



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

April 2026

“The Power of the Unanswered Dare” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Mark 15:29-32a

Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!” In the same way, the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Mark 15:29-32a

Standing at the village crossroads, it is easy to imagine the scene: a crowd gathered, not for a fête, but for a public shaming. The air in Mark’s Gospel is thick with “if onlys.” *If only* he would come down. *If only* he would prove his power with a miracle. The onlookers and authorities offered Jesus a deal: perform, and we will believe. They mistook his silence for weakness and his presence on the cross for a failure of his own mission.

Yet, the quiet heart of the Easter story is that Jesus stayed. He refused the “dare” to save himself so that he might save us. On Good Friday, we celebrate the fact that true strength often looks like surrender, and that the greatest hope in history was born out of a moment when the world thought it had won.

Sunday Services in

April

Ask the Animals – Lamb

Friday 3 April 3.00 pm

Meditation on the Cross

Leader: Rachel Howlett

Sunday 5 April 10.00 a.m H. C.

Easter Day

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 12 April 10.00 a.m.

Talk: The sacrificial lamb - Genesis 22:1-19

Leader: Dick Beath

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 19 April 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Leader: AAW Team

Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 26 April 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Worthy is the lamb - Revelation 5:8-14

Leader: Andrew Avramenko

Speaker: Andrew Avramenko

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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

2nd Sunday 10.30am W4E

3rd Sunday 10.30am 4.30pm SF

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

W4E = Worship for Everyone

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Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Church News

The Annual Parish Parochial Meeting was held on Sunday 22nd March and I am delighted to welcome Pam back as our other churchwarden. Although the meeting coincided with the 10K Wellow Run, it was still reasonably well attended and we are also pleased to welcome Fiona Crockett to the PCC. Jane Isaac stood down and we thank her for her time on the PCC.

The March All Age Worship was held on Sunday 15th March which was also Mothering Sunday. It was very well attended and was a most enjoyable service.

Sunday 5th April is Easter Day. On Good Friday there will be a Meditation on the Cross at 3.00 p.m. on Good Friday. A short service that is very moving 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.

The next All Age Worship is on Sunday 19th April and we are delighted to once again welcome Rob Double to provide the music as Kim is celebrating her wedding anniversary. Rob is a superb musician and it promises to be a wonderful service.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Wellow Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 2nd March 2026

Public Participation: The Parish sweeper said there have been cases of vehicles doing 'wheelies' & skidding in the car park. No damage done to date.

A complaint about rubbish on the Hinton Road has been referred back to Hinton PC as it is within their parish boundary.

Trees in the car park may grow back after ash die back cutting, there is an ash tree leaning badly in Farm Lane. This is responsibility of property owner.

Present: Nick Chapman (Chair), Mike Clarkson, Chris Cook, Sarah Sell, Jonathan Luck, Stuart Kotchie, Parish Clerk & 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Dave Workman

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Monday 5th January 2026 & of the EPC Meetings of Monday 2nd February & Monday 9th February were confirmed.

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

Planning Applications:

25/04862/FUL: Hayes Lodge, High Street. Erection of single storey side extension, roof extension, internal remodelling and landscaping works. Defer to the LPA and case officer with comments.

25/04840/FUL: Parcel 6400, Upper Baggridge. Retention of 3 agricultural sheds and associated works in association with farming activities at Upper Baggridge Farm. There have been a few alterations to plans, but still ongoing.

26/00097/PIP: Den's Yard, Littleton Lane. Permission in principle for the erection of up to 9 dwellings. There has been a recent decision to permit with a clause for no game bird rearing.

26/00285/TCA: Court Farm House, High Street: Hornbeam T1 - crown reduce by 8-10 feet. Hornbeam T2 - crown reduce by 8-10 feet. Magnolia T3 - crown reduce by 8-10 feet. No objection

26/00283/TCA: Willow Barn, High Street. Poplar T1 - height reduction by 7 metres. No objection

26/00251/TCA: Corner Cottage, High Street. Defer to planning officer.

Planning application decisions by B&NES Council since the last PC meeting.

25/04725/LBA: The Granary, Baggridge Hill. External and internal works for refurbishment and reconfiguration of modern fabric elements within the south wing of the Granary Barn. Adjustment of southern gable window at first floor. New timber casement windows on the ground floor east elevation, to replace fixed glazing. Consent.

25/03378/FUL: Footbridge Across Wellow Brook By Greenacres, Littleton Lane. Replacement of the existing timber footbridge with a new footbridge constructed of steel and timber. Permitted.

Planning applications still pending consideration by the LPA despite a considerable time having passed.

24/01654/OUT: Parcel 2200, Norton Lane. Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 no. agricultural workers dwelling. Pending consideration by B&NES following Objection by WPC on 20/06/2024

24/03255/FUL: Parcel 2520, Mill Hill. Change of agricultural land for dog training including walkway and parking area. Pending consideration by B&NES following Objection by WPC on 24/07/2025.

Wellow Community Bus: Following the last PC meeting it was requested that the bus committee present a plan to increase the viability of the bus service, in order to reach a break-even point in 2026 & show a surplus in 2027.

WECA have had to approve the removal of the 5.30 service, which is now done & the relevant personnel have been informed. From April 1st 2026 the 5.30 bus will no longer run. This will save around £2,400/year.

Promotion via advertising & general promotion will continue

Donations will be actively encouraged & sponsorship & grant funding explored. B&NES have donated £1,488.

These measures should enable the bus to break even this year.

It was proposed that a one-off payment towards the bus of £944 which was supported unanimously.

The Chair thanked Mike Clarkson for all his efforts towards keeping the bus service going as it plays such an important role in the village.

Cllrs. Matt McCabe & Fiona Gourley were also thanked for enabling the donation from B&NES.

Highways & Transport: Bridleway from Wellow cemetery to Shoscombe was discussed after a parishioner raised concerns about vehicles using the lane. The Rights of Way Officer has already be contacted and this is being monitored. Cllr. McCabe will email to follow up the complaint.

Wellow Recreation: Update on surfacing the drive to the Village Hall – a letter has been sent to parties connected to the village hall, with some responses. It was agreed that further contact be made with suggestions re contributions & also that the trees that are causing some of the problems are professionally assessed.

Wellow Recreation Activities – Plans for the Wellow 10k are going well.

Tree Maintenance: Highways have been contacted about the tree near Manor Lodge.

Burial Board: Deferred to next meeting as no representative available.

A.O.B: Sustrans – no contact has been received from them, currently putting a presentation together

The Parish Notice Board has been fitted with a new lock.

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

The Community Energy Forum was attended by a member of the PC, who raised the possibility of solar panels & wind turbines being erected in the immediate area. A village survey will be conducted and parishioners are encouraged to get involved with this and to make their voices heard.

A litter pick will be carried out on March 14th, which is open to all. Details to be circulated in the Parish Post.

The next meeting is scheduled on a bank holiday so will be postponed a week to May 11th.

Next Meetings: May 11th, (AGM) July 6th, September 7th.

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

Lunch Club

Lunch Club dates for 2026: 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.

April 23rd

October 22nd

May 21st

November 19th

June 18th

December 10th September 24th

The Lunch Club Team

Wellow & District Horticultural Society

Programme:

Plant Sale in the Village Hall – 10th May 2pm to 3:30pm: Seedlings of herbs, vegetables and flowers. Annuals and perennials. Green elephant stall. Tea, coffee and cakes!

Garden Party – Sunday Afternoon, 14th June

Flower Show in the Village Show – 12 to 4pm Sunday 12th July: It all happens in the Marquee! A traditional show of all things home-grown or home-made.

Lavender baking with Victoria Hally – Lavender Shortbread Cookies and Lavender and Lemon Cordial. Sunday 19th July.

Apple picking and juicing – Sunday 4th October

Annual General Meeting – 15th November

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Please join us for Dr Audrey Timm's talk on

The Power of Plants

The Power of Plants to deliver climate resilience, improved biodiversity, health and social outcomes in cities.



Dr Audrey Timm is a horticultural scientist. Spanning many aspects of horticulture in her career, latterly Audrey has been promoting the connection between design and ecology in urban landscapes with the University of Sheffield in the UK. Audrey now leads AIPH's "Green City" initiative, which brings nature and plants into urban spaces to transform lives for the better.

Tuesday 21st April 7.30pm start

Wellow Village Hall

Members £3, non-members £5

<https://hortsoc.wellow.org> .

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, 10.00-12.30. 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

Parlour Shop: Tel: 835438; Email: wellowparlourshop@gmail.com

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