



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

October 2015

'The first and the last' by the Rector Matthew Street based on Matthew 20:20-28

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.²¹"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."²²"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered.²³Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."²⁴When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.²⁵Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:20-28)

Reading this account, it is hard not to think of modern-day parents thrusting their precocious children into the public eye through talent shows, beauty contests and the like. Were James and John similarly pushed forward by a doting, domineering mother? Well, not exactly, because for one thing they were grown men, well capable of speaking for themselves. It is more likely that they got their mother to speak on their behalf, voicing a concern held by all of the Apostles as to whether their loyalty would be rewarded, but one that each was embarrassed to ask about outright.

Before we shake our heads in disapproval at their pushiness, we do well to ask ourselves if we are any different. Is our faith wholly altruistic, concerned solely with the service of Christ, or is there more than a hint of safeguarding our ultimate destiny, guaranteeing future blessing in the life to come? There is probably an element of that in everyone's faith, but we are called to serve Christ for his sake rather than our own, to seek his kingdom rather than our welfare. If faith becomes just another way of putting ourselves first, then it is time to think again, for whatever else it may be, it is not faith at all.

Visit the Church Website: www.stjsgroup.org

Sunday Services in

October

The Great and the Good

– John

Sunday 4th October – 11:15

Talk: Revelation on the Mountain

Luke 9:28-36

Leader: Colin Tremellen

Speaker: Andy Fraser

Sunday 11th October – 11:15 HC

Talk: John's Testimony

John 21:20-25, Revelation 1:1-3,

1 John 1:1-4

Leader: Matthew Street / Tom Benyon

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 18th October – 11:15

Talk: The Ultimate Sacrifice

John 19:16-37

Leader: Jo Vening

Speaker: Jo Vening

Sunday 25th October – 11:15

Talk: A Mother's Favour

Matthew 20:20-28

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Dick Beath

Contact the Rector: The Revd. Matthew Street – 01761 432293

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

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Church Community Groups

White Ox Mead Community Group

Phone Nigel & Jo for more details -

01761 437724

Wellow Prayer Group

Tuesdays at Three

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 HC 4:30pm SF

2nd Sunday - 10:30am MP 4:30pm SF

3rd Sunday - 10:30am HC 4:30pm SF+HC

4th Sunday - 10:30am MP 4:30pm 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:

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CHURCH NEWS

September

Three things to be mentioned:-

Our appeal for the Syrian refugees raised the excellent sum of £250 which was sent to the Tear Fund.

Richard Fothergill, who has led our services regularly over the last seven years, will from now on visit us only infrequently. He started the monthly "Filling Station" mid-week meetings a few years ago and these have proved so successful that they have opened up in 68 locations across the UK and France with an average of 3500 monthly attendees between them. As a result he needs to spend more time developing this ministry. He took his last service with us on the 13th and we thanked him for all he has done for us.

As we had no organist on the 6th, Pauline played the Clavinova in absentia by means of stickies with her instructions on them and with a press of the right button the hymns played. The wonders of modern technology!

October

This month the talks will be looking at St John the apostle.

Colin Tremellen, Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF ST. JULIAN'S

The Safari Supper last weekend was a huge success, raising £820 for The Friends of St Julian's Church. The evening started with drinks and canapes at the church (which looked particularly fine, thanks to Sarah Sell), before the dinner guests headed off to their various mystery hosts houses and ended back at the church for pudding. Our thanks, in particular, to Beth Jackson and Sarah Hartigan who put in an enormous amount of effort organising the event. To Mark Hartigan and John Rose for running the bar. To Andrew and Sue Chivers who helped to clear up and finally to all the hosts themselves. Thank you for a great evening.

In other news, The Friends of St Julian's have appointed Jonathan Hetreed, as the Architect for St Julian's. Jonathan is a local man, highly qualified and is being briefed for the proposals for a WC and a kitchenette facility within the church. He will also be undertaking the Quinquennial inspection, a five yearly review approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) to ensure that church buildings are kept in good repair. We welcome Jonathan on board and will of course, keep The Friends updated with all associated news.

Annabel Chapman

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Bazaar 2015 in Wellow church on Saturday 14th November from 11:30 until 2:30. Usual great stalls and more.

Pam Pike

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 1st September in Wellow Village Hall.

Playing Field and Children's Play Park

Reports of dog excrement on the Playing Field and elsewhere in the village have increased. The Parish council, as landowner, is considering erecting a sign telling dog owners to keep their dogs on the lead when on the Playing Field. If the council is unable to obtain more litter bins (for general and dog waste) from B & NES, it will consider buying its own. Please clean up after your dog everywhere in the village and be aware of the health risks and unpleasantness for others if you do not.

The Council had received reports of drug-taking in cars by young people from outside the village at the Playing Field. It was decided to ask PCSO Louise Jones to come to the October meeting and advise on the best course of action. If you see a drug-taking incident, please dial 101. An increase in activity since the meeting has led the Village Hall Committee to buy a lock and chain, so that they can lock the lower main gate in the evening.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council would like to thank residents and the Village Hall Committee for their generous donations, which have made it possible to buy a heated, alarmed cabinet for the new defibrillator.

Until completion of the purchase of the phone box in Wellow Square, the defibrillator will be sited outside the Village Hall.

Planning

Councillors responded as follows to the applications before them:

15/03531/TCA Watersmeet, Mill Hill. Fell to ground level 1 tree Aesculus x Cornea, diseased with phytophthora. **Support**

15/03546/FUL Upper Twinhoe Farm, Upper Twinhoe, Wellow, Erection of a barn following demolition of existing barn. **Support**

15/03110/LBA Church Farm House High Street Wellow Bath BA2 8QS. External work including replacing clay tiles with stone tiles on west roof slope, repair work to chimneys and dormer windows and replacement of two external doors and one gate.

No comment

Sports Opening Day

Parish Council chairman Billy Wright spoke at the successful launch of the new facilities on 5 September, recalling the project's history, thanking all those who worked so hard to make it happen and introducing Jacob Rees-Mogg, M.P.

Highways

Two Highways items which have been on the agenda for some time have now been completed. Yellow lines have been painted outside St Julian's School and at the junction of High Street and Mill Hill. It is hoped they will bring some order. Replacement wooden posts with reflective bands have been put up at the Wellow

Road chicane. The council will further consider the vexed question of traffic calming, in October.

Finance

Councillors approved payments for training, wasp nest removal, the defibrillator cabinet and a number of sports project items (including the millennium bench), as well as the usual monthly payments to the Street Sweeper and Clerk.

Training

The Avon Association of Local Councils will be running a training session for Wellow Parish Councillors in the Village Hall in October.

Next meeting

The Parish Council will next meet at 7:30pm on Tuesday 6th October in Wellow Village Hall. All are welcome. Items for agenda consideration should reach the Clerk by 29th September.

Minutes

For full minutes of Parish Council meetings please see the parish website or parish notice board in Wellow Square, or contact clerk@wellowparish.info
Robin Campbell (Parish Clerk)

WELLOW SPORTS 'BIG LAUNCH DAY'

A big 'thank you' to everyone who made Wellow Sports Launch Day on Saturday 5th September such a resounding success. It was great to see so many villagers and guests trying out the sports facilities and especially the children and teenagers for whom the project was originally conceived.

We welcomed more than 300 people over the course of the afternoon, starting with the kids' football skills led by our own Rafa, followed by the 7-a-side football tournament which re-introduced the game to Wellow with a 'bang'. Special thanks to our soccer celebrity, former FIFA and Premiership Referee, Mark Halsey who travelled all the way from Bolton to officiate and to explain to the kids how respect for the referee and for other players is a key part of the sport.

Our many young Wellow cricketers enjoyed their first taste of cricket practice in our temporary net, inaugurated by Wilf, Ben and Finlay under the watchful eye of our principal cricket sponsor, Charles Everritt of Crisp Cowley.

Team Bath Tennis coach Barry Scollo held several coaching and skills sessions for children and adults and we were pleased to welcome guests from the LTA and Avon Tennis who had been staunch supporters of the project from the outset.

The growing squad of Wellow netball players gave a thrilling exhibition of their skills and our own little piece of Provence (the Boules piste) was graced by the President of Bath Petanque, Diana Lockwood who gave us many hints on improving our accuracy and strategy.

Parish Council Chairman Billy Wright led the Opening Ceremony with thanks to all who had supported the project and expressed his wish that the whole village would take advantage of this great asset. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP declared the facilities open and Cllr Neil Butters emphasised that B&NES views the successful project as a potential model for other communities in the area.

Our 'Young Sports Ambassadors' then proceeded to inaugurate each area, followed by a 'mass participation lap' of the jogging track to the strains of 'Chariots of Fire'.

Now it's over to everyone to use your Sports Field as often as you like ... either informally whenever you want some exercise or by joining one of the groups who are organising training sessions or competitive matches. A new website www.wellowsports.org.uk has been created where you will be able to find out what's going on, and in future each sport will have it's own page too.

Here are the villagers to contact if you would like to join a group:

Football

Kevin Jackson

Email kevin.jackson@orange.net

Cricket

Keith Banks

Email keith@bankses.com

Richard Waters

Email rwaters@county-homesearch.com

Tennis

Andy Smith

Email wvtennisclub@gmail.com

To join <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WellowValleyTennis/Join>

Netball

Debbie Clarkson

Email debclarkson@gmail.com

Boules

Go to www.wellowsports.org.uk for news

Wellow Sports

“POP IN TUESDAY”

For October will be on the 6th of the month, at the usual venue of the Fox & Badger - Noon- 2 pm.

Please come along to enjoy pleasant company – having a snack if you wish maybe a cup of coffee/Tea or even something stronger!! Good conversation and an update on all the village gossip.

There WILL be a free Raffle this time

Hope to see you there
Libby/Shirley

“FRIDAY NIGHT IS FILM NIGHT”

WHEN – FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER at THE VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

The Film will be “PHILOMENA” starring JUDY DENCH and STEVE COOGAN

The Price is £3 per Ticket including Tea/Coffee or Juice. If you wish for anything stronger please bring your favourite tippie with you

The 2nd film night will be held on FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER at the same venue same price

When the Film will be the brilliant RETURN to THE 2nd MARIGOLD HOTEL starring MAGGIE SMITH- RICHARD GERE - CELIA IMRIE and JUDY DENCH.

Enjoy an evening out without having to use the car

All proceeds to the Village Hall alterations fund

There may be other films to follow if you have a film you would like to see please let any of the Village Hall committee know.

Duncan Hammerton

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 7:30pm

Women of World War One comes to Kilmersdon Village Hall. For tickets, £6, text 07595 671116 or email jacquelynbevan@yahoo.co.uk. Further details can be found on the webpage at www.musicianssouthwest.com.

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Colin Tremellen

Please may I have copy for the Parish News on or before the 19th of the month. Email me at jennybarr44@yahoo.co.uk, leave at the Parlour shop or drop it down to me at Honeysuckle Cottage.