



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

February 2012

Against all odds by Matthew Street based on *1 Samuel 17:43-45, 48-49*

The Philistine [Goliath] said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you approach me with sticks?' and he swore at David using the name of his gods. 'Come on,' he taunted, 'attack me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.' But David responded, 'You confront me with sword, spear and javelin, but I confront you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.' When the Philistine advanced towards him, David darted forward to do battle with him. Reaching down into his bag, he took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on the forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he collapsed face downwards on the ground. (1 Samuel 17:43-45, 48-49)

It's always pleasing, isn't it, when a midget turns the tables on a giant. Whether it be a non-league football team defeating its Premier League relations, a village store fighting off competition from an out-of-town supermarket, or a local pressure group resisting the plans of a multinational company, our hearts warm to tales of the underdog come good.

Little wonder, then, that the tale of David and Goliath has stood the test of time, told and retold by countless generations across the years. Their celebrated encounter is a classic example of the underdog coming out on top, triumphing against all the odds. There can be few plots more extensively used by writers throughout the centuries, but what makes this story so wonderful is that it is not fiction but fact. It offers an enduring testimony to the way God is able to help each one of us measure up to the obstacles we face and, no matter how great they may be, to emerge victorious over them.

Visit the Church Website: www.stjsgroup.com

Sunday services in February

FIVE

Sunday 5th February – 11.15

Talk: Five gold tumors, five gold rats
and five rulers. 1 Samuel 6: 1-21

Leader: Evelyn Lee-Barber

Speaker: Sarah Stockinger

Sunday 12th February – 11.15 HC

Talk: Five stones

1 Samuel 17:33-50

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 19th February – 11:15

Talk: Five husbands

John 4:5-26

Leader: Tina Trevett

Speaker: Rob Bubyer

Sunday 26th February – 11.15

Talk: Five Brothers

Revelation 1:9-20

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Joel Mennie

Contact the Rector, Revd. Matthew
Street – 01761 432203

Email mgstreet@me.com or
through the church website, see below

Want to keep in touch?

St Julian's Church now sends out a weekly
e-newsletter with all the latest news and
views from around the Benefice. Email
hywelcarr@me.com to subscribe to the
mailing list.

Advertising in this Newsletter

FREE: Voluntary organisations based
in Wellow. **Fees** apply to all other
individuals and businesses who seek to
gain financial benefit from advertising
(irrespective of if they are based in
Wellow or not): **Contact** Jenny Barr for
more details and payments. Cheques
made out to St. Julian's Church P.C.C

Church Community Groups

White Ox Mead Community Group

Phone Nigel & Jo for more details -
01761 437724

Wellow Prayer Group

Phone Pauline for details -832625

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.

St John's Peasedown

1st Sunday - 10:30am 4:30pm SF+HC
2nd Sunday - 10:30am 4:30pm MP+SF
3rd Sunday - 10:30am 4:30pm SF+HC
4th Sunday - 11:30pm 5:00pm MP+SF

HC= Holy Communion

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

MP= Morning Praise

Benefice Office

For anything church related contact
the Benefice Office:

T: 07881 921018 **E:** hywelcarr@me.com

Visit the Church Website: www.stjsgroup.com

CHURCHWARDENS NEWS

A very happy new year to you all. It was good to see so many of you in church during the Christmas period. Attendance at all the services was up! Many people appreciated the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, we would love to hear from you if you have suggestions or comments for this year's service.

We have started the new sermon series and learned in January from occasions when the number seven occurs in the Bible.

We have arranged a parish Jubilee Celebration service in the church on Sunday, 3rd June at 6.00.p.m and also a flower festival over the weekend – more details to follow in the coming months.

If you have questions about God/the Bible/Christianity the Alpha Course being held in Southstoke Village Hall on Thursday evenings, at 7.30.p.m, starting with a meal, will give you an opportunity to explore your questions. If you would like to go and would like someone to go with, or need a lift please let us know.

The wooden chairs left at the back of the church disappeared between the 7th and 14th of January. Please return them as soon possible!

Sadly, in spite of regularly emptying the wall safe, money has been stolen. Please be watchful and if you see any suspicious activity in or around the church inform the churchwardens and the police.

Finally, it is good that so many people walk in the church grounds, but in recent months some people have allowed their dogs to foul the paths. Please clear up after your dog!

The Churchwardens

CHURCH CLEANING

February: Liz Hunt
Jenny Matthews

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 9th January 2012 and was attended by 8 members of the public.

The planning application to re-roof the church using stainless steel was approved, while concerns were expressed over an application to construct a new building adjacent to West End Cottages.

Various issues, mainly blocked drains, were brought to the council's attention – where appropriate, these will be forwarded to B&NES for them to resolve.

Concern was raised over the amount of dog fouling throughout the village. Dog owners are reminded to pick up their dog mess.

At the beginning of the year the council agreed to grant £400 pa to the Wellow Community Bus to support free travel for senior citizens. Despite offering a variety of options for senior citizens, there had not been much take-up. The council agreed to continue granting the Bus £400 pa to support the service generally.

The costs of running the Parish Council are met by people living in the parish and collected by B&NES with the council tax. Each year the Parish Council calculates these costs to determine the “precept” to charge. At the meeting the budget for 2012/13 showed no need for an increase, and the precept was set at the same amount as last year.

At the previous Council meeting in December there was a focus on traffic calming, and how to make the 20mph zone though Wellow effective. A month on and there was further discussion about creating a Community Speed Watch – using speed guns to record vehicles speed to report cars exceeding the speed limit to the police, and whether to do this now or after the signage had been corrected. The council decided to wait until the signs at the entrances to the village had been correctly installed before using speed guns.

The council agreed in principle to support arrangements to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee over the first weekend in June 2012.

For full minutes of this meeting please see the parish website or parish notice board.
Hugh Prentice, (Chairman, Wellow Parish Council)

REVIEW OF THE 2006 PARISH PLAN / NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council is in the process of reviewing the 2006 Parish Plan and updating it. The 2006 version is on the parish website. It took several years and a great deal of work to complete and was based on the answers to a questionnaire that had been delivered to everyone who lived in the parish. In 2012 the Parish Council intends to follow the same format, and is currently in the process of updating the questions on the questionnaire. If you have an interest in Wellow’s future, and would like to help shape the questions, please come along to a meeting on 1st February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Hugh Prentice, (Chairman, Wellow Parish Council)

POST OFFICE IN WELLOW

A reminder that Roger from Hinton Post Office visits the Village Hall every Tuesday from 2.00.-3.00 and can provide all usual postal facilities

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

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The first meeting was held on the 19th January – One of the ideas that were discussed was The "Big Lunch" in the Square closing the Road on Monday 3rd June for a Village get together. The best decorated house – a possible disco in the Village Hall on the Saturday with lots of other ideas thrown into the melting pot. **WHAT IS NEEDED ARE MORE IDEAS FROM YOU ALL** – fund raising –sponsorship - and most of all if you want this celebration to happen then more **HELP** is **REQUIRED**.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 7.30

Any further information/ideas please contact Debbie/ Heather/Shirley at the Parish Council.

WELLOW COMMUNITY MINIBUS

From 1st February the minibus will be free for OAPs and bus pass holders. Thanks to funding from Wellow Parish Council we are now able to offer this service free of charge for OAPs.

Job Vacancy

Wellow Community Bus needs a part-time driver (paid) for the 5.30 p.m. trip into Bath on weekdays: the perfect local opportunity for a reliable, safety-conscious driver who is good with people. If you'd like to think about it, contact Mike Clarkson on 07854 414084 for more information.

Madeleine Waters

LUNCH CLUB

The February lunch will be on Thursday 23rd at the usual time of 1pm in the Village Hall. If you are unable to attend, please let us know asap.

Many thanks

Janet Earp (835254)

WELLOW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Date for the Diary:

Friday 24th February QUIZ NIGHT animal, vegetable or mineral. 7.30pm for eyes down 8pm. Please make up Teams of 4 and let Shirley know your name! It is a lot of fun and hopefully brightens up the month of February. Her number is:833683. Nibbles will be provided but bring your own tipple.

February is the month for the renewal of membership to the Society. Sadly, the subscription is up, but it is the first time in more than 5 years and we reckon you get very good value for it. We welcome newcomers to the village and we also welcome ideas. So please think about renewing and joining.

Libby Kerr



Horticultural Society

Programme of Events 2012

January 26th Thursday	Film night: Grow Your Own
February 24 th Friday	Quiz
March 21 st Wednesday	Talk - Jane Moore (Head gardener at Priory Hotel) 'Colour in the Garden'
April 22nd Sunday	Private view and guided tour - Snape Cottage Plantsman's Cottage (near Stourhead) 2 – 5pm Cottage garden, spring flowers, rare and ancient varieties of bulbs and perennials, home of solid iron plant supports and teas. £3 entrance fee.
May 12 th Saturday	Plant Sale. 2 – 4pm
May 22nd Tuesday	Talk and demonstration- Caroline Pakenham 'Cultivation, history and use of unusual herbs'
June 27th Wednesday	Private view and guided tour - Holt Organic Farm (Blagdon) 7.30 - 9.30pm. Organic ornamental gardens, 5 acres of contemporary planting, quirky sculptures, purple palace, glorious meadows, posh vegetable patch. Great views, green ideas. £5 entrance fee.
July 13 th Friday	Garden Party
September 1 st Saturday	Flower Show
October 11 th Thursday	Talk –Steve Pritchard, Backyard Fish Farming
November 20 th Tuesday	AGM – wine and light supper
December 11 th Tuesday	Willow weaving - a favourite hands on event at which you can make your own seasonal wreath or decorations.

All talks, the quiz, film and AGM will be in the village hall at 7.30pm.

“POP” IN TUESDAY

The next “Pop in Tuesday” will be held on the 7th February

Please come along to the Fox & Badger, Noon-2pm for a friendly chat a cup of coffee or something stronger if you wish.

All will be made welcome an opportunity to put the World to rights!!!! Have a moan let off steam or whatever.

Hope to see you there.

Libby/Shirley

MEDITATION

Weekly early morning meditation is now well established, and we would like to offer a repeat of the meditation course for people who would prefer to meet in the evening. The course will take place in March after daylight savings when the evenings are lighter. Details will be in the next Newsletter and via the internet. Mari & Alick (840889), James and Jill (833506).

Jill Tremellen

150 CLUB – SIGN UP NOW

Anyone wanting to subscribe to the Wellow Village Hall 150 club should contact Jackie Halle before the 4th February in order to participate in the monthly draws this year, the first of which will take place on the 6th February. Please forward your annual subscription of £12 (or 6 months for £6) in good time for this first draw. Remember, you can only win it if you are in it! Best of luck,

Jacky Halle (834824) jackie.halle@foxleaze.plus.com

ST. JULIAN’S CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We wish everyone a Happy New Year from staff and children.

Term 3 welcomes 9 children from Camerton Church School joining Key Stage 1 and 2 for the next 4 terms. Topics that the children will be researching are Mountains - Kingfishers (Year 5/6), Vikings (Year 3/4), and Polar animals (Year 2/1/R). Year 2/1/R had a wonderful trip to Bristol Zoo to take part in a polar experience.

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Phoebe May Rose to Ceri and Richard Mapstone.

Our outdoor clay oven is now built with the help of all the children and the expertise of Leah Sheppard. We will soon be cooking pizza's to celebrate! Leah Sheppard attended a training day at River Cottage to gain skills needed for this project.

With the help of ceramic artist Bethan Sheff all the children have helped produce a ceramic time line for the corridor in the main building. Professor Mick Aston from

Channel 4's Time Team will be opening the time line and taking part in a history day on January 30th. All the children are invited to dress as a character from any period of world history on that day.

We would like to invite you to our weekly Family Service at St. Julian's Church 9.15-9.45am on Tuesday 31st January. When Year 2 and Year 6 children will be kindly presented with bibles by Wellow PCC.
Sue Rodford (Assistant Headteacher)

THE PARLOUR SHOP

The Parlour shop urgently needs a child sized blackboard. If you have one you no longer need or that your children have outgrown, please contact Kay (835438).

THANK YOU

Deirdre would like to thank everybody who sent their good wishes after her fall. She hopes to be out and about again soon.
Rosemary Todd

FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE

Please may I have copy for the Parish News on or before the 19th 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.

**IN WELLOW
20'S PLENTY**



**20mph injuries
30mph kills**

LEMONS AND HONEY

www.lemonsandhoney.co.uk or 01225 833133

Home cooked food to take-away

Thursday 23rd February

Menu:

Spiced Lamb pie with root vegetable mash

Or Leek and potato bake

Prices:

Lamb pie

Single portion=£4.50

2 portions=£9.00

4 portions=£16.00

Leek bake

single portion=£4.00

2 portions =£8.00

4 portions=£14.00

Please place orders by Monday 20th February

Collect your Order from the studio 5.30-6.30pm

Authentic Indian vegetarian cookery

With Divya Atkins

Wednesday 7th March 10.30-1.30

Price £45.00 (adults)

Children's Indian vegetarian cookery

For 5 years+

Saturday 17th March 2.30-4.30

Price £20.00

Easter cookery

4 years+

Saturday 24th March 2.30-4.30

We will be making Hot cross buns, Easter nests and decorating a mini simnel cake

Price £20.00

For more information please call Julia on 01225 833133

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



Wellow (F)ree-cycle

Going free/cheap in February!

- 1) 4 pruned waterlily roots taken from large plant. Has small white flower that blossoms all through the summer. Free to any local pond owner(s). Call 833781
- 2) Yellow wicker stool. Call 837314
- 3) White 50cm wide under-the-counter fridge with icebox- new in August 2010. £40 (o.n.o). Call 834673

Need to de-clutter? I am looking for items for sale/donation in next month's Wellow Parish News, if you need to de-clutter email the following details to catherine@catherinebeale.com before the 15th of the month:

- 1) your name and email address (this will only be used by the administrator and will not be published)
- 2) title & short description of item (no sales adjectives) with approximate age and value if possible
- 3) price wanted or that it is "free to collect"
- 4) sellers/donator's telephone number **by which you give permission for the number to be published against your item in the Wellow Parish News and at www.wellowparish.info.**

The seller/donator will email catherine@catherinebeale.com when an item is taken to remove the item from the list. On sold items there is a **£1 donation or 5%* of the received price** (*whichever is the greater) donated to the Wellow Church Building Fund on an honesty basis.

Conditions:

All items to be legal, carry no age restrictions and be in a reasonable condition.

All communication and agreements including collection of all items will be held between the seller/donators and the applicants only and not involve the Scheme Administrator.

Members use this scheme entirely at their own risk.

Queries: Call Catherine: 07891 409490 email: catherine@catherinebeale.com



Timetable : Monday–Friday

WELLOW – BATH <i>(Riverside Coach Park)</i>	BATH - WELLOW <i>(Riverside Coach Park)</i>	WELLOW - ODD DOWN P&R	ODD DOWN P&R – WELLOW
7.45am	-	8.30am (3 spaces available)	8.45am
5.30pm	6.00pm	9.30am (only if pax. from Wellow)	-
Drop off / pick up in Bath is from the Riverside Coach Park, Avon Street		12.45pm	1.00pm
Saturday - Bath Rugby days only (may change according to TV timings)		3.00pm	-
WELLOW-BATH		Fares	
12.15pm	BATH-WELLOW	(multi-tickets available – buy 4 get 1 free)	
		ADULTS	16 and under
		Wellow – Bath = £2.50 each way Wellow – P&R = £1.00 each way	Wellow – Bath = £1.25 each way Wellow – P&R = 50p each way

The Minibus is available for group bookings on most Saturdays and Sundays and weekday evenings.

The charge is £1.00 per mile subject to a minimum charge of £25.00.

Contact: **Judith Watts on 07890 320347** for enquiries and reservations

www.wellowparish.info

Dec 2011