



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

July 2026

“Looking Up When the Road Gets Rough” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Numbers 21:4-9

“They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people, and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then, when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived. Numbers 21:4-9

If you’ve ever taken a wrong turn on a long family walk or faced a project that felt like it would never end, you’ll know how quickly team spirit can sour. Impatience sets in, tempers fray, and suddenly everyone is complaining.

That is exactly where we find the Israelites in Numbers 21. Exhausted by a long detour around Edom, they hit a wall. They lash out at Moses and God, bitterly dismissing their daily provisions as “miserable food.” Their focus narrows entirely to what they lack, completely forgetting the freedom they’ve been given.

It’s a deeply human moment. When life feels like a desert—whether we are juggling stress and home or at work, facing isolation, or worrying about the state of the world—complaining is our easiest default. But negativity has a way of spreading like venom through a community, biting at our relationships and draining our joy.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Sunday Services in July

Ask the Animals – Serpent

Sunday 5 July 10.00 a.m

Talk: The Serpent in Eden – Genesis 3:1–15

Leader: Dick Beath

Speaker: Andrew Avramenko

Sunday 12 July 10.00 a.m. H. C.

Talk: The Bronze Serpent – Numbers 21:4–9

Leader: Rachel Howlett

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Sunday 19 July 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: Snake bite - Acts 28:1-10

Leader: AAW Team

Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 26 July 10.30 a.m.

Deanery Service at St. Johns, Chilcompton

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Benefice Office

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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.

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 Deanery service

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?

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Email **administrator@stjsgroup.church** to subscribe to the mailing list.

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The turning point in the story is a strange one. God instructs Moses to raise a bronze serpent on a pole. To heal from the venom, the people simply have to change their posture: they have to look up. Healing began the moment they shifted their gaze away from the dust and the dangers at their feet and looked toward God's provision.

When the road gets rough this month, let's challenge ourselves to lift our gaze. Let's look up from our immediate frustrations, find gratitude for the quiet blessings around us, and support one another through the wilderness.

Church News

Since last month, services at St Julian's have continued much as usual but there is other news.

All Age worships continues on the third Sunday of each month but we are sorry to be saying "goodbye" to Andrew Avramenko, who has been overseeing the service for the last nine months. He is moving on to become the Chaplain at St John's Foundation in Bath. We are very grateful for all the help and guidance that Andrew has given us and his support in making All Age Worship the success that it is.

The June All Age Worship focused on false prophets and included an interesting quiz about idioms in the bible. Did you know that "Putting words in someone's mouth" or "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" are direct quotes? (2 Sam. 14:3 and Matt. 5:38-39, respectively.) There was a good attendance but it would be nice to see more children at the service. The AAW service next month has the serpent as its subject.

We have also been delighted to welcome Sam Thompson who, as part of his curacy training at Holy Trinity, Frome, has been on placement with us for the last month. We wish him every success in the future.

This month will also see our curate, Rachel Howlett, have her priesting service at St John's Keynsham, marking the next step in her ministry, and will welcome her to celebrate Holy Communion on 12 July.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Wellow Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday May 11th 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Participation: The village sweeper reported that the trees by the church are now growing well.

Cars are being parked too close to the phone box, which is preventing access to the village defibrillator'

Roots are damaging the footpath near the church (PC Chair to examine).

Cemetery bins are full, & village litter is minimal.

Dog fouling has lessened.

Present: Dave Workman (Chair) Chris Cook, Mike Clarkson, Stuart Kotch-
ie, Parish Clerk & 4 members of the public

Apologies received from: Jonathan Luck, Nick Chapman & Sarah Sell

Minutes from the PC meeting on March 2nd were approved.

Planning applications:

26/01311/FUL Knightsfield, High Street: Erection of ground floor rear kitchen extension, front porch alterations, internal alterations, change of use of existing garage to art studio, minor landscaping works and removal of pre-cast concrete mullions and installation of replacement windows. Supported

26/01310/ADCOU Eastbrook Barn, Norton Lane: Prior approval request for change of use from smaller Agricultural Building to 1 no. 2 bed, single storey dwelling and larger Agricultural Building into 2 no. 2 bed dwellings. Full planning required as the smaller barn is not Q class

P26/01238/EOUT Parcel 4234, Combe Hay Lane, Combe Hay: Outline application for phases 3 and 4 for up to 200 dwellings; landscaping; community hall; drainage; allotments; open space; footpaths and emergency access; all matters reserved, except access from Combe Hay Lane via the approved phase 1 spine road (details of internal roads and footpaths reserved); (ii) Detailed application for the continuation of the spine road (from phase 1), to and through Sulis Manor and associated works comprising: the demolition of existing dilapidated buildings and tree removal; drainage; landscaping; lighting; and boundary treatment; to enable construction of the spine road. Second access road required to avoid excess traffic through Wellow. MC to send draft

26/01672/TCA Hillscroft, Bull's Hill: Pear T6 - fell to ground level. Scot's Pine T7 - fell. Ash T8 - fell. Apple T12 - remove. Sycamore T18 - remove. Beech T19 - fell. Ash T22 - fell. Goat Willow T23 - fell. Sycamore T25 - fell. Ash T26 - fell. Sycamore T27 - fell. No objection.

Wellow Community Bus: Bus service is now running well, bookings are up .

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

Thanks to all who have donated to ensure the service can continue to run.

Highways & Transport: A discussion took place re funding the resurfacing of the drive to the village hall. It was agreed that a member of the PC would approach the stakeholders face to face to discuss obligations to funding.

The PC will possibly fund 50% of the cost, with the remainder being funded from other users. A site meeting will be set up to discuss either a full or partial resurface.

It was noted that the maximum budget for maintenance from PC funds would be £5K

SUSTRANS hope to have a plan in place by the end of June, which will be submitted to B&NES, the PC to request that there is further public participation before B&NES are involved

Wellow Recreation: Drainage work done at the top of the field has worked well.

The 10K run was a big success with over £4k being raised and distributed between the shop, school & Wellow Rec

Play park maintenance has successfully been carried out by Steve Plane
Bath Recreation have been responsible for mowing, etc. for the last 12 months and have done a good job; it was agreed that they would be approached to try to renew the contract for the next 24 months

The litter pick was well attended and several bags of litter were collected

Burial Board: A small work party met up in April to continue tidying & improvements

No burials in the last 12 months means that funding may be required in the future

Finance & Administration: Recent payments and forecasts were outlined.

Renewal of Insurance was agreed & approved.

A.O.B: State of tarmac on Bull's Hill/under Viaduct: It was agreed that B&NES would be approached to try to move resurfacing forward

A parishioner had complained about children chalking on pavements in the village. This had been followed up by a member of the PC, but had been washed away by rain the next day. It was agreed that a member of the PC would approach the 'participants' but as long as it was only an occasional occurrence this should not be a problem.

It was agreed that the Village meeting will take place prior to the next PC meeting on July 6th

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

WELLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Will take place on

MONDAY 6TH JULY

At

7.15pm in the Village Hall

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend and to learn about the latest activities of village organisations.

It's a great opportunity to ask any questions and to have your say as this is a meeting for YOU the residents of Wellow

Claire Dickin, Clerk to Wellow Parish Council. clerk@wellowpc.org.uk

Lunch Club

This month we celebrated Margaret's 90's Birthday. We had a summer buffet and everyone had a lovely time. The cooks now have a break until September when our lunch is on the 24th.

The New Magic Box Nursery will be in full operation by then, operating on the Thursday's that are NOT Lunch Club days. Please rest assured Lunch Club will not be affected in anyway.

If you would like to join us for a delicious 2 course lunch for £3.50, please do let me know on 07977900387, we ask that you bring a small raffle prize (something you would like to win e.g. a nice packet of biscuits). Please feel free to call me if you want more information.

Thank you to all our Cooks and Diners, have a lovely Summer

Vicky Hammerton 07977900387

Dates for the remainder of 2026: September 24th; October 22nd; November 19th; December 10th



**WELLOW VILLAGE SHOW
2026**

SAVE THE DATE!

**12 - 4PM SUNDAY 12th 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!

What do you think about renewable energy in Peasedown, Wellow & Shoscombe?

Residents are invited to take part in a short Community Energy Survey about community owned wind and solar ideas, and potential locations. Your feedback will help identify which ideas, if any, should be explored further. All views are welcome - supportive, unsure or opposed.

Complete the survey online at [bathnes.gov.uk/pws-energy-survey](https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/pws-energy-survey) or pick up a paper copy from The Hive (front desk, usual hours). The survey closes at 5pm on 15 July 2026.

You can also speak to the team and complete the survey at the Wellow Village Show on Sunday 12 July (12pm-4pm).

Paper versions of the survey are also available from the Parlour shop.

Everyone who completes the survey can enter a £25 Love2Shop voucher prize draw.

Kerry Morgan. Project Communications Officer - B&NES Community Energy Network

Future Wellow Community Energy Survey FAQs

Are there plans for wind turbines in Wellow Valley? No.

There are no proposals to build wind turbines or solar farms as part of the Community Energy Survey.

This is a survey to collect our views about community-owned renewable energy in the combined area of Wellow, Peasedown and Shoscombe.

The deadline to take part is Wednesday 15th July.

We should all have our say – fill it in here. <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/pws-energy-survey>

Are there any identified sites for wind turbines and solar farms? No.

In widely advertised community meetings and surveys with local residents some general locations for renewable power were suggested for community discussion.

No meaningful investigation of these has been done.

The survey is to get our views on community-owned renewable energy before any locations are investigated.

You can read about what's happened so far here. <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/energy-your-community-peasedown-wellow-and-shoscombe>

Who's carrying out the survey?

The Community Energy Network (CEN). <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/communityenergynetwork>

They are a partnership between Bath and North East Somerset Council, Bath and West Community Energy, the Centre for Sustainable Energy and The University of Bath, and funded by The National Lottery Community Fund.

What happens after I fill out the survey?

The CEN team will collect all the survey responses.

There will be a community meeting to feedback the results.

If Wellow, Peasedown and Shoscombe decide that a community-owned renewable energy project is NOT for us, then this process will end.

What happens if we decide that we DO want community-owned renewable energy?

Potential locations will then be identified and investigated for viability.

There will be more community discussions to ensure any project is one that the community wants.

It could result in our area having our own community-owned renewable energy asset.

You can find out more about community-owned energy here. <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/community-energy-local-power-local-benefits>

What about commercial projects?

This community led process gives local people the chance to explore ideas openly and at a very early stage, long before any proposals exist.

Commercial developers, by contrast, typically select sites privately and only engage with communities once they apply for planning consent.

What part has Future Wellow played in this?

We heard about this survey and thought that everyone should know about it and have a say.

We have spread the word by sharing the information produced by the CEN in the email Parish Post, the printed Parish Newsletter, on village notice-boards and in the shop, and by inviting the CEN team to the village show.

Finally, after 9 years of hard work
St Julian's Church
Wellow

has the go-ahead to build a small extension to provide two
toilets and a kitchenette

We need you help

to raise

£250,000

To learn more about it, come and see us at

Wellow Village Show

on 12th July

If you can help in any way, however small, please contact the churchwardens,
Pam Pike, email pamela.pike8@gmail.com or
Jane Rees, email jane@reestools.co.uk

What should I do about this?

Fill out the survey! <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/pws-energy-survey>

It's important that we all have our say.

Paper versions of the survey are available in the Wellow village shop, at The Hive in Peasedown, or from the Community Energy Network.

I have more questions...

The CEN team will be at The Hive Fun Day on Saturday 20th June and the Wellow Village Show on Sunday 12th July.

They can also be contacted on community_energy@bathnes.gov.uk.

Use this QR code to fill out the survey

Future Wellow committee



A reminder that there will be another Future Wellow meeting on Thursday 2nd July at 7:30pm at the Pavilion.

This meeting, as requested by attendees at the last one, will largely be centred around the ongoing Community Energy Survey to help answer questions about the process. There will be an expert guest from Bath and West Community Energy, so it will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered.

Future Wellow committee

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

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: 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

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