

*The United Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow*

## *The Parish of Wellow*

~ Wellow Church and Parish News ~

May 2005

**A gift for all** by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Acts 2: 1-4 and 16-18.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

Acts 2: 1-4 and 16-18.

I wonder if you have stayed at the Ritz, owned a Rolls-Royce or dined with the Queen? I haven't, and I very much doubt I ever will. Some things in life are reserved for the select few, while the majority of us have to make do with more run-of-the-mill facilities and occasions. The people of the Old Testament believed that this was true of the Spirit of God, convinced that it was a rare and special gift which only a privileged elite would experience. There was no way in the world they would be filled by that Spirit; such an honour went to those like Gideon, Samuel, Isaiah, Ezekiel and others of similar stature. For the rank and file, God would always be one step removed, access to him mediated by priest and temple. The words of the prophet Joel, wonderful though they sounded, must have raised more than a few eyebrows when first spoken, for they postulated an entirely new relationship with God.

Yet that is the relationship experienced by the Apostles on the so called day of Pentecost, and it is a gift offered to each Christian in turn. God is not remote and detached, but can be experienced as a living reality within every Christian encouraging, teaching, empowering, guiding - always at work in our lives. There is no favouritism with God. One privilege is for us to enjoy: the inner presence of the Holy Spirit - surely the greatest privilege there can be!

## *Services in May 2005*

1st MAY - 11.00 am All Age Worship  
Children stay for the whole service  
Crèche provided

8th MAY -11.00 am All Age Worship  
Sermon: Hannah the Housewife  
1 Samuel 1: 1-28  
Speaker: Rosemary Kennedy

15th MAY - 11.00 am - Pentecost  
All Age Worship with Communion  
Sermon: Peter the Rock  
Acts 2: 1-15, 36-39  
Speaker: Matthew Street

22nd MAY 11.00 am All Age Worship  
Sermon: Moses the Leader  
Exodus 35:4-19  
Speaker: Matthew Street

29th MAY -11.00 am All Age Worship  
Sermon: Solomon the Wise  
1 Kings 3:1-15  
Speaker: Jeremy Wordsworth

5th JUNE - 11.00 am All Age Worship  
Children stay for the whole service  
Crèche provided

### All Age Worship

A more contemporary, informal  
service of teaching and worship that  
includes elements of the familiar.  
Children's activities each week

## *Prayer at St Julian's*

A group of people meet  
regularly every Tuesday and  
Wednesday in the church to  
pray from  
12.30 PM to 1.00 PM.  
Please join us if you would  
like to.

If you have an  
urgent prayer need,  
Please activate our prayer  
chain by calling.  
Jane Street on  
01761 432293

## *Services at St John's Deasedown*

1st Sunday - 8am HC 9.30am AAW  
2nd Sunday - 8am HC 9.30am SE  
3rd Sunday - 8am HC 9.30am SE  
4th Sunday - 8am HC 9.30am SE  
5th Sunday - 8am HC 9.30am SE  
HC= Holy Communion SE=Sung Eucharist  
AAW=All Age Worship

## *Deasedown Churches Together Services*

St. John's Methodist Church  
1st Sunday - 10.30am Holy Communion  
2nd Sunday - 10.30am Morning Worship  
3rd Sunday - 10.30am Morning Worship  
4th Sunday - 10.30am Morning Worship  
5th Sunday - 10.30am Morning Worship  
St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Sundays - 9am Holy Mass  
Wednesdays - 10am Holy Communion  
Saturdays - 10am Holy Mass

## CHURCH NEWS

“An hour at the cross” an Easter reflection which was accompanied by slides was a Service of devotion on Good Friday at 3.00pm. A good number attended with Matthew our Vicar leading the Service and others doing readings.

On Easter Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> the main body of the church was full with Matthew again leading the Service and some of the congregation doing readings and prayers.

The church as always at festival times looked lovely with all the beautiful flowers, thank you once again to all those who gave up their time to do these, and to those who sent money or flowers, some one who visited the church remarked on the flowers and said to give the arrangers a pat on the back. (This was written in the Visitors Book).

The service on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> was different from normal when the Annual Parochial Church and Vestry meetings incorporated into the service.

Two new Churchwardens were appointed Jonathan Wyld and Richard Holland. Nigel Vening and Tim Bray were appointed as Deanery Synod representatives.

It looks as if lots of exciting things are being planned for St. Julian's in the future.

So watch this space.

Finally don't forget the concert on May 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Julian's church at 7.30pm given by the Cameo Orchestra. If you haven't got your ticket yet hurry to the Fox and Badger or the Parlour Shop and get them quickly as this event proved very popular last year. Tickets are £8.00 each to include a finger buffet and a drink, do come along and hear these talented musicians it will be a great evening. This event is being sponsored by Exclusively Kitchen of Bath and Fox and Badger Wellow  
Churchwardens

## JOYCE RETIRES AS CHURCH WARDEN

The Annual Parochial Church and Vestry meeting took place on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am when I decided to step down as Churchwarden. Initially I only took on the post for a year or two, but then interregnum happened, so I decided to stay on until a new Vicar was installed. This occurred in January when we welcomed Matthew to St. Julians. Matthew and his family are now very much part of St. Julian's.

I am sure lots of marvelous things are going to happen in the future. Thank you to everyone who has given me support and help during the last six years, especially through the interregnum. I could not have done the job without you.

Thank you Jonathan my fellow Churchwarden who gave me support also all the PCC, to Jo our Reader who was always willing to help with Services and other things.

To all visiting Clergy mainly from the Seven Lamps Group who helped out, and a special thanks to Rev. Brian Sutton who worked tirelessly at all times. My thanks to you all.

At the Service Matthew presented me with gifts from the congregation; a lovely arrangement of plants and flowers in a basket and a Victorian print of St. Julian's church which is being framed. This was such a surprise. Thank you all very much, I shall treasure the Print and as most of you know I love flowers so you could not have chosen better.

Now to my successor Richard Holland I could not have wished for a better replacement. I am sure Richard will give his all to St. Julian's as with Clover, his wife, he is very much part of the church already.

My very best wishes go with you Richard and may God bless you as you go about your duties as churchwarden and all the job entails. Joyce Mannings

PS I am not leaving the country I shall be around to help when I can.

### PARISH PLAN UPDATE

We are thrilled to report that over half of the Parishioners in the Village have completed and submitted their questionnaires so far. Thank you all. We are aware that there are a few of you who still wish to contribute and ask that you ring one of us urgently if this is the case, and note that the final date for handing the questionnaire in will be MONDAY 2ND MAY 2005. No further house to house collections will be done.

The number of the winning tickets for the Marks and Spencers' vouchers for those contributing will be published in the June Newsletter.

Parish Plan Steering Committee : Chris Cook 834329 Alistair Colston 834528 David Halewood 830116 Shirley Hurdle 832312

## THE WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

AGM and Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 16 May in the village hall. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and at 7.45pm we look forward to a short presentation by John Price the Project Co-ordinator for the Colliers Way (the cycle and footpath route from Dundas to Frome passing through Wellow along the old railtrack). The usual Parish Council Meeting will follow at 8pm. Parishioners are invited to attend and we hope you will enjoy the presentation which will include future plans for the Wellow to Midford section of the Colliers Way

**Bonfires:** As the spring gardening season has got underway there are many more bonfires being lit and it's a good time to pass on advice found on the B&NES Council website:

'Bonfires bring with them certain problems; the smoke and penetrating smell can cause annoyance to neighbours. Bonfires emit pollutant gasses such as carbon monoxide and particulates. Plastics, rubber or painted materials must not be burnt.

Ideally, you should compost or recycle your waste. Composting will effectively convert most garden waste into valuable fertiliser and thereby eliminate the need to have bonfires at all. If this is not possible, then you should use the free disposal facilities at our Household Waste and Recycling Centres.

If you must have a bonfire, remember that

- it is an offence to create smoke which becomes a nuisance to neighbours and those living nearby
- bonfires should be as far away from buildings as possible and so situated that the prevailing wind carries smoke away from the buildings

- only dry material should be burned, green or moist material creates the greatest nuisance
- damp, windless days are unsuitable for burning refuse as smoke will linger at low levels, thereby penetrating houses and polluting the air
- bonfires should never be left to smolder overnight or unattended
- bonfires can be dangerous and care should be taken when children are present
- Please follow this advice and help make Wellow a more pleasant place to live.

### WANTED

Wellow Parish Council is looking for a conscientious person to undertake the maintenance of St Julian's Churchyard. This involves the assessment of need for grass cutting, carrying out as appropriate and edging and weeding paths. The number of hours will be dependent upon vegetation growth but is expected to be around 45 per annum. Rate of pay £5.66 per hour (under review). Please apply to the Chairman Alex Martin 01225 835254 or the Clerk Sue Wordsworth 01225 836181

A letter to the Community at Wellow from Mrs Hilary Mayne, Acting Head Teacher of St Julian's Primary School from April 11<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005.

- A greeting from all of us at St Julian's at the start of the summer term! We have been working together here now for five days. I am enjoying a very different and pleasant experience from the two other schools I have served as Head. This is the first school I have worked in that has a

resident? woodpecker to welcome me when I arrive for work!

- I will be supporting the school during the transition period before a permanent Head teacher is appointed for September 2005. There is a slim chance that you may see me in the playground every morning at the start of the day, or we may have had a tight squeeze situation between cars as I travel down the winding road from Odd down early in the morning.
- I am very keen to nurture the links between the school, the church and the community, and look forward to coming along to St Julian's church on the first Sunday of every month with some of the children in the school for an all age worship service.
- We will be holding our assemblies regularly on Wednesdays throughout this term in St Julian's church. We would like to invite you to share these dates with us on:-
  - April 27<sup>th</sup>
  - May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - June 29<sup>th</sup>
  - July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Assembly will be around 9.00 to 9.30 on these dates.

- I welcome any discussion on shared issues with the community. Don't hesitate to get in touch.
- Our Friends of school are organising a bedding plants sale, so if you are interested please don't hesitate to drop by for an order form before mid May.

Tracey Soccorso has asked me to include this message:-  
“Grateful thanks to the many parents and pupils who bought school supplies for me to take to Sri Lanka. The school I visited in AMBALANGODA ( scene of the awful train disaster) was very welcoming and delighted with the much needed supplies. Photographs will be pasted inside the school notice board if you are interested. On behalf of the Sri Lankan school - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!”

### GOOD NEWS FROM THE SHOP!

Wellow turns up trumps again! The AGM on 4th April was well attended and all sorts of excellent ideas were put forward to help the shop. These were followed up by practical help from some who made suggestions, and the Committee has put others into practice. Many thanks to all concerned! It was very encouraging to feel so much goodwill and interest. The outcome is that the shop will certainly keep going and with all this new input it should flourish.

From now on you will see each month the current financial position of the shop. To be on a secure footing it needs to take about £84,000 a year in sales - £7,000 a month. In the first quarter of 2005 takings have reached £18,919 - short of target by roughly £2,000. A big effort needed in the next few months to catch up! It shouldn't be difficult because there are some first-class goods coming in - at good prices, too. Recommended this month are new Italian lines: in addition to quality tinned tomatoes (including cherry tomatoes), extra virgin olive oil, and fresh pasta, there is Parmigiano Reggiano at only £14.06 a kilo (nearly £20 in Marks) that will give all your Italian cooking the authentic finish. Marian Osborne

## FROM THE PAST

As a regular rail user I was pleased to come across this in the archive.

### 1873 The Beginning of the S. and D. in Wellow

This year saw work on cutting the railway through Wellow valley, following the route of the coal canal where possible. During this work a Plague pit containing many bones was found at the end of the Rectory garden (victims were obviously not given burial in the churchyard). Layers of lias stone were found which are used in many Wellow cottages.

1874 July The Somerset and Dorset railway was opened through Wellow amid great rejoicing. The first train with many passengers left bath at 7.25 am. At Wellow they were greeted by the church bells. This train arrived late at Templecombe and missed the connection for Exeter. Sue Hewlett

### WINNERS OF THE WELLOW VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB PRIZE DRAW FOR APRIL 2005

1 <sup>st</sup>	£30.00	Mrs J. Mannings	54
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10.00	Mr. G. Pike	65
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£7.00	Mrs L. Shaw	44
4 <sup>th</sup>	£5.00	Mrs S. Chivers	69

Thank you for your support    B Messer Chairman

## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Until 25th May, please ring Marian Osborne (832561) with any enquiries about Hall bookings. After that, please ring 833141 as usual..

## CHINA MENDING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> May from 10-12. Still a couple of vacancies. Bring your precious piece of Spode or your beloved souvenir from Weston and learn how to make a professional repair. Lots of coffee and lots of cakes. Cost £12.00. IN AID OF THE VILLAGE HALL. Colin Tremellen 833506

## LUNCH CLUB

Hope you will be able to come to the lunch in May. It's on Thursday 26th May at the usual time of 1pm in the Village Hall. If you are unable to attend please let us know in advance. Janet Earp 835254 and Marian Osborne 832561.

## WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Saturday 7th May BRING & BUY PLANT SALE at the Village Hall 2-4pm. Entrance is free with a plant/plants, otherwise £1 plus Lucky Ticket Draw. Besides plants, Phoenix Cards and The Potting Shed will be there together with Refreshments and a Cake Stall. Do come and find a special plant at bargain price - TELL YOUR FRIENDS TOO. Plants can be delivered to the Hall from 12 noon or contact Marie Bartholomew - 840889.

Dates for your Diary -

Thursday 9th June - Visit to Sherbourne Gardens.

Friday 1st July - Garden Party at the home of Jonathan and Julia Wyld, White Oxmead. Members only

Tuesday 12th July - Visit by coach to Two Gardens, Westbury Court and Rodmarton Gardens.  
and, of course,

Saturday 3rd September - THE FLOWER SHOW.

N.B. The date of the Society's AGM has been changed to Thursday 10th November. Libby Kerr.

### PARISH NEWS

Please may I have all copy for the Parish News by the 20<sup>th</sup> of next month.. Send copy to Jill Tremellen 833506, leave it at the Parlour Shop or preferably email to [jilltremellen@onetel.com](mailto:jilltremellen@onetel.com). Thank you. Jill.