

The Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow

The Parish of Wellow

~ Wellow Church and Parish News ~

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Picking up the pieces from Psalm 31 verses 12 and 22, Psalm 34 verse 18 and Psalm 147 verse 3, by Matthew Street

I had become like a broken pot but you heard my pleas when I cried out for help. The Lord is close to the broken hearted and he saves those who are crushed in spirit. He mends the broken in spirit and tends their wounds.

What would you do if you accidentally smashed a prized ornament? The answer, of course, depends on the extent of the damage but the chances are that you would try to pick up the broken fragments and glue them back together. Consider, though, if it was a clay flowerpot you had dropped; what would you do then? Almost certainly, you would sweep up the shards and discard them without a second thought. It is only when something means a lot to us that we attempt to repair it.

All of which helps us to appreciate the testimony of Psalms like those quoted above. Like David in Psalm 31, we too can feel battered and broken by life, shattered beyond repair. Can God possibly care enough about us to spend time rebuilding our lives, putting the pieces back together again? It seems impossible, doesn't it, yet God does precisely that. However long it takes, however painstaking a process it may be, he is always looking to heal and renew us, to make us whole. No matter how broken we may be, we are never beyond his restoring touch.

Services in May 2008

4th May - 10.45am

All Age Worship

Talk: Turn Your Life Around in 27 Steps -
Step 1: Know that God exists - Psalm 19

Speaker: Matthew Street

11th May - 10.45am

All Age Worship

Talk: Turn Your Life Around in 27 Steps -
Step 2: God's Character Revealed - Psalm - 139

Speaker: Andy Piggot

18th May - 10.45am

All Age Worship

Talk: Turn Your Life Around in 27 Steps -
Step 3: Realise Our Potential - Psalm 8

Speaker: Dick Beath

25h May - 10.45am

All Age Worship

Talk: Turn Your Life Around in 27 Steps -
Step 4: The Nature of Man - Psalm 1

Speaker: Matthew Street

All Age Worship

A more contemporary, informal service
of teaching and worship .

St John's Peasedown

1st Sunday - 9.00am SE 4.30pm SF

2nd Sunday - 9.00am HC 4.30pm SF+HC

3rd Sunday - 9.00am SE 4.30pm SF

4th Sunday - 9.00am HC 4.30pm SF

5th Sunday - 9.00am HC 4.30pm SF

HC= Holy Communion

SE = Sung Eucharist

SF= *Soul Food* - A contemporary service
with modern lively music followed by a
family tea.

Coffee 'n' Stickies

Every Thursday, 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Please join us for a cup of coffee, a sticky pastry and an opportunity to discuss some sticky problems raised
by our Sunday Sermon Series. (Phone Pauline Freddy more information: 01225 832625)

Children's Worker

You can contact, Sarah Warren, our Church
Benefice Children's Worker, by
calling: **07513 438327** or
emailing: **children@ubpw.com**
For more information visit
www.ubpw.com

Prayer at St Julian's

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

Peasedown Churches Together

Regular Events:

Bath Road Methodist Church:

1st Sunday - 10.30am Holy Communion
2,3,4,5 Sunday - 10.30am Morning Worship

St Joseph's Catholic Church:

Sundays - 9am Holy Mass
Wednesdays - 10am Holy Communion
Saturdays - 10am Holy Mass

Church Benefice Office

Open 8.30am-12.30pm, Monday-Friday.
For anything Church related contact Nathan
Hartley in the Benefice office on 01761
420862 or email: admin@ubpw.com
You can drop round to see him, during office
hours, at 34 Church Road,
Peasedown St John.

Benefice Praise and Prayer

Every Monday, 7.45pm-9.30pm
@ The Vicarage, PSJ

*'God is spirit, and his worshipers must wor-
ship in spirit and in truth.'* John 4:24

Please join us as we praise God, hear from
His Word, and come to Him in prayer.

A WALL HANGING TO COMMEMORATE the transformation of the vestry at St Julian's Church. We are looking for any volunteers who are artistically talented and/or enjoy sewing/embroidery for a couple of hours per week to join us in making a hanging for the vestry. We are so fortunate to have Ursula Brooke who has designed this for us and will oversee the work. Work will be carried out in-situ. Ursula has already made hangings for other Churches and a school. Please ring Janet Drew, 01225 833644, if you are able to help and we will then arrange a date and time to suit everyone.

LUNCH CLUB Our May lunch will be on Thursday 22nd at 1pm in the Village Hall as usual. If you are unable to be there please let us know in advance. Many thanks Janet Earp 835254

AVAILABLE AT THE PARLOUR SHOP NOW:

WELLOW cotton carrier bags – with the Wellow logo - £2 each Capacious, light, easy to fold away – perfect for shopping or as a present.
From the Hollies, Wellow, MARI'S SKIN CREAM - £4.75
Delicate natural ingredients and the most silky touch.
From Natural Vitality at Tunley Farm, a range of ORGANIC SALADS, HUMMUS and VEGETARIAN PATES – tubs from £1.75 to £2.30 IRRESISTIBLE!

GOING FREE A well used but still functioning four drawer filing cabinet. Size...4ft 4ins high x1ft 7ins wide x 2ft deep. All the folder inserts are intact and undamaged.
Collect from Sue Hewlett, Brunel House, Wellow 833781.

COPY FOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER Please may I have all copy by the 20th of the month – either leave it at the Village Shop or preferably email jill.tremellen@zen.co.uk
Many thanks *Jill Tremellen 833506*

CHURCHWARDENS MAY REPORT Matthew, Jane & Hannah enjoyed a much deserved holiday after Easter and return with batteries re-charged for the coming months. We are blessed to have a Vicar who works so hard to encourage us in our faith and to want to grow the church here in Wellow. Let us give him our full support, realizing that we may have to yield some personal preferences in service formats etc in order to gain the greater vision.

Our thanks to those who so willingly give their time and energies in helping with the many rotas. The flowers and the gardens round the church continue to delight all comers.

We have benefited much from the sermon series on the parables Jesus taught and what they teach us today. We look forward to the new series based on the Psalms! It was with much regret that the children's Easter Holiday Club, God the Builder, had to be canceled because of lack of support. We welcome your comments on this. The monthly Seniors Songs of Praise and lunch at Manor Close is much appreciated and enjoyed by residents and helpers alike. Thank you to the team of helpers you do a great job!

Come and meet the Archdeacon. The Ven. Andy Piggott will be with us for the service on Sunday 11th May.

The new wardens, Colin & Pauline, look forward to your support in the activities and vision for Wellow. If you would like to know more do talk to Matthew, or to us.

Pet Sunday: Sunday 1st June is Pet Sunday, please bring your pets to Church. More details in the next newsletter.

CHURCH FLOWERS & CHURCH CLEANING

4th May	Margaret Layzell	Colin & Jill Tremellen
11th May	Louise Bray	
18th May	Judy Downey/Angharad R.R.	
25th May	Judy Downey/Angharad R.R.	

FLOWER ARRANGERS MEETING May I firstly thank those of you for being part of our flower arrangers rota at St Julian's Church? We are extremely grateful to you for making the Church look so beautiful each week. To thank you for your efforts we would like to invite you to a social event on **Wednesday 14th May 2008**, starting at **6.30pm at Brook Lodge** (the home of Sarah Moore). This will be an opportunity for you to meet myself and Matthew Street, our Vicar, to see the faces behind the names. Wine and nibbles will be on offer!

If you are able to come please RSVP the Benefice Office through 01761 420862 or admin@ubpw.com

Nathan Hartley, Benefice Administrator

CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD SPRING CLEANING SATURDAY 3RD MAY

For one morning a year we invite as many people from the village as possible help with church and church yard maintenance. The church belongs to the whole village not just the Anglican congregation and it is wonderfully maintained by a band of volunteers but we need to blast it from time to time. Bring the children. Cleaning materials coffee and biscuits provided but please bring secateurs, edging tools, etc. One hour of your precious time would be a great help between 9.30 and 1.00pm. Please phone 833506 for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Council met Monday 14th April

Planning items

New applications:08/00924/FUL Honeysuckle Cottage, Bulls Hill. Erection of new metal railings/hedge and gate: SUPPORTED

08/01258/FUL Village Hall. Provision of external shipping container: SUPPORTED

08/01227/FUL Knights Barn, Wellow. Change of use of garage from residential to mixed use of retail and light industry. Erection of rear extension to Knights barn cottage & garage & provision of glazed pergola to the rear of main house. DEFERRED pending further clarification.

Decisions received:08/00334/FUL Parcel 6030 Dunkerton Hill. Erection of three stables: REFUSED

08/00608/FUL Manor Farm, Farm Lane, Erection of stable and tack room: PERMITTED

Reports were received on the proposed Youth Club plans for which are well advanced. Congratulations were expressed to Cllr Witty and the application team of Ed Colston, Jody Watson, Becky Hawkins, Vicky Isaacs and Hetty Bray.

This was the last meeting attended by outgoing Clerk, Angharad Rhys-Roberts. The Parish Council thanked her for her efforts and wished her well for the future.

We have long felt that we do not have a true picture of the effort required to carry out the job of Clerk and have therefore decided that for a period of three months, the job will be done by the Chairman, Alex Martin. This will give us the time to evaluate the effort and to try to match that with a new appointment.

Next month will see the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm. Why not come along and listen to a review of the year and see officers of the parish council elected?

For full details of the meeting see the minutes posted on the Parish Council notice board and the village website.

THE WEDDING SEASON Many churches offer Marriage Preparation Courses to guide couples through this pre-wedding period, helping them develop a shared understanding of what their future together means by highlighting some of the key issues that being married can raise: communication, money, children, conflict, sex, roles and responsibilities, decision making.

The Resource Centre has several Marriage Preparation courses for loan. If there isn't one happening near you, or you simply can't make the sessions, you could follow one of the courses as a couple when it's convenient to you.

21st Century Marriage An 8 session DVD course to help you build a lasting relationship.

Growing Together A 7 week course including a session on the wedding day itself.

Other useful books:

1. Rules of Engagement by Katharine and Richard Hill Practical advice on planning the wedding day. Practical exercises and real life stories are also included to help couples learn skills and develop habits which will lay the foundations for a long and happy marriage.

2. Love, 100 readings in celebration of marriage and love. Readings for Weddings by Mark Oakley A collection of Bible readings, poems, hymns and prose for secular weddings, church ceremonies and services of blessing.

3. The Church Wedding Handbook All the information you need to plan the day. The legal, financial and practical aspects of arranging a wedding and reception are clearly set out, along with check-lists and timetables of all that needs to be done. There are chapters on the church wedding service, and help on choosing music, readings and hymns.

4. It's Your Move Do you know anyone taking the big step from Primary to Secondary School this summer? Remember how apprehensive you felt when you made that move yourself? There is brilliant little book produced by Scripture Union which is designed to give children confidence as they make this transition. You can buy individual copies for £2.99 or your church may want to consider donating copies to the Year 6 leavers at your local school: packs of 10 cost £12. For more details including a DVD telling the story of *It's Your Move!* go to www.scriptureunion.org.uk/itsyourmove , or phone 0845 0706006.

SUSTAINABLE WELLOW Thirty came to watch the film 'The Power of Community' on 25th March, on Cuba's successful, but unexpected experience to wean itself from oil dependence. Some twenty stayed behind to discuss 'where do we go from here?'. We decided to meet monthly in different people's homes to carry on this productive discussion. The April one is happening at Janet & Erica's as this goes to press. *Alick*

FROM THE PAST....The Tithe Map.

Finally, on the 4th of March we took the map to the Somerset Records Office in Taunton. The map is so big it needed a car and chauffeur all to itself!

We had booked an afternoon with the archivist who showed us exactly how the Tithe maps are cared for. We came away convinced that this was the very best place for it to be, away from the fluctuating temperatures of St Julian's vestry. Also he showed us a smaller, very colourful map of the village and surrounding fields which would be ideal for printing. We booked several items for digitising at the Records Office so in the near future, when the apportionment has been digitised, we should be ready to make discs available to all interested villagers. In spite of unforeseen delays we would like to thank our supporters for continued interest in the project.

Duncan Hammerton, Sue Hewlett and Colin Tremellen

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY *Friday 9th May* Visit to Malvern Spring Flower Show. LAST CHANCE to snap one or two of the remaining places on the Coach to this lovely Spring Show, the first RHS Show of the year where you get the chance to see what is current in the gardening world and to buy lots of plants from the growers. The cost is £25, which is made up as £15 for the entrance to the show and £10 for the coach, which the Society has subsidized. For more details please phone Susan Hewlett on 01225833781 or Shirley Betts on 01225833683.

Saturday 17th May THE PLANT SALE @ Wellow Village Hall. A chance to snap up a lovely plant at bargain prices! Please bring your plants too. Can they please be in a pot with a label saying the name of the plant and colour if appropriate. NO PLANTS IN PLASTIC BAGS. Plants can be brought to the Village Hall from 11.30 - 12.30 on the morning of the Sale. Doors open at 2pm. In addition to the plants there will be other stalls: The Potting Shed with lots of tools etc, Willow Baskets, John Cromaty with his bird boxes and bee boxes plus a raffle and of course refreshments. So lots to see and get - bring your friends and PLANTS please!

And for those that have not put the date in their diaries: *Saturday 6th September* THE 60TH WELLOW FLOWER SHOW! Watch this space for details. *Libby Kerr*