



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

July 2016

The last resort? by Matthew Street based on Matthew Mark 5:25-28

A woman, who for twelve years had endured a persistent haemorrhage and who had suffered greatly at the hands of numerous physicians, spending everything she had in the process yet getting worse as a result rather than better, heard about Jesus. Pushing through the crowd, she touched his robe, saying, 'If I can only touch his clothes, I will be healed.' (Mark 5:25-28)

I read recently of the powerful story of a woman's battle against breast cancer. She had endured radical surgery, together with radio- and chemotherapy but to no avail; the disease was still progressing. Finally, she turned in desperation to alternative medicine, travelling across the world to Mexico to find a cure, and today, several years later, she is alive and well to tell the tale. It does not follow that natural remedies guarantee a cure, but this woman's despair drove her to explore a last resort that, in her case, proved successful.

The story in Mark is very similar, only this time the last resort was Jesus. She had tried everything else and spent a fortune in doing so; Jesus was her last hope. Her faith was not disappointed. How often do we treat Jesus as a last resort? How often do we turn to him in prayer only when we've exhausted every other option? In so many aspects of life, it only occurs to us to seek his help when every other door has closed to us. We cannot guarantee, of course, that our prayers will be answered as we wish; it is often patently not so. Many seek healing, for example, but are not made well. What we can guarantee, however, is that we will find strength, support, peace and wholeness no matter what we face. Don't leave Jesus as a last resort. Don't turn to him in prayer when all else has failed. Bring your needs to him and let his renewing grace touch your life.

Sunday Services in July

The Mission of Jesus Christ –
To set the captives free

Sunday 5th July – 11:15

Talk: The holy one of God'

Luke 4:31-37; Mark 1:21-28

Leader: Jo Vening

Speaker: Sarah Stockinger

Sunday 10th July – 11:15 HC

Talk: The Gerasene demoniac

Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39

Leader/Speaker: Tom Benyon

Sunday 17th July – 11:15

Talk: A demon possessed boy

Mark 9:17-27; Luke 9:37-43; Matthew 17:14-21

Leader: Colin Tremellen

Speaker: Andy Fraser

Sunday 24th July – 11:15

Talk: Driving out demons

Luke 11:14-28

Leader/Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 31st July – 11:00

**Ten lamps service at Holy Trinity
Paulton**

Talk: Mary Magdalene

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

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

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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

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 worshippers 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

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

T: 01761 300410 **E:** office@stjsgroup.church

Visit the Church Website: www.stjsgroup.church

CHURCH NEWS

90th Celebrations for the Queen

Did you hear the full peal being rung on the Saturday morning? What a feat of co-ordination and stamina. Three hours of beautiful ringing by a band from Bath. It was the first time since 1982, I believe, that our bells have been rung like that. Most memorable.

During the ringing many enjoyed the lovely cakes scones and refreshments provided in the church, headed up by Lyn and Pam.

I hope you saw the Flower Festival over the weekend, the church was superbly decorated and each arrangement had a Royal theme. The children's display was special with so many beautiful crowns, a flower corgi and many written contributions from the children. Thank you to all the talented people who took part.

Ordination of Tom Benyon

On completion of his first year with us, Tom is being ordained in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July at 3:00 pm. In effect this is his second ordination and qualifies him to take Holy Communion services as well as weddings and baptisms. Do give him your support if you can. He takes his first Holy Communion in St Julian's the next Sunday, the 10th July.

10 Lamps Service

On Sunday 31st July there will be a joint service at 11:00 at Paulton. THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE IN WELLOW THAT DAY.

Mindfulness and meditation

The next meeting of this course, led by Tom Benyon, is on Thursday 7th July at 8:00pm in St Julian's and thereafter every first Thursday of the month.

Quiet Garden

The next Quiet Garden Day at St Julian's Well is also on Thursday 7th July, 10:30 to 3:00, or any part of that. Bring your lunch. The theme will be intercessory prayer. The garden and house will also be open on the first Thursday's of August and September. For further details ring 833506.

Colin Tremellen

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 7th June; 18 members of the public attended.

Public Participation

Nick Morley on behalf of the Wilkins family spoke about proposals for 10 houses, some affordable, on Green Belt land between Farm Lane and Bath Hill, and answered questions. No application has yet been received.

Lee Wright, for the Horler family, spoke about plans for a more modest farmhouse with six small holiday lets – self-contained or B & B – on the same footprint as a larger farmhouse at The Hayes, Bath Hill, for which permission already exists.

Vacancy for a councillor

There is still a vacancy for one Councillor. Could it be you?

Planning

Councillors supported

- cladding, new windows and a fence at 1 West End Cottages
- a single-storey rear extension at West End House
- a driveway (replacing an existing permission) and alterations to the house to include glazed canopy, at Hillscroft, Bull's Hill
- a two-storey farmhouse (with agricultural tie) and six attached single-storey holiday accommodation units (replacing an existing permission for a larger farmhouse on the same total footprint) at The Hayes, Bath Hill
- their own application for a pavilion at Wellow Playing Field

They left to the planning officer an application to fell a conifer at Box Bush Cottage.

The following decisions by B&NES were noted:

- removal of a Cypressus and a Rowan at Elmlea - approval
- Erection of agricultural barn and hard-standing for storage of machinery, hay, straw and animal feed (regularisation) at Little Horse Croft Farm – approval (the parish council had objected).

The parish council had written to the Chair of B&NES's development management committee, pointing out incorrect and misleading content in the delegated report and asking for a review. It was decided to send a further letter in response to a disappointing reply. However, following enquiries after the meeting, it appears that the parish council's objection has reached the end of the road.

Village Hall

Councillors supported plans by the Village Hall Committee to install a disabled toilet.

Play park and playing field

A quotation of £509 for play park equipment repairs was agreed, to be supplemented in June by volunteer work. £170 had been raised by the village. It was agreed to transfer the balance from reserves.

It is anticipated that by the time of next month's Parish Newsletter the lease will have been signed, transferring operation of the playing field and play park to Wellow Recreation, the charity set up for that purpose.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is now installed in the former phone box in Wellow Square. It is hoped to offer training in its use.

Bench by the Church

The bench near St Julian's Church has been removed, as it was unsafe. If you, as a village organisation or an individual, would like to contribute to a new bench to mark the Queen's 90th birthday, please send a cheque to Wellow Parish Council, 4 Monmouth Paddock, Norton St Philip, Bath BA2 7LA. Include address for an acknowledgment. The PC will also contribute.

Meeting dates – note changes

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 19th July** (not the 5th). There is no August meeting. The following meeting will be on **Monday 19th September** and the regular meeting date from then on will be the **third Monday of the month**. All are welcome. Please send items for agenda consideration one week before the meeting.

For a fuller version of this report, see the council minutes on Parish Post.

Robin Campbell (Parish Clerk)

'POP IN' Day

PLEASE NOTE The "POP IN DAY" for July will be on MONDAY 4th JULY at the usual venue of the Fox & Badger Noon -2.pm– a change of day due to popular demand. PLEASE come along and join in some lively conversations over a glass of wine, a light snack, a cup of coffee in pleasant company and surroundings.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Libby/Shirley

WELLOW VILLAGE HALL SUMMER QUIZ

In aid of hall improvements

Friday, 15th July 7:30 for 8:00

Teams of 4 £3.00 per person

Soft drinks available but bring your own alcohol

RAFFLE

Nibbles to be provided

Team name to Shirley Betts 833683

PARLOUR SHOP

New Butcher

We have recently switched butcher from Mitchards to Tunley Butchers. Customer feedback told us it was time for a change and they seem very popular. Tunley Farm is a 500 acre estate and a family run butcher providing the highest quality locally sourced meats, poultry and game. A full list of items is available including BBQ meat, as well as more unusual cuts for special recipes. Just tell us what you need or place an order for the weekend by noon on Wednesday. The large family sized pack of freshly carved ham comes highly recommended at just £4!

More fresh new products

Our ever expanding range of fresh, local produce is proving very popular, with wedges of sticky chocolate cake and other goodies selling out. Our wider range of meat and other essentials for quick, easy family meals are also popular. To all this we've added a new range of snacks - some healthy, some not so much! New biscuits, popcorn, crisps, nuts, seeds, salsa, healthy snacks, and more. That plus lots of nice ice creams for the warmer days.

Do pop in to see what else is new. There is so much and it's for you our local community; as always we need your support.

Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you on behalf of the shop committee to all volunteers for your contribution to keeping The Parlour Shop open. We receive lots of positive feedback from the community about the warm welcome and helpful service.

Summer is a particularly tricky time for planning the rota with many volunteers and the staff taking well-earned holidays. If you can spare a few hours occasionally this would be hugely appreciated. We have some particular gaps on the Saturday rota – you will be asked to do **no more** than one shift in three months so please do think about it. A few hours makes a huge difference.

If you're able to help, please contact Amanda Dennes (amandadennes@hotmail.com 07736180021)

Thanks as always and best wishes

Wellow Parlour Shop

(Mon-Fri 9-5 & Sat 9-4)

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

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Garden Party

You are invited to the Annual Garden Party which this year is being held at Cranborne, Station Road (home of Heather Andrews) on Friday 1st July, 6:30 pm. start. Come and enjoy good company, food and wine and a beautiful garden. Members free, non-members £5.

Annual Flower Show

This year's Flower Show will be held on Saturday 3rd September with a general theme of Country Pursuits. The schedule will be circulated in plenty of time so that you can decide what entries you would like to make. New this year is a Scarecrow competition and we would like to encourage everyone to have a go as we aim to put on an exciting and fun display. Gates open 1:00 pm.

Thank You

Sue Hewlett has recently resigned from the Horticultural Society Committee and we would like to express our **huge** thanks and gratitude for all her help over the years. We hope to continue to see Sue at our events. One of Sue's roles was to maintain the planters outside the Village Shop and we are now looking for someone who could volunteer to take this over. It involves replanting the planters 3-4 times a year so that they look good all year. The Society covers the cost of all materials and plants and the shop staff keep them watered when necessary. You do not need to be a member of the Society although we are always eager to enrol new members! If you are interested please contact any member of the committee.

Wellow Horticultural Society Committee

PARISH NEWS

Please may I have copy for the Parish News on or before the 19th of the month. You can email me at jennybarr44@yahoo.co.uk, leave at the Parlour shop or post it through the letterbox of Honeysuckle Cottage.

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

**Coming to Wellow Recreation Ground
on Wednesday 13th July, 2016!**



A brand new adaptation by Bill Scott with music by Tom Adams.

As you will have gathered from the May newsletter, Sheilagh and I, with the Parish Council's approval, have arranged for the Miracle Theatre Company to give an open air performance of *Life's a Dream* on the evening of Wednesday 13th July at Wellow Recreation Ground.

It's an epic fable of love, war and destiny, full of passion and humour, from Cornwall's award winning Miracle Theatre. Based on Calderón's greatest play, *La Vida Es Sueño*, published 20 years after Shakespeare's death *Life's a Dream* is regarded as the jewel in the crown of Spain's golden age of literature.

A young Woman, travelling through a wild and mountainous region, discovers a Prince who has been imprisoned by his father since birth, to foil a prophecy that he will bring disaster to the world and death to the King. Prompted by the Woman, the King is overcome with remorse and sets his son free, giving him the chance to prove his good character. But is it ever possible to escape one's fate?

Audiences of all ages enjoy the full 'open air theatre experience', by bringing along chairs, cushions and blankets along with a well-stocked picnic or sample the delicious snacks and drinks provided in the village hall for a special night of theatre performed under the stars!

Touring since 1979, Miracle has gained a reputation for producing fresh and truthful adaptations. By trimming the text to the bone and fleshing it out with original music, physical performance and a joyful use of language, Miracle guarantees inspiring entertainment that can be enjoyed by all generations. Everyone's welcome but we suggest the show is suitable for age 7+

Gates open for picnics at 6.00pm before the performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets in person from Wellow Parlour Shop or online from bathboxoffice.org.uk/whatson/calderons-lifes-a-dream

www.miracletheatre.co.uk

Ron Humphreys

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