the PCC and the Churchwardens for coming year.

After that, we will be celebrating Easter, which this year falls on 5th April. We will be holding a Meditation on the Cross at 3.00 p.m. on Good Friday. This is always a very moving service and if you have not been to it before, do consider coming this year. We will be celebrating Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. on Easter Sunday

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

Our big news is that we are delighted that after 8 years of trying, we have finally been given permission for the small extension to the church on the north side of the tower, which will provide two toilets, one of which will be an accessible toilet and a small kitchen, accessed through a new doorway in the north wall of the tower. If you are interested in seeing the plans, they are available in a folder in the church.

Not only will this mean that we now longer have to make tea and coffee in the Hungerford Chapel, which is not really an appropriate space for this, but we will no longer need the Portaloo! It will also enable us to extend the use of the church for more activities.

We are exploring what grants may be available to us and we will, over the next few months be undertaking a variety of fund-raising activities. We are lucky that we already have some money put aside but it is not enough for the project. We will be most grateful for any contributions that anyone wishes to make.

*Jane Rees, Church Warden*

## **From the Editor**

I am extremely grateful to Sue Wilford, who has kindly agreed to take over distributing the magazine to the various people who then take it round the village and put it through your letterbox.

Marian has done this job for many years but no longer feels able and so we are both delighted that Sue has come forward to take over.

Many thanks, Sue

*Jane Rees, Editor.*

## **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.

March 19th

September 24th

April 23rd

October 22nd

May 21st

November 19th

June 18th

December 10th

*The Lunch Club Team*

# **Wellow & District Horticultural Society**

## **A date for your diary:**

The ANNUAL PLANT SALE this year is on SUNDAY MAY 10th 2 - 3,30pm  
Please plant extra vegetable and flower seeds and divide perennials.

There will be a GREEN ELEPHANT STALL again, so excellent time for Spring clearing of all things garden related.

Plenty of cakes, teas, coffee and chat. Tell your friends.

A Community event to share plants and make a bit of money for our Wellow Community.

## **Other dates for your diary:**

April: Talk "The Power of Plants" by Dr Audrey Timm date to be confirmed

Sunday 12th June, 12 to 4pm: Flower Show in the Village Show.

Garden Party: Sunday Afternoon, 14th June

Sunday 4th October: Apple picking and juicing.

15th November: Annual General Meeting.

For more information, how to join and notice of events please visit the web site at <https://hortsoc.wellow.org>

## **Wellow Way 10K 2026 Tickets Now on Sale!**

### **Sunday 22nd March 2026**

Run or ramble your way around the gorgeous countryside we have surrounding Wellow in one of our WW10K events in 2026!

- 10K Run
- 10K Ramble (reduced price this year)
- 5K Run
- Kids Colour Run

With the Fox and Badger doing the BBQ, the St Julian's PTA doing amazing tea and cakes and the addition of a coffee van this year, it promises to be a brilliant event!

Purchase your tickets by scanning the QR code on the flyer or visiting [www.eventcreate.com/e/ww10k](http://www.eventcreate.com/e/ww10k)

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

# WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



*Please join us for an upbeat informative  
talk on*

***Shrubs – a fresh look at getting the  
best from your garden's backbone***



***and  
A Rose Pruning  
Demonstration with  
Q&A  
By John Tucker***

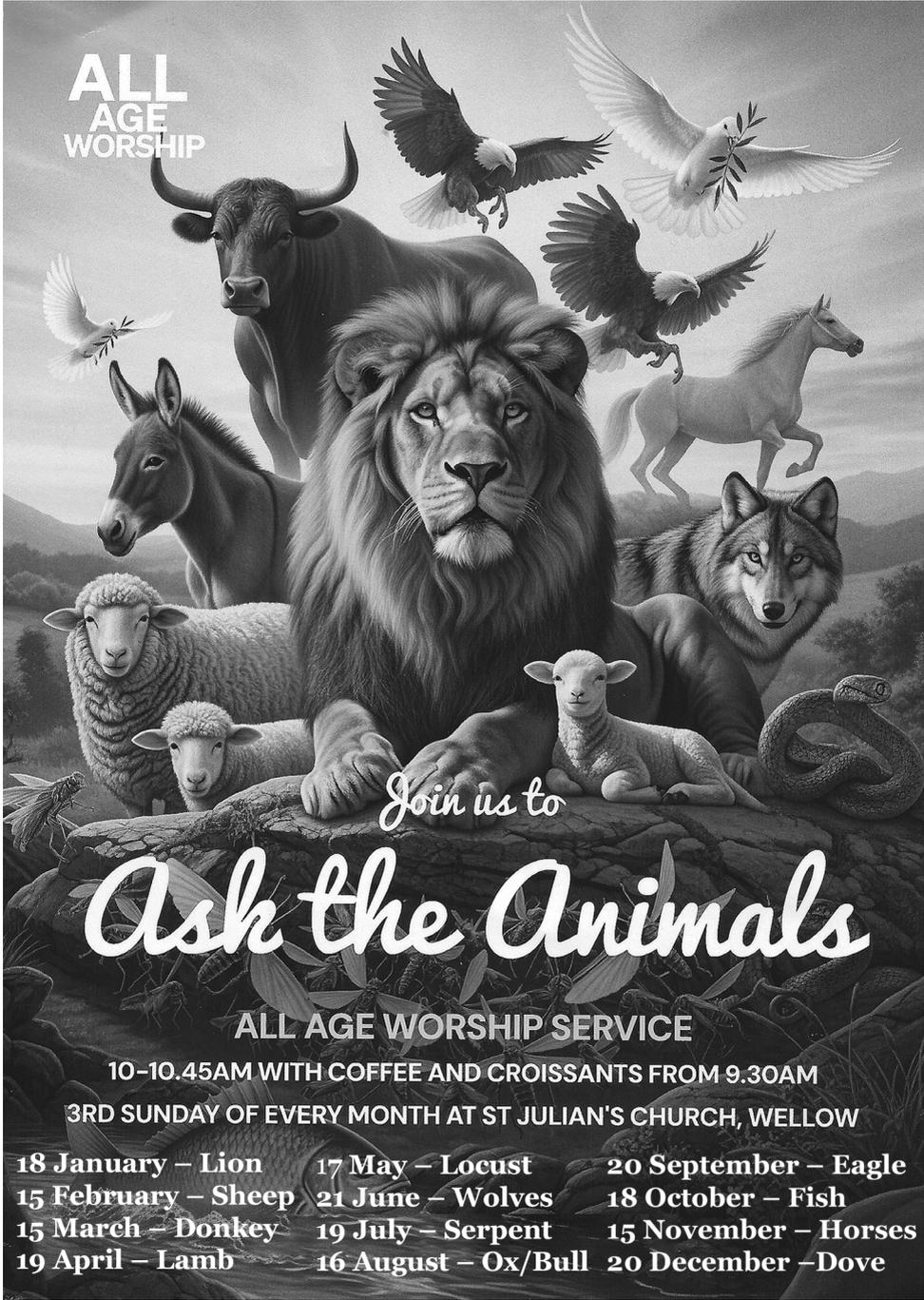
*(formally of Prior Park Garden Centre)*

***Tea and Cake!***

***Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm start***

***Wellow Village Hall***

***Members £3, non-members £5 .***



**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**

<b>18 January – Lion</b>	<b>17 May – Locust</b>	<b>20 September – Eagle</b>
<b>15 February – Sheep</b>	<b>21 June – Wolves</b>	<b>18 October – Fish</b>
<b>15 March – Donkey</b>	<b>19 July – Serpent</b>	<b>15 November – Horses</b>
<b>19 April – Lamb</b>	<b>16 August – Ox/Bull</b>	<b>20 December – Dove</b>

# 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: pamelapike8@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

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