



Games and crafts, teaching, songs and whole lot of fun!

Monday 24th to Friday 28th August 2009

St John's Church, Peasedown

Ages: Reception to Year 6

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~ Wellow Church and Parish News ~

August 2009



Turning the other cheek by Matthew Street, based on Matthew 5:38-39

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' Yet I say to you, do not resist an evildoer, but if someone strikes you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek too. (Matthew 5:38-39)

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth - that is the rule we find in the Old Testament, and it is one some feel we should still live by today, not least the proponents of corporal and capital punishment. Most of us prefer a less extreme kind of justice, based, in theory at least on reform and reintegration rather than retribution. Should we be the one wronged, however, the desire for revenge would probably not be so far beneath the surface as we might like to think. What would we give to get our own back in such circumstances? If the chance were to present itself there is every possibility that we might just take it.

The law of Christ is different. It does not rule out some kind of retribution, for to do that would be to deny any kind of justice or morality in the universe, but it tells us to leave such matters in the hands of God. The best way to respond is with love, not hatred; to meet evil with good and inhumanity with compassion - a way exemplified by Gordon Wilson who, in November 1987, amazed the world by publicly forgiving the terrorists whose bomb at Enniskillen injured him and killed his daughter Marie. His humble Christian witness over the ensuing years, and that of others like him, has stirred hearts and quickened consciences, in no small part paving the way for new initiatives towards peace. I'm not sure that I could do what he did, for I know if someone harmed me or, worse still my loved ones, the desire for vengeance would be overwhelming. Yet I know too that such a response leads only to an endless cycle of violence and hatred that ultimately destroys all. It is the Gordon Wilsons of this world who help us to glimpse the logic of the way of Christ.

Sunday Services in August 2009

Radical living in a comfortable world:

Radical Behaviour

2nd August - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: Forgive one another - Ephesians 4:32

Speaker: Richard Fothergill

9th August - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: Bear one another's burdens

- Galatians 6:1-5

Speaker: Dick Beath

16th August - 10.45am

Morning Praise with Communion

Talk: Ephesians - 5:15-21

Speaker: Andy Fraser

23rd August - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: Serve one another -

Galatians 5: 13-15

Speaker: Michelle Ireland

30th August - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: Correct one another -

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Speaker: Matthew Street

Benefice Office

Open **9.00am-12.30pm**, Monday-Friday.

For anything Church related contact Nathan Hartley in the Benefice Office:

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Benefice Praise and Prayer

Every Monday, 7.45pm-9.30pm

@ The Cottage, High St, Wellow

(1st Monday of the month)

@ The Vicarage, Peasedown St John

(2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday's of the month)

'God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship 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.

Wellow Community Group

Starts @ 7.30pm

- Meets 2/4th Tues of the month @ The Cottage, Wellow
(*contact Pauline - 01225 832625 for details*)
- Meets 1st/3rd/5th Weds of the month @ Spring Hill House, White Ox Mead
(*phone Nigel & Jo for directions - 01761 437724*)

Date for your diaries:

Jane Gascoigne, our local Headteacher, will be having her induction service on Sunday 20th September - as part of our 10.45am morning service. Please come along and be a part of this special occasion.



Charity No: 1030727

Bar • Buffet • Raffle

with live music in the marquee!

**Saturday 5th September
8pm**

St. Julian's School Association invite you to dance the night away

to our own local band **Firefly**

**Tickets
£15**

For tickets contact:

Leanne McCrossan, 16 Manor Close, Wellow, Bath BA2 8RA. (T) 01225 835678 (M) 07890 517795
or **Emma Mannings**, 5 Brooklands, Dunkerton, Bath BA2 8BH. (T) 01761 432902 (M) 07745 016277

HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU? The village website has a new "What's On" section, with a rolling 6 week calendar of events and services, which will be updated regularly. The Wellow website is at www.wellowparish.info Just click on the "What's On in Wellow" button for news of future happenings in the village and local area.

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR ME? If you have events you would like to publicise or anything else you feel should be added to this rolling calendar at any time please email details to **Jackie Halle** jackiehalle@foxleaze.plus.com Or during social hours, telephone **834824** and I will then compile and send an update to Richard Holland, our wonderful webmaster! (If your news items are not acknowledged within 3 days, please try again or contact Megan on 840338) Looking forward to your input. *Jackie (Richard H & Megan W)*

HEATHER ANDREWS would like to thank all those who kindly sponsored her daughter Victoria to run in the British 10K race in London earlier this month. She was running, in aid of Help for Heroes/ Combat Stress. Combat Stress is a charity that helps service men and women who have been seriously traumatised by their experiences in conflicts such as Iraq and Afghanistan. 27,000 runners, including Victoria, ran the race through the streets of London in blistering heat. She raised over £1,200 - including nearly £300 in Wellow. She wishes to pass on her gratitude and is certain that all the donations are going to a very worthy cause.

CATHERINE BEALE COMMISSIONS @ WELLOW FLOWER SHOW Catherine will be showing a range of her paintings, prints and cards at her stand at the Wellow Flower Show. Call by for a chat and a browse of her very latest work including new portraits and Hinton Charterhouse in watercolours. Catherine Beale Email: catherine@catherinebeale.com Tel: +44 7891409490 www.catherinebeale.com

ST JULIAN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION will be hosting this year's party in the park in the marquee after the flower show from 8pm-late on the 5th september 2009. We hope that the noise won't disturb you too much and that parking won't be too much trouble. We will try and keep parking to the village hall and the village carpark. Please come and support us!

We are raising funds for St Julian's School outside project. This is to include permanent cover, shade for the outside learning, revamping our pond and nature area. Buying outside play equipment and eventually having a green house to grow our own fruit and vegetables. THANK YOU! Emma Mannings, Leanne McCrossan, and Tania Rorison (St Julian's P.T.A)

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

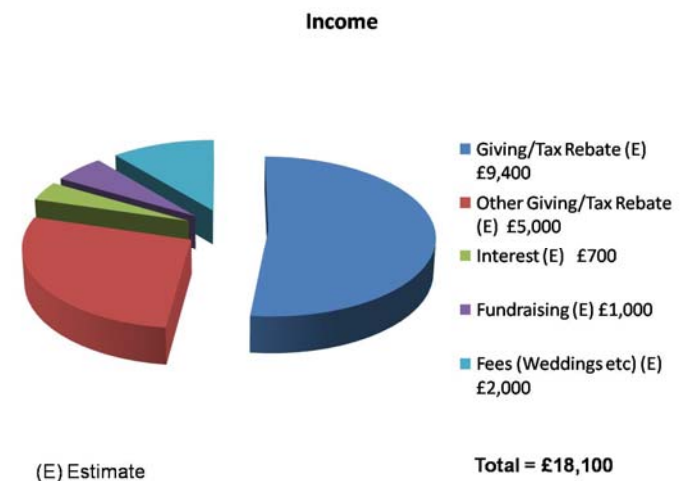
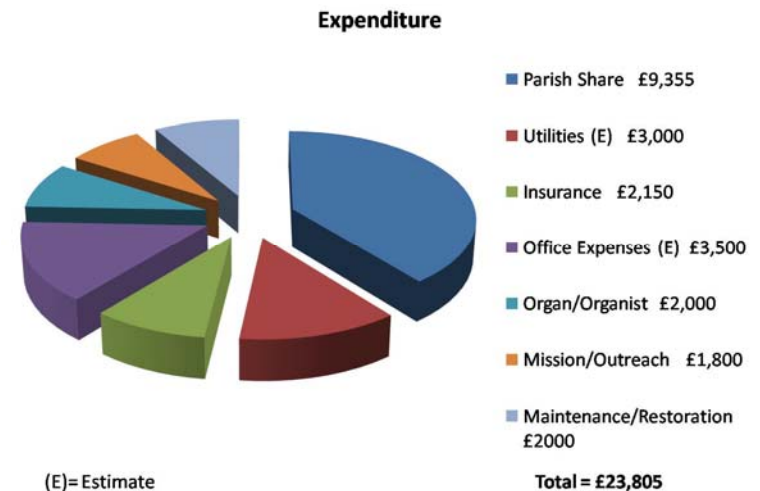
NEWSLETTER (PLEASE NOTE) From September Jenny Barr will be putting the newsletter together I will fill in when Jenny is unavailable, Colin & I will continue to collect, collate and deliver to the distributors.

Please may I have copy for the Parish News by the 20th of the month either email me Jenny Barr at jennybarr44@yahoo.co.uk or leave at the parlour shop or drop it down to me at Honeysuckle Cottage. Anyone wishing to advertise in the news is welcome if they come from the village it costs nothing although there is a charge for people from outside.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS: Several requests have been made for a quiet, 'no frills' service with traditional hymns. To see if this would press the right buttons, on Sunday 16th August and 13th September the Holy Communion Service at 10.45am will be just that and will be repeated monthly if successful. ARE YOU UP FOR IT?

ST. JULIAN'S CHURCH FINANCIAL CRISIS As so many people were unable to attend the meeting in the Village Hall on the 9th July having sent apologies, there have been requests for a summary of the meeting to be made available.

The church is old and historic and has been central to Wellow since medieval days. It is the responsibility of each generation to preserve it for the next. Currently, despite every endeavour of the Vicar, the regular members are too few in number (16) to meet the considerable costs of running and maintaining St. Julian's. There are extra sources of income from people in the parish, weddings etc. but a gap remains. Our income is some £18k per year against outgoings of almost £24k. The gap is some £6k which will be ongoing. Our capital is not sufficient to sustain this. Details of average income and expenditure are shown in the charts below.



It is not generally realised that there is no source of income for the Parish from the wider church.

Further measures are being considered to alleviate the situation. What is not possible is to keep the church open purely for weddings, funerals, baptisms and special festivals as the cost of the Parish Share (of Vicar's stipend, pension contributions etc.) insurance and upkeep of the building would still continue.

There are 5 key places in our village – the School, Fox & Badger, Village Shop, Village Hall and St Julian's Church. If any of these ceased to be we would all be the poorer for it. Unless we can increase our income the church may well have to close for lack of funds to keep it going and that is not something anyone would wish. Hence the appeals for help sent to all parishioners. We are most grateful to those who have responded and also to those who have offered to help with fundraising. Please help in either way if you can. If anyone wishes to contribute solely to the upkeep of the building and its insurance this can be done using a different STO form on request.

Church Flower Rota: 2nd August Julia Wyld, 9th August (Wedding), 16th August Libby Kerr/Val Cooper, 23rd August Libby Kerr/Val Cooper, 30th August Mari Bartholomew.

Church Cleaning Jenny Matthews & Margaret Cole.

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep the church looking so splendid.

PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Council met on 13th July, attended by 5 members of the public. A new planning application for Summerfield, Wellow was considered and because of disparity between information supplied by the applicant and the agent, the PC decided to submit only comments.

Now, two items of good news:

1) The Youth Club has been awarded a further £11,500 for the provision of an outdoor wooden house/shelter and a tree house. These works will be coordinated with other planned improvements to the play area in the current year.

2) Our application for a village minibus has passed the first stage of consideration and proceeds to the second stage where we are advised it stands a fifty/fifty chance of success.

Unfortunately these are followed by two items of bad news:

1) After more than three years of pursuing the shared space concept for the village, spending more than £3,000 of council tax payer's money on advice, consulting residents to obtain a consensus, receiving proposals on how it can be achieved from B&NES, a recently appointed senior manager in B&NES Highways has declared that shared space is not appropriate for Wellow! At no time in the past three years has anyone from B&NES suggested that this may be the case. This caused a lot of debate within the Parish Council and at the suggestion of our District Councillor, Neil Butters, we are urgently pursuing the matter by seeking a meeting with the B&NES Strategic Director of Customer Services where we shall strongly argue our case.

2) We have just been advised of a proposal to remove the mobile library service from Wellow and other locations in Bathavon South which will save B&NES the amazing sum of £1,000! This will mean that anyone who wishes to use the service will have to go to Peasedown St John where the mobile library will still visit or travel further to visit a permanent location. We will on your behalf be strongly resisting this proposal and you may wish to take up the matter directly through the normal consultation channels. Every representation is useful.

The Parish Council is taking a break during August and will meet again on Monday 14th September at 8pm in the village hall, please come along.

PLAY GROUND UPDATE The new designs for the playground will be presented at a meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday the 4th of August, at 7:30pm. The designers/contractors will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have. Please come along, we would like your feedback. *Jenny (835410) & Ruth (837751)*

WELLOW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Saturday 5th September, The Flower Show. I do hope you all have this date in your diaries and also have the show's schedule, planning your entries etc.

We are looking for HELP once again and I'm sure you will all rise to the occasion?

WHEN: Thursday 3rd September - Where: Playing Fields for putting up tents and setting up of the show - Time: 6pm

Your Reward: Our thanks and a hotdog/burger plus drink (max time: 2 hours).

Friday 4th September - any spare time from 10am 'til 8pm for final preparations - Playing Fields/Village Hall. Just come along.

Saturday - Help required for manning stalls/running games/gate duties/clearing up after the Show.

Any help you can give, what ever capacity, will hopefully contribute to a successful Village Show (1hour or 2 max).

Bridget Cook - 835024 or Shirley Betts - 833683 would love to hear from you.

SCHEDULE Hopefully you should all have one by now, however extras can be obtained from the Parlour Shop.

Apologies for a mistake to Alex Martin and friends of the late Ted Welch for omitting his Memorial Cup from the Schedule. It should read at the bottom of the Vegetable Section "The Ted Welch Memorial Cup will be awarded to any one living in the parish of Wellow for the highest points score in class 29-35".

COOKERY: The recipe for the Victoria Sponge Class 111 should also read 110g butter. Also needed, please:

BOTTLES of any shape or size - for the Bottle Stall. If you can spare one or two - please leave at the Village Shop or at the

Village Hall on 3rd, 4th and 5th September. *Many thanks*

BRIC-A-BRAC for the White Elephant Stall. Any small items you want to get rid of - however **NO CLOTHES** or **FURNITURE**. Please bring to the Village Hall on 3rd, 4th or 5th - unsold items will go to charity.

PLEASE NOTE ENTRIES FOR THE SHOW WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE WELLOW VILLAGE HALL between 7pm and 9pm on Thursday 3rd September and between 3pm and 8pm on Friday 4th September. No entries whatsoever will be accepted after this time. Any queries please check the Schedule. *Libby Kerr*

The Garden Party It had been raining all day nevertheless it was decided to go ahead with the party. At 6.00pm good people started to arrive at the Old Station with delicious food and goodies, still raining. By 6.30pm it stopped and 50 of us enjoyed increasingly blue skies, the lovely view across the valley and excellent food and wine. Good fortune indeed. Big thanks to Janet and Erica for sharing their attractive and original garden with us and to all who so generously cooked and provided the food.