

The Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow

The Parish of Wellow

~ Wellow Church and Parish News ~

September 2009



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

The God of love by Matthew Street based on 1 John 4:7-10, 16

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God; all those who love are born of God and know God. Whoever does not love knows nothing of God, for God is love. God demonstrated his love like this - he sent his only Son into the world in order that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. God is love, and all who dwell in love dwell in God, and God dwells in them. (1 John 4:7-10, 16)

On my shelves at home I have a variety of dictionaries and thesauri which I have cause to consult on innumerable occasions, and one of the things that invariably surprises me is the sheer complexity of words. A single term can have a wide range of nuances, and many have several completely different meanings. Even everyday terms can prove surprisingly difficult to define. You would have thought, then, that one word in particular would be harder to define than any - the word 'God' - and in a sense that is true, for you could probably find as many interpretations as there are people. Some would stress his holiness, others his power, others, again, his ineffability, so many aspects of God that could justifiably be highlighted.

What is truly remarkable according to John is that one word says it all: God is love! For some, such a definition is far too loose; so vague and insipid that it ends up saying nothing. Yet, the fact is that, when it comes to God, no other word will do, for God is love! It's as simple and straightforward as that - the one description that says it all, and if we lose that one simple truth, we lose everything. He longs to bless, not punish; to give, rather than take away; his nature always to have mercy, show kindness and fill our lives with good things. No, we don't deserve such goodness, for we continue to fail him, day after day, but that's what makes God's love so special, for, despite the feebleness of our response, it goes on cleansing, renewing, restoring, forgiving - refusing to let go, come what may. One word to describe the one true God, but what a word and what a God!

Sunday Services in September 2009

**Radical living in a comfortable world:
Radical Fruit**

6th September - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: The fruit of the spirit -

Galatians 5:16-25

Speaker: Grace Turner

13th September - 10.45am

Morning Praise with Holy Communion

Talk: Love - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Speaker: Matthew Street

20th September - 10.45am

Harvest

All Age Worship

To include baptisms and the induction of local Headteacher Jane Gascoigne

Led by: Matthew Street

27th September - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: Self control - 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-16

Galatians 5: 13-15

Speaker: James Taylor

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 Monday's)

'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)

St Julian's Flower Rota 2010

I'm now starting to put together the church flower rota for 2010. Thank you to those people who continue to make the church look nice each week. If you would like to get involved and put together flower displays in the church please get in touch (you'd be on a rota only 2-3 times per year).

**Nathan Hartley,
Church Administrator**

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.

Benefice Office

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

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

T: 01761 438808 (**note: new telephone number**) E: admin@ubpw.com

A: 25 Russet Way, Peasedown St John, Bath, BA2 8SS.

www.ubpw.com

Unacceptable material:

- kitchen waste whether raw vegetable waste or not. This means any waste that has been processed in a kitchen. It is illegal to compost this on community scale due to the animal By-product Act, but can easily be composted at home.
- commercial waste (generated by a person's employment)
- nappies
- coal ash
- soil, stones or hardcore
- culed dock, broad leaved dock, Himalayan balsam, spear thistle or common ragwort
- material known to be infected with clubroot or honey fungus
- material recently sprayed with weed killer
- thorny branches (eg roses and brambles)
- conifers of any type (they take a very long time to break down)

SOMERSET CHURCHES TOGETHER AUTUMN FORUM 2009

Christians Together in a Spiritual Age

Saturday, 17 October 2009

10.00 am – 3.45 pm

(Registration from 9.30 am)

Locking Castle Church, Weston Super Mare

Keynote Speakers:-

Rev. David Grosch-Miller,

Moderator, South Western Synod, United Reformed Church

Steve Hollinghurst,

Church Army Evangelist

Presentations, Workshops,

Displays and Resources.

Refreshments and Lunch Provided

For more information and booking form contact:

Robin Dixon, 25 Claverton Road West, Saltford, Bristol, BS31 3AL

e-mail: sctog@blueyonder.co.uk

Please may I have copy for the Parish News by the 20th of the month. Either email me at jennybarr44@yahoo.co.uk, 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 the village.

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

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

THE PARLOUR SHOP
Ode to the people of Wellow

Busy? No time to Shop?
Don't get caught on the hop.
Telephone us with your orders
You don't need to pass Wellow borders.
Collect from the Parlour Shop.
Saturday's by 12 O 'Clock
We'll do our very best
To help you enjoy your rest.

WELLOW COMMUNITY COMPOSTING CLUB – Open to members only

Please renew your memberships. Forms and User's Guides can be collected from Jackie Halle (849049) or at the shop. We will have a table at the Flower Show where you can also renew and pick up a User's Guide.

We will have a new batch of compost ready in early October to go on your gardens for an over winter mulch.

Please ensure you consult your User's Guide to see what can and cannot be left. We are still getting rose and bramble cuttings, which we cannot process and are very unpleasant to deal with.

Acceptable material:

For composting:

- lawn mowings
- dead plants
- weeds (except those listed opposite)
- allotment or home grown fruit and veg (not processed through a kitchen)
- soft prunings
- turf with small amounts of soil
- leaves (into leaf bin next to reception)
- wood chips and shreddings
- wood ash
- vegetarian animal bedding and manure (eg guinea pig, rabbit etc)

For shredding:

- woody prunings (not larger then 3 inches diameter)
- woody plant stems
- branches

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT During August, September and October the monthly Communion Service will be run on traditional lines, without comment or announcement between sections, as an experiment. This is identical to the 9.00am service at Peasedown. If this leads to good increases in attendance it may be possible extend the experiment.

The August service was successful, over thirty attended.

In accordance with a document from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York the communion is now taken in one kind only (bread). Only the celebrant takes the wine. This is because of the Swine Flu outbreak. Details are on the church porch notice-board.

ST. JULIAN'S CHURCH FINANCIAL CRISIS the response to our appeal for support has been terrific. To date we have received £3,060 in standing orders in addition to donations of £900 plus gift aid to be added to some of these. THANK YOU to all who have so generously contributed.

In addition on 25th July Pam pike, Lynne Doman and Avril and their family organised a lovely evening quiz in the Village Hall with great food. It was a huge success with some 52 people taking part. This raised the wonderful sum of £502 for church funds.

On Tuesday 11th August James Watts put on his second concert in the church. Over 40 people came to listen to a fine and varied selection of music singing and dance. We are fortunate to have such talent available to us. A further £55 was raised for the church. Thank you to James and his fellow musicians.

What wonderful response.

CHURCH CLEANING & FLOWER ROTA

<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
6 th September - Sue Hewlett	
13 th September - Sue Chivers	Claire Chapman
20 th September - Harvest	Siobhan Carter
27 th September - Sue Wordsworth	

CONCERT AT ST JULIAN'S CHURCH Thank you to all who supported our concert on the 11th of August, we made over £100 in donations and were able to give £55 towards church funds, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all, enjoying dance performance and a wide variety of different musical styles.

The date for **the next concert will be Friday 25th September, at 7.00pm** (note earlier starting time to allow for the darkening evenings, and to make it a bit easier for children attending). The evening will be fairly informal, and i encourage any one in the village wishing to contribute to contact me before hand. The concert will include the Cimarosa oboe concerto, arranged for oboe and piano played by myself and Christopher Symons. Also, the evening will contain a storey telling element, courtesy of local resident Catherine Mallory, as well as other local performers.

The concert is charged by donation, going to the church, and to cover performers expenses. So come and enjoy an evenings entertainment in the village, and support the church at the same time.

Best Wishes, *James Watts* (833086) jamesoboe@googlemail.com

Singing in Wellow Apologies to all who came to the proposed singing evening in July that was cancelled. Many people I have spoken to are keen to meet up and sing, and so I propose that we meet up on the Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm to sing and discuss how we best see the choir evolving, and the best times to meet on a regular basis. All welcome, regardless of how good you think you are, or weather or not you read music. Willingness is the most important element, so do come along and join us! Do contact me on the number above if you have any queries. Thanks, *James*.

WELLOW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Wellow Flower Show – SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2009

Help is required on:

Thursday evening, **3rd September**, 6pm onwards on the Playing Fields for the purpose of setting up tents and the main ring – the reward our very grateful thanks plus nibbles and a drink!

Friday **4th September**, 10am – 1pm – 4pm for lighter jobs, tea and coffee on tap – plus 5pm – 8pm for the actual setting up of the tables/chairs etc and the setting up of the main rings.

Saturday 5th September SHOW DAY

Any help before, during and after the Show will be fantastic. Please, please help in any way you can, our Committee is small, so anything will be appreciated.

Helping on the stalls or with the events – even half an hour will allow someone else to enjoy the show or if you want to design your own “skill” stall i.e. Darts, ‘Find the Bottle’ etc, please let *Duncan* (835840) know.

Sunday **6th September** 10.00 onwards – tent bringing down – weather permitting!

Don’t forget the Bottle Stall, your bottles, small or large can be left at the Parlour Shop/ Village Hall. Also Bric-a-brac can be brought to the Village Hall on Thursday or Friday afternoons. Please no clothes or furniture.

Pray for a sunny day – when the Committee hopes to see you all at the Show.

Dates for your diary:

FRIDAY 25th SEPT - Visit to Ladyfarm Gardens

This magical 12 acre garden is only half an hour drive away and is at its finest in autumn. One of the Daily Telegraph’s top ten gardens to visit, ‘Extraordinary, takes your breath away’ (The Independent), ‘Iconic garden for designers & plantspeople’ (The English Garden Magazine). Sumptuous gardens with 2 lakes, marginal planting, waterfall and a large ‘Steppe’ area and Prairie style planting.

We have arranged this private afternoon/early evening visit for 5.30-7pm(Ish) to enable those who work to hopefully finish early and come along with family and friends.

Travel will be in shared cars, leaving the Village Square at 5pm to arrive at 5.30pm (or make your own way there.) To get there, bearing right off the A39 onto the A368 by the petrol station, Ladyfarm Gardens is in Chelwood, and is sign-posted on the right. Go to www.ladyfarm.com for more information and directions. Cost £5 per person, children under 12 free and dogs to be kept on a lead.

Tea & Cake @ £2 per person, is served in the Summer House at the end of our visit and is highly recommended **BUT Mari does need to know numbers for the Tea & Cake order**. Please let her know this (or you’ll be sorry) and also for lifts offered and wanted or further information 01225 840889.

THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 7.30PM in the Village Hall ‘Putting your Garden to bed and Starting the New Year” with Simon Knight, trained horticulturist from Prior Park Gardens.

Libby Kerr

VILLAGE HALL The AGM of the Village Hall will be held on the 19th October at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcomed to this meeting which starts at 7.30pm in the Hall. This is the opportunity for any one who resides in the Parish to have their say or comment on how they would like the Hall to operate in the future. A new committee will be elected and any one who would like to become a member please submit their nomination to the Secretary Jenny Barr on 835410 by the 10th October.

The present Committee thanks everyone who has contributed on so many ways to the upkeep and welfare of the Village Hall.

The following were the Lucky Winners of the 150 club during August/September:

August

No. 82 Mrs J. Matthews
No. 75 Mr A. Clarke
No. 13 Mrs V. Hammerton
No. 47 Mrs R. Chivers

September

No. 77 Mrs. M. Bartholomew
No. 25 Mr. A. Elvin
No. 17 Mrs. K. Rivers
No. 65 Mr. G. Pike

Congratulations to all the Winners.

You could have a Lucky 150 Club Number – Drawn every Month cost £1 per month. Interested then contact *Jenny Barr* 835410/ *Andy Clarke* 840313.

For Village Hall Bookings or enquiries contact *Vicky Hammerton* on 07985 302345

Many Thanks, *Shirley Betts* 833683

LUNCH CLUB After 2 months break for the summer holidays, the September lunch will be on Thursday 24th at 1pm in the Village Hall. If you usually come along to the lunch but are unable to do so this month, please let us know as far in advance as possible in order for us to cater for the correct number of people. Many thanks *Janet Earp* 835254