



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

December 2016

'The God who comes to us' by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on John 12 verse 46

'I have come to bring light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me will not remain in darkness' John 12 verse 46

There was a time when, should you feel too unwell to get to your local surgery, a doctor would come and see you. Not any more, or at least not as was once the case. There are some circumstances, of course, when a doctor will still come but the usual procedure for out of hours is to get yourself to a duty doctor who will deal with your problem. The onus is on the patient to go because, quite simply, there aren't enough doctors to come.

We can tend to think of God in a similar sort of way - as one we have to go to, with the responsibility on us to make the first approach. Look, though, at the nativity stories in Matthew and Luke, or the opening verses of John's Gospel, and a very different picture emerges. Running through them all, like a common thread, is the message that it is God who first comes to us. He came to Zechariah, then Mary, then Joseph, and then to the shepherds out in the fields - the approach always at his initiative. He came bringing his word of promise, challenge, joy and hope, offering his love and his gift of new life - and so he continues to come today. Before we yet know him, before sometimes we even know our need, he draws near, reaching out in welcome, extending his grace. Yes, Christmas calls for a response, but it is not finally about us coming to God; it is, above all, about him coming to us.

Sunday Services in December

The Mission of Jesus Christ –
To bring judgement

Sunday 4th December – 11:15

Talk: Woe to you

Matthew 23:13-39

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Jamie Sims

Sunday 11th December – 11:15 HC

Talk: Two gates

Matthew 7:13-14

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 18th December – 18:30

Talk: Final judgement

Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: Tom Benyon

Speaker: Tom Benyon

Sunday 25th December – 10:30 HC CHRISTMAS DAY

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

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

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views from around the Benefice. Email
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in Wellow. **Fees** apply to all other
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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 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 4:30pm SF
3rd Sunday - 4:30pm Family Carol Service
4th Sunday - 10:30am Christmas Service

HC= Holy Communion

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

MP= Morning Praise

Benefice Office

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ST. JULIAN'S CHURCH, WELLOW



CHRISTMAS 2016 SERVICES

Sunday, 18th December, 6.30.p.m.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Saturday, 24th December, at 4.30 p.m.

Children's Nativity Service

Children come dressed up as wise men, servants, or ready for a journey,
carrying a torch, lantern or candle, (battery powered only)

Sing well known carols, sing a solo or play an instrument.

Come and join in!

CHRISTMAS MORNING, December 25th

at

9.30 a.m.

Christmas Day Communion

NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1ST JANUARY 2017

Morning Praise

At 10.00 a.m.

We look forward to you joining us!

Wishing you all a joyous and blessed Christmas.

CHURCH NEWS

Remembrance Service

There was a terrific turnout for the service. Hannah Banks played the Last Post and Reveille beautifully to mark the two minutes silence. Dick Beath talked movingly on reconciliation after conflict and the collection for the Royal British Legion raised the wonderful sum of £308 to support their wonderful work.

Christmas services

The candlelit Carol Service of 9 carols and lessons will be led by Tom Benyon at **6:30 pm** on Sunday 18th December.

Details of this year's children's Christmas Eve service are given separately on the previous page.

Tom will also be leading our short Holy Communion service at **10:30 am** on Christmas Day.

2017 Change of service time

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2017 ALL OUR SERVICES WILL START AT **10.00 AM** NOT AT **11:15**.

This change of time is with the hope that the earlier time may be found to be helpful in allowing more time later in the morning to prepare lunch or for other activities. We have changed with Foxcote and Shoscombe who have taken on the later, 11:15 time.

May everyone have a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Colin Tremellen

LUNCH CLUB

Christmas again!!

The lunch this December is on Thursday 15th at 1pm in the Village Hall. We would really like to have accurate numbers for people attending to save food wastage. Please let one of us know if you are unable to be there. Many thanks,

Janet Martin (835254)

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

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The October Apple day was a great success with many villagers and friends enjoying a very convivial afternoon in the autumn sunshine chopping and pressing seasonal bounty from our very own orchards. Children joined in too and enjoyed old fashioned fun with apple dunking games. Everyone went home with a bottle or two of very delicious home-made juice.

Please note, that unfortunately we have had to cancel the Willow Weaving session that was booked for 3rd December. However we are already busy with planning an exciting programme for 2017 and hope that you will continue to get involved in all of the future events.

Wellow Horticultural Society Committee

PARLOUR SHOP NEWS

T'IS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

Christmas food orders

The festive season is always a busy time at the shop, and a vital month in our sales calendar. We know that many of you will buy your bulk items at the supermarket but it would make a huge difference to the shop if you chose to buy your Christmas meat and some other "special" items from us.

This year we're changing it up a gear to make choosing and ordering your items easier. So, there are two forms: one for meat from Tunley Farm and a second for fruit, veg, dairy and bakery items. That way we can include much more information about what's available.

Have the ease of collecting your ready prepared package of top quality produce *and* do something for your shop. Collection days: 22 & 23 December 2016 and 24 December for bakery goods.

The order form has been emailed out and a supply of forms is also available in the shop. Pop in to chat to our Manager, Katherine Macbean about any particular requirements or queries you have. Or drop us a line at:

wellowparlourshop@gmail.com

Order deadline: Wednesday 14 December 2016

A bit about some of our Christmas suppliers...

Meat: Tunley Farm is 500 acre estate and family run butcher providing the highest quality locally bred (Hunstrete, Timsbury & Farmborough mainly) meats, poultry and

game. They supply top quality Castlemead turkeys from Radstock reviewed in the *Sunday Times* last year, or another free range alternative.

Cheese: Family run business, Wyke Farm, make and supply a Somerset cheddar perfect for everyday eating. We can also source a wide range of speciality cheeses for an impressive Boxing Day board, through them and Hawkridge. Pop in to look through the extensive list, from a wheel of ripe brie to a speciality goat's cheese.

Cream: Ivy House Dairy, based at Beckington, is a family run farm of Jersey cows. They supply delicious milk, as well as indulgently thick double, single and whipping creams perfect for all those sweet Christmas treats.

Eggs: Local free range Castlemead eggs are always in stock and very popular. Make sure you have a supply for Christmas baking and hearty family breakfasts to keep out the cold.

Fruit & veg: Based in the Chew Valley, our new fruit and veg supplier, Arthur David, is yet another family-run business providing really fresh produce, a wide range of choice and excellent service.

Bakery: Family-run Hobbs House provide artisan bread which is ever more popular. Add to this gloriously tempting delicacies from the Handmade Cake Company, without any nasties. And if you just haven't got time to get the mixer out, you can order a whole cake that'll feed 15 with generous slabs that look homemade!

The Parlour Shop is delighted to now stock luxury greeting cards by local artist Emma Rose. There are 10 images to choose from and a perfect festive card, entitled 'Christmas is Coming'. To look at the various designs available come to the shop or look at her website <http://www.emmaroseartworks.com>. Emma was voted Best Artist in Bath's Independent Awards recently."

Festive foodbank

We continue to collect for Somer Valley Foodbank. Please add the odd tin or packet to your basket for the collection to help give others what they need this Christmas. A list of products is available behind the desk.

See you soon!

Wellow Parlour Shop

(Opening times: Mon – Fri 9-5 & Sat 9-1)

WELLOW VILLAGE HALL

Are holding a Christmas Theme Film Evening on Friday the 9th December
In the Village Hall at 8pm - Please come along a few minutes earlier to
Enjoy a glass of Mulled Wine and a Mince pie.

The film will be "MIRACLE ON 34th STREET" with Richard Attenborough

The cost is £4 per person - As the film will also be suitable for 16 and under
they will be made welcome at a cost of £1

Suitable Fruit Juice will replace the Mulled wine.
Children to be accompanied by an adult
Proceeds towards a new heating system for the Hall.

ALL WILL BE MADE WELCOME
The Village Hall Committee

FURTHER VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21st JANUARY - BURNS NIGHT 7.30pm in the Hall
Come and enjoy some good Scottish Traditions / Haggis/Veggie Haggis or
Salmon alternative/ pudding and a wee dram

There will also be some Scottish dancing to enjoy and take part in.
Cost £10 per head –further details to follow

SUNDAY 12th February
St. Valentines BIG Breakfast further- details to follow

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH
ANOTHER FILM EVENING Details Later ON

Wellow Village Hall Committee

WELLOW COMMUNITY BUS

Thanks to an award from the Department for Transport's Community Bus Fund, Wellow has a brand new minibus!

Our new Peugeot Boxer has seats for 16 passengers, 2 more than before, as well as a wheelchair ramp to the rear and a step at the side for easier access to the passenger compartment.

So why not climb aboard for trip into Bath and back for your Xmas shopping?

The bus is also available for village groups to hire for parties or excursions - just call Prakriti on 07900 163167

Mike Clarkson
Chairman

‘POP IN’ MONDAY

The “POP inn” for December will be on Monday 5th November at the F&B

Noon – 2 pm- Lets hear all about your plans for the festive season over a festive drink or even a light snack. Look forward to seeing you there.

All will be made welcome
Shirley

WELLOW POPPY APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal by buying poppies and a very special thank you to those of you that braved the weather to sell them! This year, we collected £698.26.

Sarah Hartigan

FOODBANK

Turkey? Goose? Chicken?

How much will we spend this Christmas? A small part may provide a welcome donation to Foodbank: a little happiness for someone in need and, indeed, for the giver.

Please buy and donate at your Village Shop.
A very happy Christmas to you all.
St. Julian's Church

WELLOW RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Would like to invite you to their Christmas Nativity. Please come along and enjoy an afternoon with us watching some of our young riders acting out the Christmas Nativity.

Indulge in mince pies, Mulled wine and some wonderful Pizza. Meet a surprise guest, the children and animals here.

Place: Wellow Trekking Centre BA2 8QF

Time: 3pm

Date: Sunday 11th December

Rsvp 01225 834376 or wellow-trekking@btconnect.com

Judy Shellard

Christmas and New Year recycling and rubbish collections 2016/17

Happy Christmas and thank you for all you have recycled this year. Look out for an envelope coming through your door by early December with more information about your collection service at Christmas, your garden waste calendar for 2017 and details of all the Council's waste and recycling services.

Recycling and Rubbish collections

There will be NO recycling and rubbish collections on Monday 26 December, your next collection will be on **Monday 2 January**. All other collection days will remain the same, even if they fall on a Bank Holiday.

Garden waste and Christmas tree collections

There will be no garden waste collections for 2 weeks from 26 December to 6 January 2017. Normal collections will start again from Monday 9 January. The Council will collect your real Christmas tree from 9 – 27 January as part of the **fortnightly** garden waste collection. or please take it to your nearest Recycling Centre if you can.

Please cut your tree if it is more than 1.2 metres and put it at the edge of your property on your collection day so that the crews can see it easily. Please do not leave your tree on the street before collection day.

Recycling Centre closures

The Recycling Centres will be closed on Christmas Day (25 Dec), Boxing Day (26 Dec) and New Year's Day (1 Jan). They will be open as usual on all other days.

Recycling and food waste collections

We throw away more rubbish at Christmas than at any other time of year. Please remember to include these common Christmas items with the rest of your recycling:

- **Food** – all food including turkey bones and leftover cooked food can go in your food recycling bin (you can now use plastic bags to contain your food). For tips on how to waste less food and save money this Christmas, please go to www.lovefoodhatewaste.com
- **Paper** - including greetings cards, gift tags and wrapping paper (white backed, non-foil)
- **Plastic bottles and pots, tubs and trays used to contain food** including cream pots, ice-cream tubs, fruit and take away trays (no black plastic thanks)
- **Cans, tins and aerosols** including biscuit and sweet tins
- **Glass bottles and jars** including mincemeat and cranberry jars
- **Foil** including mince pie and quiche cases and take-away trays
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- **Textiles** including unwanted Christmas jumpers (in plastic bags to keep dry)
- **Cardboard** including cardboard boxes and packaging, brown paper and drinks cartons.
- **Small electrical items** (please put small items in a carrier bag next to your green box) for example, broken fairy lights, electronic toys and toasters,

For more information on the Council's waste and recycling services visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/wasteservices

You can now order your free recycling containers online www.bathnes.gov.uk/orderacontainer or contact Council Connect councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk 01225 39 40 41

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.

