



BRIDGING THE GAP
Questions About
the Holy Spirit

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March 2010

- Mar 07th Who is the Holy Spirit? Joel 2:28-29
- Mar 14th Mothering Sunday – All Age Worship Services
(Wellow & Soul Food only)
- Mar 21st Annual Parochial Church Meeting's (Wellow & Soul Food only)
- Mar 28th What does the Holy Spirit do? Acts 1:4-9

The Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow

The Parish of Wellow

~ Wellow Church and Parish News ~

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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!

Sunday Services in March

Bridging the Gap:
Questions about the
Holy Spirit

Sunday 7th March - 10.45am
Morning Praise

Talk: 'Who is the Holy Spirit?'
Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 14th March - 10.45am
Mothering Sunday

Morning Praise
Speaker: Joy Fraser

Sunday 21st March - 10.45am
Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

Morning Praise
with Holy Communion
Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 28th March - 10.45am
Palm Sunday

Morning Praise
Talk: 'What does the Holy Spirit do?'
Speaker: Richard Fothergill

** During the APCM, elections will be held to elect two people to the PCC. To be able to vote you need to be on the St Julian's Church Electoral Roll. To register contact Charles Kerr before March 6th: 01225 833589*

For information about
Easter events and
services this year turn
to page 11

Church Community Groups

White Ox Mead Community Group,
starting at 7.30pm Meets 1st/3rd/5th Weds of
the month @ Spring Hill House, White Ox
Mead (phone Nigel & Jo for details - 01761
437724)

Wellow Community Group, 7.30pm, Meets
2/4th Thu of the month @ The Cottage, Wellow
(contact Pauline: 01225 832625 for details)

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.

The Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow

Easter Events and Services 2010

Maundy Thursday, 1st April

St John's Church Peasedown
Last Supper Meditation
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Good Friday, 2nd April

Peasedown Methodist Church
10.00am - 10.45am - PSJ Churches Together United Service
10.45am - 11.30am - Family Walk of Witness
11.30am - 12.30am - Coffee + Hot Cross Buns at
Peasedown Methodist Church

Easter Day, Sunday 4th April

St John's Church, Peasedown
Easter Day Holy Communion
9.00am - 10.00am

St Julian's Church Wellow
Easter Day Holy Communion
10.45am - 11.45am

St John's Church, Peasedown
Easter Day 'All Age Worship' followed
by an Easter Egg Hunt
4.30pm - 5.30pm

*For more information about any of these events and services contact the
St Julian's Church Office on 01761 438808 or by emailing: admin@ubpw.com*

The Age of Stupid...

... will be shown in the Village Hall on Thurs. 25th March at 7pm. It features Pete Postelthwaite as The Archivist, the last man alive in 2055 who, from a tower in Norway with London under water, Vegas under sand and Sydney burning, wonders why people in 2009 did nothing to stop the eco-catastrophe that was staring them in the face. A must-see experience! It will be followed by a discussion of how people react to this dramatic and disturbing film. *Alick Bartholomew*, co-sponsored by *Wellow Futures*, and by the *North East Somerset Liberal Democrats* who are kindly providing the film and the equipment.

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT MARCH 2010 We look forward to exciting events during June. Turn to page four about **www.wonderfulwellowweek.do.come** - ten days of varied activities and we hope fun for everyone in the village.

CURATE You may have heard that the Benefice now has a curate – Evelyn Lee-Barber, Matthew is her mentor. She was due to come and be introduced to us on the Sunday when snow caused the service to be cancelled. She is training in London. She will gradually take more part in services – we look forward to her input and pray both she and we will be blessed by her ministry among us. She will not be in the parishes every week. This involves no cost to the Benefice, as she is funded outside our Benefice.

THE FILLING STATION The Revd Richard Fothergill, besides being our Associate Minister has set up another form of church – already there are Filling Stations in Box and Priston. Now we are having one at Hinton Charterhouse – the last Thursday in each month. It is an opportunity for less formal, praise and worship and encouragement to help us grow as Christians. There are notices in the Parlour Shop and in the Church. Check out the parish web-site – there are more details.

A FLOWER FESTIVAL is planned for Friday, 18th June to Sunday, 20th June. Valerie Pike has kindly agreed to act as co-ordinator she sends this invitation.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - CALLING – Wellow Church Flower Arrangers and ANYONE who would like to do an arrangement to help make our church look beautiful for the Flower Festival in June. Our theme will be “Hymn We Love”. **PLEASE** come to a **COFFEE MORNING** at Little Owl Barn, White Ox Mead on Wednesday 24th March at 11.00. a.m.
Valerie Pike

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CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN Saturday, 24th April 2010. Join us for a hearty Breakfast at 9.00. a.m., followed by THE spring clean. More details nearer the time!
The Churchwardens

CHURCH CLEANING & FLOWER ROTA

Cleaning

Erica Smith
Janet Plater

Flowers

1st March - Clover Holland
8th March - S. Lewis / A. Dennes / J. Burnett
15th March - S. Lewis / A. Dennes / J. Burnett
22nd March - Mary Porter. (*Poses - Julia & Victoria*)
29th March - Mari Bartholomew

WWW. WONDERFULWELLOWWEEK.DO.COME

This is the name chosen for a week of fun and village activities coupled with a bit of fund raising for the church. This is not an actual website! The week will be from Friday 18th June to Sunday 27th. The full schedule of events is not quite finalised but is planned to include the following:

- Flower Festival in St .Julian's Church starting in the afternoon of Friday 18th June to Sunday 20th
- Concert in the church on the evening of Wednesday 23rd
- Campfire and singing with a roast and camping overnight for families Friday 25th
- Open gardens and art studios around the village on Saturday 26th
- Treasure hunt around the village throughout the week
- Golf similar to the hugely successful Wellow Championship in 2008 with preliminary rounds in the previous week. The finals and children's golf during WWW
- Sports tournaments to be finalised.
- Tennis ball and duck race down Mill Hill and Wellow Brook on Saturday 26th
- Wellow historical tours on evening on Monday 21st and the afternoon of 22nd
- Short Service of celebration and thanksgiving 6.30pm on Sunday 27th

We are delighted that so many people have offered help for the various events but we will need more. If you feel you would like to help with any of the events please ring either Colin on 833506 or Pauline on 832625.

We do need help now with publicity and the design of programmes & posters we would welcome anybody with expertise in this area.

PLEASE KEEP THIS WEEK CLEAR IN YOUR DIARIES AS IT WILL INCLUDE FUN FOR EVERYONE.

CHURCH OPENING We are so grateful to those who make it possible for the church to be open every day. So many visitors are delighted to find the church open. We really need to have a few more volunteers for when people are on holiday, move, or are unable to make it. If you could possibly spare a regular day a week, or join a reserves list it would enable us to keep the church open. Please let Colin Tremellen (833506) know and he will be pleased to add your name to the list.

FREE RECORDS I have a large collection of VINYL long playing records which I have collected over many years. They are mostly of music which comes under the heading "Easy Listening" or " Middle of the Road" E.g. James Last orchestra, Frank Sinatra , Shirley Bassey, Nat king Cole, compilation recordings musicals, Films e.t.c. I can honestly say they are in good condition and in their sleeves. I am not asking any thing for them. However , I would like to see a donation for the WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE.

If you are interested please phone me on the number below to make sure I am home. Unfortunately I Do not have a car to deliver.

Many Thanks

Alan Taylor (837894) "Wensdale" (opposite Hungerford Terrace)

FOR SALE Childs cot and mattress in good condition, used occasionally for visiting family. Cost £35. Please phone Wellow 833781 if interested.

AVON CATALOGUE Want an Avon catalogue? Call Sarah on 07729 622903, or pick one up at the village shop.
Sarah

CHILDMINDER I am a Childminder with sixteen years experience. I live in Wellow and have spaces available for daytime and before and after school. I also do babysitting. For more information call Sarah on 07729 622903
Sarah Preddy

GRANNY TREK

The date of this year's (fifth) Granny Trek for Children's Hospice South West is Sunday, 25th April 2010. This popular event held at Charlton Farm, Wraxall (the second children's hospice for the south west region) is regularly attended by hundreds of people. Entire families join in, including the dog! and they walk with Granny, for Granny or in memory of Granny. It's a celebration of family life and raises many thousands of pounds each year to help ease the difficult journey travelled by those who will lose a beloved child before adulthood.

For those who are perplexed by the name Granny Trek – help is at hand. The book "Granny Trek" will be launched at this year's event, with all profits donated to Children's Hospice South West. Written by 'Granny' Beryl Griffiths, it describes her 600 mile trek across Middle England and South Wales with her two dogs, plus a friend to look after them. It will be on sale through the web site !! www.grannytrek.co.uk – but why not come along and buy your signed copy at Charlton Farm on the day?

Beryl Griffiths

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.
Jenny Barr

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

SAFARI SUPPER I would like to thank everyone who came, and especially the Hosts/Hostesses and Pudding Makers. I hope everyone enjoyed exploring the village and getting to know a few more people. I reckon we are a pretty special lot! Anyhow, we have, amazingly, been able to give to St. Julian's Church the sum of £742.30p

Libby Kerr

WELLOW COMMUNITY BUS

Everybody is invited to a short meeting to launch the **Wellow Community Bus Group** on Monday 8th March at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Do come if you'd like to use the bus, or if you're willing to drive it sometimes as a volunteer, or if you'd just like to show your support. An occasion to celebrate with a glass of wine.

Peter Downey, Megan Witty, Rosemary Todd

CHRIS VENTON Donations for Chris amounted to £500 and I have sent this to Kidney Research UK. I chose Kidney Research (and I know Chris would have agreed), as we lost our first son (Mark), in 1955 due to nephritis - inflammation of the kidneys. He was 2 years and 9 months.

Les

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)

SHATTER - BY MICHAEL ROBOTHAM

Two ladies visited the Fox and Badger recently to see whether the pub matched the description in a book they had just read. The book was called 'Shatter' by an Australian author called Michael Robotham.

Being curious, I looked him up on the internet and ordered a copy of the book - it is a thriller set in and around Wellow and mentions the Fox and Badger, and surrounding areas.

The Times wrote:

Shatter is a gripping journey into the weaknesses and strengths of the human psyche, a story of humanity and inhumanity and how one can become the other. A compulsive read you will be desperate to get to the end not daring to miss a word'. Shatter also won the Ned Kelly Award for the best Australian crime novel in 2008!

I know that there are several book reading groups in Wellow and thought you may be interested in this book that mentions very familiar territory. I emailed Mr Robotham and asked him why he chose Wellow and he replied saying he originally was going to base it in Norton St Phillip and the George Inn but after travelling through Wellow decided to use the Fox and Badger instead. He has visited the pub on a couple of occasions to do his research and his next novel, due to be released in June 2010, is again based around here and the first murder is actually in Wellow!

He has promised he will let me know when he is in the UK later this year and will come and visit the pub again - perhaps some of you from the reading groups here in Wellow would like to come and talk to him if I can persuade him?? Please let me know if you are interested.

Finally, I now have quite a good collection of books kindly donated by locals in my Book Exchange - come in and take a look if you want a good read!

Susanne, The Fox and Badger

PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Council met on 8th February and was attended by 6 members of the public.

Three planning applications were discussed: Manor Lodge, Farm Lane, Wellow - provision of external stairs and side dormer for access and fire escape; Bourne Farm, Double Hill, Wellow - erection of a new steel framed apex building for agricultural storage. Both received the support of the Council.

The third application: Field Parcel 7715, Ford Road, Wellow - provision of an agricultural track (Part retrospective) raised a lot of comment. A decision to object to the proposal was unanimously passed on lack of justification, environmental impact and highways considerations.

We have nothing further to report on traffic calming measures but we are able to advise that improvements to the children's play area at the Village Hall are fast reaching completion. These improvements will provide a much more exciting facility for children to enjoy.

Our District Councillor, Neil Butters gave an update on the Two Tunnels Project advising that work to dig out the Devonshire Tunnel was scheduled for before the end of the financial year but was subject to a delay because of requiring planning permission. For full details of the meeting check the minutes on the Parish Notice Board or website.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 8th March at 8pm in the Village hall. All members of the public are encouraged to attend and may address the Council on any subject they wish.

Alex Martin

WELLOW VILLAGE HALL

150 Club Winner's (January)

No. 135	£30	Sylvia Kyte
No. 80	£10	Dianne Whetter
No. 3	£7	Leslie Bailey
No. 95	£5	Rex Williams

Congratulations to all the Winners and thank you to every one for your support of the 150 Club

If you would like to join £1 per month get your lucky number from Andy Clarke (840313) or Shirley Betts (833683).

EASTER FAIR & OPENING OF THE PLAYGROUND

Magic Box Pre-School are holding an Easter Fair at Wellow Village Hall/Playground on Saturday the 27th of March from 2 - 4pm.

There will be lots to do including a Cake Stall, Face Painting, Teas and Coffees, Tombola, Raffle, Easter Bonnet Parade and an Easter Egg Hunt
Come along! Lots of fun for everyone!

We will be holding a raffle and tombola, if anyone has any raffle or tombola prizes that they would like to donate please call Ruth Brown.

Ruth Brown (837751)

WELLOW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd March - in the Village Hall 7.30pm. Luke Pearce of Tetbury Stone is coming to talk about his business, bringing with him some stone off cuts and will show how stone carving is achieved. We are hoping this will inspire people to do some for the Wellow Flower Show in the Summer. Do come along and bring a friend.

Thursday 22nd April in the Village Hall 7.30pm. Charles Dowding is coming to give another talk on Growing Vegetables. His speciality is No Digging! He came a year or two ago and is returning by popular request. Please come along.

Saturday 8th May - 2 - 4pm. The Plant Sale.

We do hope you are beginning to find things in your garden to bring along to the Sale. They all have to be in pots and labelled please. More details will follow.

And of course, The Wellow Flower Show is Saturday 4th September.

Membership fees are now due and the full programme should be with you shortly. New Members are always welcome. £10 for Family Membership £6 for Individual Membership. The Membership Secretaries are: Janet Plater and Sue Wilford, The Old Station, Station Rd, Wellow Tel: 01225 837944. *Libby Kerr.*

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

WELLOW HISTORY TALK – 11th March

- 7 for 7.30 – Village Hall - £3 a ticket

Thank you to those people who have already bought tickets – they are now available from the Parlour shop, Vicky Hammerton 835 840 or Shirley Betts.

The evening will be a fantastic way to learn more about the beautiful village we live in; there will be plenty to look at courtesy of Sue Hewlett and Radstock Museum . Dennis Chedgy will pass on his wealth of knowledge about Wellow, the school, pubs, farms and the Church.

Do come along and support the Village Hall and have fun in the process. Hope to see you there, *Vicky*

CASH FOR SCHOOLS St Julian's School in Wellow have entered the 'Cash for Schools' competition in the Bath Chronicle to win money for their outside project. The competition is run by the Chronicle and Barclays Bank and the school have learnt that they are one of the 5 schools that will benefit.

The prize fund is £8000, and each of the 5 runner up schools has to collect tokens from the Chronicle in the coming weeks. The school which collects the most tokens gets the bigger chunk of the prize fund (£4000).

The more tokens collected for the school, the more money they get. Can any readers of the Chronicle collect tokens and drop them into the school?

For more information speak to Ruth Brown (837751)

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.