



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

September 2026

“Wings like Eagles” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Isaiah 40:12-31

Look up at our open countryside skies on a clear afternoon, and you might spot a bird of prey effortlessly catching a thermal, rising higher without a single frantic flap of its wings. It doesn't fight the air; it rests on currents invisible to us.

In Isaiah 40, the prophet offers a sweeping vision of a God who measured the oceans in the palm of His hand and named every star in the heavens. Yet this vast, magnificent Creator pays intimate attention to human fatigue. Isaiah reminds us that even the youngest and strongest among us tire out, stumble, and reach their limits.

We all face seasons where energy runs dry—whether from demanding routines, health struggles, or the quiet weight of caregiving. Human grit can only carry us so far.

The famous promise at the end of the chapter isn't about pushing harder; it's about waiting: ***“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*** (Isaiah 40:31)

Eagles don't climb by sheer muscle. They stretch out their wings and trust the wind to lift them. In our busy village life, faith works the same way. When we pause, pray, and let go of trying to power through in our own strength, we allow God's grace to carry the weight.

Whatever September holds for you, take a moment to stop, breathe, and let Him lift your spirit.

Wishing you a soaring month.

Sunday Services in September

Ask the Animals – Eagle

Sunday 6 Sept. 10.00 a.m

Talk: Wings Like Eagles: Isaiah
40:12–31

Leader: Derek Smith

Speaker: Derek Smith

Sunday 13 Sept. 10.00 a.m. H. C.

Talk: Two Eagles and a vine: Eze-
kiel 17:1-24

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 20 Sept. 10.00 a.m.

**Harvest Service and All Age
Worship**

Leader: AAW team

Speaker: AAW team

Sunday 27 Sept. 10.00 a.m.

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Derek Smith

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Email: mgstreet@me.com

or through the church website.

Benefice Office

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Benefice Office:

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Email: office@stjsgroup.church

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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 MP 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

Church News

On the last Sunday in July there was a deanery service held at Chilcompton which several people from Wellow attended. Led by Bishop Fiona of Taunton, it was a lovely service and included the confirmation of four people who had attended the recent Alpha Course.

Unfortunately, the AAW service for August had to be cancelled due to many of the team being unavailable. However, it will resume as normal in September when it will be the Harvest Service. Members of the congregations will be encouraged to bring donations Food Bank.

We are very pleased that we have now received Building Control Approval for the extension and are hoping to go out for tender by the end of this month with a start date of Spring 2027. The Fund Raising Committee have had a number of meetings and are exploring various grant avenues.

Unfortunately, the problems with cutting the grass cutting at the front of the Church has yet to be resolved.

We are looking forward to two weddings to be held in St Julian's later this month for which the bells will be rung.

A reminder that Sunday 1st November will be Remembering Loved Ones Sunday. If you wish to add a name to the list, you can do so on the St J's Group website at <https://www.stjsgroup.church/life-events/remembering-loved-ones> or by emailing the St J's Group office at office@stjsgroup.church or by calling the church office on 07973 972018.

Pam Pike and Jane Rees, Church Warden

All Age Worship Harvest Service

At the September AAW service on Sunday 20th, we will be celebrating the Harvest. We are encouraging all those who attend to bring donations for the Bath Keynsham and Somer Valley Food Bank.

This month's particular requests are for Coffee (small jars); Tinned items: Vegetable meals; Tomatoes; Custard; Rice Pudding; Peas; Carrots. Pasta sauce (jars); Squash; Long Life fruit juice and UHT milk.

If you are unable to come to the service, but would still like to support the Food Bank, you can also make donations Bank at the Parlour Shop.

AAW Team

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

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.

25th Sept

20th Nov

23rd Oct

11th Dec

23rd Oct

The Lunch Club Team

Wellow to Shoscombe Vale Road Design Scheme.

Following on from their earlier consultations and initial designs, the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly known as Sustrans) have published their final set of public drawings for the Wellow to Shoscombe Vale Road Design Scheme. These reflect feedback received from last year's engagement event and further discussions with stakeholders. A copy of the drawings, in pdf format, can be found on the Wellow Parish Website (www.wellowparish.info) under the Wellow Parish Council subpage. This is one of the trust's final outputs and the project will now be progressed by the Local Highway Authority.

Please note that these drawings have been issued for information only; there is no consultation associated with them.

Chris Cook. Wellow Parish Council

Wellow & District Horticultural Society

Saturday 3rd October: Apple picking

Sunday 4th October: Juicing & hog roast

Saturday 14th November: Annual General Meeting

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



The Safari Supper will be held on Saturday 19th September at 7pm this year. Our previous Safari Suppers have raised much needed funds for the Wellow Parlour Shop and this year we hope to raise some more. However, to do this we need loads of help and enthusiasm. Please join us - either by hosting or simply dining - to make this fun event a great success.

The evening will begin with a glass of fizz at the Tennis Pavilion and here you'll find out where you are heading for your starter. Once you've had your first course, you'll discover where you are heading for your main course. Finally, we'll all return to the Pavilion for a choice of delicious desserts.



The success of the Safari Supper depends on having enough volunteers who can each accommodate a group of 6-8 (or more) diners for the starter or main course. We'll also need volunteers to provide desserts for when we all come back to the Pavilion.

Tickets are £35/person on sale in the Shop. As in prior years, hosts will receive a discount of £20/household (main course), £10/household (starter course) and £5 for dessert.



We would be delighted to hear from you as soon as you are able. Please contact our administrator Dave Workman at davidworkman@hotmail.co.uk or 07773 351059 with any offers to host or help or with any queries.

Many thanks,
The Shop Committee



Wellow Community Bus



Planning ahead for the move to secondary school? Reliable Secondary School Transport: 2026-2027 Season

The Wellow Community Bus has provided transport for students in Wellow, Coombe Hay, Shoscombe, Hinton Charterhouse, and Faulkland for over 15 years. Our 17-seat minibus offers a safe, friendly, and reliable morning and afternoon service from Wellow to St. Gregory's, Hayesfield, Beechen Cliff, and Bath College.

The service is designed around the school day, departing Wellow at 7:35am and 8:25am, with return collections starting from 3:25pm. We provide termly season tickets, which guarantee a seat, with the option to pay monthly by standing order at no additional charge.

We are currently registering interest for the 2026-2027 school year. As seats are limited on our minibus, we encourage early enquiries to secure a space for your child's future commute. For more information please visit bus.wellow.org or contact Christina Chauveau on 07479285443.

Wellow Village Hall

Save the date for Wellow Village Hall's annual fund-raiser Quiz on **Saturday 21st November**.





St Julian's Church Wellow



Spend a Penny Appeal

help us raise

£250,000

for our 2 new toilets and
kitchen

Find out more at www.stjsgroup.church/help-fund-our-extension or
scan the QR code to find out more
and donate



so we can say "goodbye" to our Portaloo!



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: 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

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

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