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BRIDGING THE GAP

Questions About Jesus

February 2010

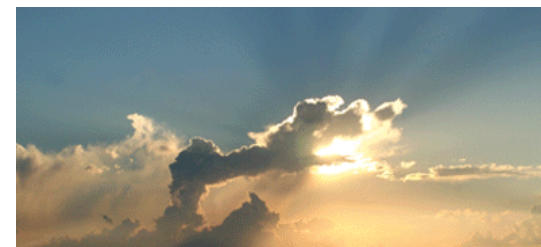
- Feb 07th Ten Lamps Swap Sunday
Why is Jesus better than other teachers? John 10:22-39
- Feb 14th How can Jesus be fully human yet be 'God with flesh on'?
Mark 9:2-8, 16:13-16
- Feb 21st Why is the death of Jesus so important? Mark 15:21-41
- Feb 28th Guest and Baptism Service – Paul's life changing meeting
Acts 9:1-9

The Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow

The Parish of Wellow

~ Wellow Church and Parish News ~

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The God who has time for us by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Matthew 9:9

As he walked by, Jesus spotted a man named Matthew sitting at the custom house, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' Matthew 9:9

Few events can have elicited such a massive public display of grief as the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Theories abound as to what it was about her that captured the public imagination, but the quality most often cited is the fact that she had time for people. Whether it was the victim of a landmine or an AIDS sufferer, she showed that she cared, and she did it in such a way that people believed they really mattered to her. There was something very akin to this in the experience of Matthew.

As a tax collector, and thus a collaborator with the Romans, he was used to rejection and hatred, to people passing him by with a gesture of contempt or simply ignoring him altogether. Suddenly, though, here was Jesus, not just stopping to talk with him, not simply looking him in the eye, not even merely treating him as a person, but asking him to follow, to become his disciple. It must have been an astounding moment, and we can well imagine Matthew pinching himself to make sure he wasn't dreaming! Yet it was true, and not just for him but for us. God has time for everyone of us. For all his splendour and sovereignty, he values us as individuals and wants us to be a part of his kingdom. That, too, is a mind-boggling fact, a truly astonishing invitation: have we begun to grasp it?

Sunday Services in February

Bridging the Gap:
Questions about Jesus

**Sunday 7th February - 10.45am
Morning Praise**

Talk: 'How can Jesus be fully human yet be God with flesh on?'

Speaker: William Olhausen

**Sunday 14th February- 10.45am
Ten Lamps Pulpit Swap Sunday
Morning Praise**

Talk: 'Why is Jesus better than other teachers?'

Speaker: Guy Edwards

**Sunday 21st February - 10.45am
Morning Praise**

with Holy Communion

Talk: 'Why is the death of Jesus so important?'

Speaker: Richard Fothergill

**Sunday 28th February - 10.45am
Guest Service**

Morning Praise

Talk: 'Paul's life changing meeting'

Speaker: Matthew Street

St John's Peasedown

1st Sunday - 9.00am SE 4.30pm SF
2nd Sunday - 9.00am HC 4.30pm SF
3rd Sunday - 9.00am SE 4.30pm SF+HC
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.

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)

Want to keep in touch?



St Julian's Church (along with St John's Peasedown) now send out a weekly e-newsletter with all the last news and views from around the Benefice. To keep up to date with what's happening in your village church email admin@ubpw.com to subscribe to the mailing list.

Benefice Office

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

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

T: 01761 438808

E: admin@ubpw.com

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

Benefice Praise and Prayer

**Every Monday, 7.45pm-9.30pm
@ The Vicarage, Peasedown St John**

'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.

Please may I have copy for the Parish News before 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

BRIDGING THE GAP - this year's sermon series concerning the questions of life have got off to a good start. With this newsletter you will have received a card telling you about the February sermons. We hope you will be invited by a church member to come to a service which could help answer some of your questions – but don't wait for a personal invitation, come, you will be assured of a warm welcome and coffee afterwards, even if the church building is not warm – put on some warm clothes – the service only lasts for an hour. If you bring children they are welcome to go to the Vestry where it is warm and there are materials for activities – we will try to provide care so that you can enjoy the service. **THIRD SUNDAY** - there is now a traditional liturgical communion service, identical to the 9.00am service at Peasedown, do come!

Wellow Community Group – will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month – if you would like to join us but cannot make Tuesdays, please let us know which evening would suit you. We meet at Pauline Preddy's house at 7.45pm for coffee and cakes and then discussion on the sermon/series, or any other questions puzzling you. Hope to see you soon!

A big thank you to all who decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas and those who help so faithfully all the year round in any way.

WELLOW FESTIVAL WEEK – 17th - 27th JUNE 2010.

If you missed the November meeting do come to the next meeting in **THE VILLAGE HALL ON Thursday, 18TH February, at 8.00pm**. Notes on the last meeting will be distributed to those who attended. If you plan to come to the next meeting and be involved ask Colin (833506) or Pauline (832625) for copy. There were many exciting suggestions for the week and we hope that everyone will be involved or take part and enjoy themselves.

The Churchwardens

CHURCH CLEANING & FLOWER ROTA

Cleaning

Liz Hunt

Jenny Matthews

Flowers

7th February - Victoria Hamilton

14th February - Di Dalgleish / Sue Wordsworth

17th February - Sue Chivers

21st February - Clover Holland

28th February - S. Lewis / A. Dennes / J. Burnett

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

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on a very cold and frosty 11th of January and was attended by six hardy members of the public. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the new Parish Clerk, Geoff White to his first meeting looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship.

A brief résumé of major items discussed: Two new applications were discussed, the first for Church Farm House Wellow. Erection of single storey extension following demolition of 1970's extension. (Resubmission) was unanimously supported and the second for works to a tree in The Batch, Mill, was also supported. The budget for the coming financial year was discussed and we are pleased to report that the precept requested from B&NES as an addition to Council Tax has been held at last year's level. The Council received a report on the outcome of a meeting held between representatives of the Parish Council and the Cabinet Member for Customer Services with our District Councillor in attendance to discuss the impasse over traffic calming proposals. We are pleased to report that a positive outcome has been achieved and our proposals have been largely accepted with the offer of further discussion on those items remaining outstanding. It is anticipated work will commence in the spring

In addition to Cllr Andrews, all those concerned with the staging of the singing of carols around the Christmas tree on The Batch were warmly congratulated. Thanks were also expressed to the Staple Hill band of The Salvation Army for their excellent playing. The public collection raised the magnificent sum of £274 passed to the Salvation Army for use in their good works. This was a magnificent response and is a new record for this event. ...Wellow comes up trumps again!

Our next meeting will be held 8th Feb 8pm in the Village Hall. All members of the public are encouraged to attend and may address the Council on any subject they wish.

For full minutes of the meeting please our notice board or visit the parish website.

Alex Martin

WELLOW REMEMBERED – A TALK ON WELLOW PAST

The Talk that was going to be held on the 21st January has unfortunately had to be cancelled. It will now take place on the 11th March at 7:30pm. Tickets are available in the shop and from Vicky Hammerton (835840).

If you have already bought tickets they will of course be valid on the 11th March.

Vicky Hammerton

ST. JULIAN'S SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone from the children and staff of St Julian's School, Wellow.

I need to put the record straight following our entry to the Parish News last month. It was not clearly stated that the poem written by Robbie Beale in Year 5, Class 4, was written following a unit of work on poetry and in particular focus on "The Journey of the Magi" by T.S. Eliot. The children had read and discussed the poem in class and been asked to write their own version of the poem. We felt that Robbie had done this particularly well and showed understanding of the original poem. It is good that so many of you read the poem.

Although the snow caused difficulties with the start of the new year for us, we are very excited about the project we are focusing on in school. We are using the "Saint George and the Dragon" painting by Paolo Uccello to inspire our learning. Let us know if you have any information or ideas to inspire the children's learning.

Jane Gascoigne
Head teacher

LEMONS AND HONEY COOKERY STUDIO AND SCHOOL

Programme for children and young cooks:

Children's Cookery

4 - 8 year olds

Saturday 13th February. 10:30 - 12:30

Cooking for Valentines day

Young Cook's Cookery: Sugar Craft

9 - 14 year olds

Saturday 13th February. 2:30 - 4:30

Make something special for Mothering Sunday

Children's Cookery

4 - 8 year olds

Saturday 27th March. 2:30 - 4:30

Easter cookery

Children's Cookery

4 - 8 year olds

Saturday 13th February. 2:30 - 4:30

Simply baking Bath buns and cakes

Cookery birthday parties and regular pre-school cookery classes 'Cooking with / without Mummy' also available.

All 2 hour sessions: £20

For Adults:

'Cooking from the box' - a Riverford cookery demonstration and light lunch

Thursday 11th February. 10:30 - 1:30

Price £10

For more information please contact Julia on 01225 849049

JAMES WATTS still has spaces available after school to teach instrumental lessons in recorder, flute, clarinet, oboe, piano, guitar, ukelele and music theory. Also, James will also be starting two after school group music classes at his home, the Maltings, just down the hill from the school. The classes will be for groups of up to 5 children, to share in their musical learning with their peers. The Monday class will be to learn recorder, the Tuesday class will be to work with a variety of instruments, including piano and percussion. Both classes will start to teach the basics of theory and notation. The classes will be an hour long, from 3.30-4.30, and arrangements can be made to pick your child up from St. Julian's School if this is helpful to you. The cost will be between £5-£10 depending on the numbers in the class. Monday and Tuesday are the proposed days for the classes, but alternatives can be found if the need is there. Please contact James to register on the class, and for any further information.

jamesoboe@googlemail.com 833086

MAGIC BOX PRE-SCHOOL

Magic Box Pre-School runs from Wellow Village Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during term time from 9.15am-2.45pm. We currently take children from 2 ½ to 4 years. We have a high child/staff ratio and excellent resources as well as good access to the outdoor environment. Sessions are free for government funded children (terms and conditions apply)

There are currently places available, please contact our registration secretary, Jenny Barr on 835410 for further information.
Ruth Brown

SAFARI SUPPER - 6th February Saturday.

By the time this goes to print the numbers will have been fixed for this event and we are now hoping the evening will be frost, snow and rain free! I will be contacting everyone who is coming after 31st January with where they begin their safaris! Please can people be prompt and arrive at 7.30pm for the Starter Course. You will be given where you go for the Main Course there. The evening will finish at the Village Hall for Puddings, Cheese and Coffee. Please contact me if you need more information or have any worries.
Libby Kerr (833589)

WELLOW PARK

Work on the park has now begun, and should be completed within the next six weeks. A plan of the new park is available on the notice board inside the village hall.

Magic Box Pre-School are currently looking at adding a wooden gazebo/outdoor classroom to the park. This would provide shelter from the sun, wind and rain both for the pre-school children and for the whole community. A picture of the proposed structure is available on the notice board inside the village hall. If you have any questions or comments (or would like me to email you details of the structure), please contact me at jennybarr44@yahoo.co.uk or on 835410.
Jenny Barr

LOOKING FOR A SMALLER HOUSE?

After 13 years in our lovely Canteen Cottage our growing family make it too small for us to continue living here. We will have to sell our house and find another one, putting our house on the market in the coming weeks. We will be really sad to leave our house, but would be even sadder to leave Wellow. So, if you are living in a house that's a little too big for you, and might consider downsizing while still staying in Wellow, why not consider some sort of house exchange with us?

You could get an idea of our house by looking at pictures at www.flickr.com/bathknights/. Or, just give us a call at 833765 if you would like to come around.
Jonathan and Di

WELLOW WRIGGLERS TODDLER GROUP

Come along to our friendly toddler group to meet with other mums and children at Wellow Village Hall on Tuesdays from 9.15am-11.00am term time. Activity table, snack time, free play, story time and singing.
Ruth Brown (837751)

WELLOW TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The afternoon of Sunday 6th December saw 24 players contest the first Wellow TT tournament. It was an enjoyable but fiercely fought afternoon with a remarkable standard of play. After a nail biting finish Paul Lewis was crowned the champion with Ben Halle, runner up. Thanks to all for turning up and playing. £80 was raised for the St Julian's church fund and we hope to hold another tournament in 2010!

Di, Liz & Erica - TT committee

SAVE THE DATE : Saturday 27th March 2010

Magic Box Pre-School Easter Fair
Wellow Village Hall/Playground, 2:00-4:00pm
Cake Stall, Face Painting, Teas and Coffees, Tombola, Raffle, Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt. Come along! Lots of fun for everyone!
We are currently collecting tombola and raffle prizes. If you would like to donate something please give it to Ruth Brown or Jenny Barr.
Clare Hardy

LUNCH CLUB

The February lunch will be on Thursday 25th at 1pm in the Village Hall. If you are unable to come along, please let us know as soon as possible.
Many thanks, *Janet Earp (835254)*

WELLOW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Committee are being busy planning this year's events and talks. Our first date is:

Thursday 25th February 7.30pm for 8pm start - A Quiz Evening in the Village Hall. Tables of 4, at £2 per head. Bring your own Bottle - nibbles will be provided. February is a grizzly month so do come and have some fun. Please let Shirley Betts have your Team Name or just names - 833683.

PROVISIONAL Dates for your diaries are:

Tuesday 23rd March - A talk on Vegetables, in the Village Hall 7.30pm
Thursday 22nd April - Talk and Demonstration in the Village Hall 7.30pm
Saturday 8th May - Society's Annual Plant Sale
Saturday 5th June - Visit to Hanham Court, Nr. Bitton in own cars.
Friday 2nd July - Garden Party, kind permission of Justine and Billy Wright.

The remainder of the year will follow, so watch this space for confirmation and information, please.

I would like to highlight the Plant Sale on 8th May and ask please could you sow a few extra things for this or when you are clearing away the Winter and find self sown babies, pot them up and bring them along. Any profit from this event helps the Society and the Flower Show later in the year, Saturday 4th September! Very many thanks.

Lastly, Membership to the Society is now due, the sub remains the same as last year and the year before! Below is the application form, please let Janet or Sue have it and on receipt you will receive the Programme for the Year and with it all the benefits of being a member such as: Free entry to all talks and demonstrations, free entry to the Annual Flower Show, 5% discount at Prior Park Nursery, 10% discount at Norton Green Nursery, Chilcompton, regular newsletters and subsidised garden visits when possible.

Here's to a good productive Gardening Year.

Libby Kerr

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Membership and renewal of membership for the year 2010 is now due on 1st February 2010.

We would love more members, which in turn will bring fresh ideas and thoughts to the Society. The Programme Secretaries have some interesting talks for the coming year with outings scheduled in the Summer/Autumn. There will be our annual plant sale in mid May on a Saturday; where bargains can be had! We do ask members to think ahead for this and divide and plant things for it. So if you have never been to one of the meetings, do come along and discover more about the Society. With your Membership Card a discount can be had from Prior Park Nurseries- 5%, and Norton Green Nursery, Chilcompton – 10%.. Other nurseries and garden centres may well offer a discount when you show the Card.

Membership includes free entry to all talks and demonstrations throughout the year and the annual Flower Show and Country Fair. There is a Garden Party in the Summer plus a delicious AGM. All this plus the Society's Newsletter four times a year with gardening tips. Pretty good value we think!

Libby Kerr

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Membership/Renewal Form.

I/We would like to join/renew my/our membership for the year 2008.

£6 – Individual Membership THE SUBSCRIPTION REMAINS THE
SAME AS LAST YEAR!

£10 – Family Membership.

Name:.....

Address:.....

..... Email:

..... Telephone Number:

Please make cheques payable to the Wellow & District Horticultural Society and send to:

Janet Plater & Sue Wilford
The Old Station, Station Road, Wellow. Tel: 01225 837944

WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE LIVING IN WELLOW?

This was the question explored by Wellow Futures, with the backing of the Parish Council, through talking directly to residents over the last few months. Although this exercise has and continues to be undertaken by Wellow Futures it has the full backing of the Parish Council who see it as a valuable aid to achieving some of the aims of the parish plan. Some two hundred households were interviewed in the largest collective brain-storm since the parish plan three years ago.

Thank you to everyone who participated, to those who put forward new ideas, to those who offered to help make them happen, and especially to the team of more than 20 'volunteers' who contacted and talked directly to householders. Now that the findings have been collated, the next stage will be to get projects off the ground and running. One of the first will be a new Welcome Pack – information for newcomers (and the rest of us) on what's available, when and where, who to contact, etc in Wellow. Watch out for further updates on this and other Wellow Futures projects.

Alick Bartholomew, Alex Martin, Rosemary Todd

WELLOW MINIBUS Thank you very much to those who have completed Wellow minibus questionnaire forms or given information about their transport needs, which is very much appreciated. We will be collating all the information over the next two weeks, so it's not too late to email or phone details of the ideal times that you would like a bus service to run from Wellow into Bath via Odd Down, or to suggest other destinations (ie the surgery at Peasedown or anywhere you go regularly) as we could look into possibly adding destinations to the bus route, depending of course on driver/budget availability.

As far as the costs of bus journeys goes, once we know how often and where people would like to go, we can work out the cost of running the service and therefore the price of each journey. It will be a non-profit making service, so fares will be kept as low as possible.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to drive the bus. The more drivers we have, the more journeys we can make. We have a head start through a generous offer by Wellow resident and director of Crisp & Cowley estate agents, Charles Everitt. Charles has offered sponsorship towards paying for a professional driver, which is fabulous news and we hope it may encourage other companies to follow suit! Allen Ford of Bath have also offered sponsorship in the form of a best-price ex-fleet minibus and free minibus servicing.

We hope to attract more companies or organisations who may be keen to support this very worthwhile, rural, eco-friendly, community project and are also talking to BaNES about a possible council contribution. Supporters of the Wellow Community Minibus would have their company name liveried on the side of the bus, so if you know anyone who may consider contributing towards the cost of a regular minibus driver, please let us know! Likewise, if you know of a local driver, perhaps recently retired, who may be interested in a paid part-time driver role, please ask them to get in touch.

We are in the process of forming a Wellow Minibus Group, which currently includes Peter Downey as Chairman, Rosemary Todd, Megan Witty, Alistair Colston and David Halewood. We urgently need a Treasurer, as without one the Wellow minibus scheme will not get off the ground! Please would someone be kind enough to volunteer? It could initially just be a temporary role until we find someone more long term.