



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**June 2026**

“Cultivating What Matters” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Matthew 7:15-23

*“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognise them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognise them.*”

*“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”* Matthew 7:15-23

Have you witnessed the blossoms transforming into the first promises of summer fruit? It’s a beautiful, patient process. But as Jesus famously warns in Matthew 7, appearance isn’t everything. A bramble doesn’t produce figs, no matter how much it mimics a fruit tree.

Jesus talks about “wolves in sheep’s clothing”—a stark image of deception. In our modern world, we are bombarded by voices, clicks, and promises that look appealing on the surface but leave us feeling hollow or divided.

So, how do we discern what is real? Jesus gives us a remarkably grounded, rural test: “By their fruit you will recognise them.”

Authentic faith and true character aren’t measured by loud proclamations or impressive outward displays. Talk, as the old saying goes, is cheap. Instead, genuine goodness is revealed over time through the quiet, consistent fruit of our lives: kindness, integrity, and how we care for our neighbours when no one is watching.

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

# Sunday Services in June

Ask the Animals – Wolf/Wolves

**Sunday 7 June 10.00 a.m**

**Talk:** The wolf and the lamb - Isaiah 65:17-25

**Leader:** Rachel Howlett

**Speaker:** Jo Vening

**Sunday 14 June 10.00 a.m. H. C.**

**Talk:** Fiercer than wolves - Habakkuk 1:1-17

**Leader:** Derek Smith

**Speaker:** Andrew Avramenko

**Sunday 21 June 10.00 a.m.**

**All Age Worship**

**Leader:** AAW Team

**Speaker:** AAW Team

**Sunday 28 June 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** Savage Wolves - Acts 20:13-38

**Leader:** Rachel Howlett

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

## Contact the Vicar:

The Revd. Matthew Street

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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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Full page: £10 per month: £100 per annum  
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 10.30am 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

## 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)

As a community—from our youngest families to our most senior residents—we are all cultivating something. This month, let's look past the glossy surfaces of life and focus on the roots. Are we nurturing actions that bring community peace, or seeds that cause division?

Let's commit to being known not just for what we say, but for the good fruit we bear together.

## **Church News**

May has been a relatively quiet month with one funeral and little else except our usual Sunday services. We are fortunate to have Dick Beath and Derek Smith come along to preach and lead at some of these and are delighted that Dick has recovered from his recent surgery.

The most recent All Age Worship covered the story of the swarm of locust: and a very interesting service this proved to be, with barbequed and chocolate covered crickets to tempt some of us. Also we learnt about how much our individual footprint effects global warming and a fascinating quiz about the effects of our everyday activities.

Now that we have the Faculty for the extension, we are starting to think about fund raising. The money left by generous parishioners over the years comes to a substantial amount of what we need but we still need to raise around £190,000 more. This will be no mean task but we are very excited after such a long wait and confident that we will get there in the end. All donations, however small, will be most gratefully received.

The average number attending services at St Julian's is around 20. By the time this reaches you St. Julian's will have hosted a Benefice service, when members from all the St, J's group churches join together for a service, which means a considerably higher number and it's lovely to see familiar faces from the other churches and catch up with what has been happening around the benefice.

*Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens*

## **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.

June 18th

November 19th

September 24th

December 10th

October 22nd

*The Lunch Club Team*

## **Wellow & District Horticultural Society**

**Garden Party** – Sunday 28th June in the afternoon.

**Flower Show in the Village Show** – Sunday 12th July 12 to 4pm

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



*Ferret racing at the Flower Show*

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



# 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

The Magic Box Staff would like to invite you  
for a Cream Tea on  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

At Wellow Village Hall

2-4

We would like to thank the Villagers and  
Families past and present for their support,  
so please come and join us

Here's to another 40 years!

Everybody is welcome, all ages.

There is no charge for this as it is a Thank  
You for the last 40 years



**WELLOW VILLAGE SHOW  
2026**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**12 - 4PM SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY  
WELLOW RECREATION FIELD**

**FLOWERS AND PRODUCE IN THE MARQUEE**

**DOG SHOW**

**MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAY**

**FERRETS**

**FOOD & DRINK**

**CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT**

**AND LOTS MORE ....**



**BOOK IT INTO YOUR DIARIES!**



**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, 10.00-12.30. 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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**Friends of St. Julians:** Contact: Email: friends@stjulianswellow.co.uk

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