



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

January ~~2016~~ 2017

'Daring to trust' by the Rector Matthew Street based on Acts 9:10-14

'There was a certain disciple in Damascus by the name of Ananias, and the Lord spoke to him in a vision, saying, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'I'm here, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street known as The Straight, and there look in the house of Judas for a man called Saul of Tarsus. He is praying at this very moment, and in a vision he has seen a man called Ananias enter and lay hands on him so that he might recover his sight. But Ananias protested, 'Lord, I have heard from many people about this man, about all his cruelty to your saints in Jerusalem, and how he has come here now with authority from the chief priests to arrest all those who confess your name.' (Acts 9:10-14)

What would you do if you sensed danger looming? The answer is obvious: you'd do everything possible to avoid it. Should you be the adventurous type, it's possible that you might flirt with it for a moment but, if you felt your life was on the line, you'd ultimately want to ensure your own safety. That, no doubt, was paramount in the mind of Ananias, having heard that Saul, persecutor of the Church, was in town. Quite simply, he was keeping his head down until the danger had passed, hoping against hope that he would not hear the fateful knock on the door summoning him to imprisonment and almost certain death. Imagine his surprise, then, when another summons came, calling him to seek out this man who struck fear into the heart of every Christian, and to knock on his door! It was asking a lot, to say the least!

Would you have obeyed that call, or would you have made excuses to evade it, dismissed it as ridiculous, looked the other way? Had Ananias done any of those, who can say how different the history of the Christian Church might have been? It took his faith and courage to finish the transformation of Saul, enemy of the faith, into Paul, its greatest ambassador. When God asks you to step out in faith, will you have the courage, like Ananias, to say yes?

Sunday Services in January

BE transformed

Sunday 1st January – 10:00

Talk: From slavery to freedom

Exodus 12:1-29

Leader: Dick Beath

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 8th January – 10:00 HC

Talk: From rebellion to relationship

Romans 5:1-11

Leader: Tom Benyon

Speaker: Viv Quick

Sunday 15th January – 10:00

Talk: From sinners to sons

Romans 8:5-17

Leader: Jo Vening

Speaker: Pauline Preddy

Sunday 22nd January – 10:00

Talk: From death to Life

Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Jerry Curd

Sunday 29th January – 10:00

Talk: From persecutor to preacher

Acts 9:1-18

Leader: Tom Benyon

Speaker: Tom Benyon

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

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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
5th 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

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CHURCH NEWS

Carol Service

The service on the 18th December got the Christmas celebrations off to a terrific start. The church tower and building was floodlit and inside was warm (for once!) and candlelit. The bells rang out, the organ sounded sweet and the choir excelled. The readings were done by wonderful volunteers who keep the church running and the singing lifted the roof. Mulled wine refreshed the vocal chords. Some 125 people enjoyed the service and gave generously to the collection which raised £350.

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped direct our thoughts to the real meaning of Christmas.

Services in 2017

Please remember our Sunday services now start at 10:00 AM NOT 11:15.

May 2017 be a wonderful year for all in Wellow.

Colin Tremellen

WELLOW COMMUNITY BUS

Xmas holiday bus services

As usual your Community Bus will be running a restricted timetable over the Xmas holiday period.

The 3pm service into Bath will be suspended from Monday 19 December and will resume on Tuesday 3 January.

There will be no service on the following public holidays:

Monday 26 December

Tuesday 27 December

Monday 2 January

Our regular 7:40am, 8:30am and 5:30pm services from the Village Square will run as usual on all other days.

Happy Xmas to all our passengers!

Wellow Community Bus Group

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Monday 19th December.

Vacancy

We are still looking for a new councillor to replace Pat Caudle. Why not talk to an existing councillor and find out what is involved?

Bench the Church

It was decided to wait until after the winter to buy the new bench. Thanks again to all who contributed.

Planning

There were no applications. The council will be sending a representative to SOBA (South of Bath Alliance), which is monitoring the forthcoming application for development on Sulis Down and trying to formulate a common response from the villages which will be affected by it and by increased traffic on Combe Hay Lane (and hence into Wellow).

Older people

Councillors are gathering information about problems faced by older people in Wellow, one of which is getting about, particularly to doctors' and hospital appointments. It is hoped to offer some practical solutions in the New Year

Traffic

The B&NES speed control officer has been asked to come to the village and see the problem at first hand.

Leaves

The council congratulated Stewart Cole on producing what looks like a record number of bags of leaves this year. Stewart has been the Village Sweeper for 26 years.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 16th January 2017**.

Robin Campbell (clerk@wellowparish.info)

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AGM

At our first meeting following the AGM, The Committee elected myself as Chairman and I am really looking forward to the coming year. The committee were very pleased with the ideas and suggestions put forward by members at the AGM. Sadly I was unable to be there on the evening due to a prior commitment but rest assured that all your ideas and suggestions are being given serious consideration. The suggested donation to the burial board for planting has now been made and we have received a letter from them thanking us for the generous donation and asking that their thanks be passed on to you, the members. Donations to other local good causes will follow in January.

One suggestion was that we promote the flower show to local businesses and publicise it better, on TV and radio for instance as well as in local publications. This is a great idea and we are looking for someone who has experience in publicity to give us a hand. Any volunteers? Contact any committee member or myself. Use of the marquee after the show was also suggested, and if anyone is interested it can be hired for a small fee for parties or fundraising events.

We are drawing up the schedule of events for 2017 which we anticipate will be just as good as this year's and hope to include them in the next newsletter, meanwhile we wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Bridget Woollen (Chairman) and all the committee

SAFARI SUPPER

A big thank you to all of you that took part in this year's Safari Supper. Mike Clarkson also kindly organised a very successful Silent Auction on the night. We were bowled over by everyone's enthusiasm and generosity.

Together, we have raised a staggering £2,430 for the Wellow Community Chest Fund, which will be divided equally between St Julian's, The Parlour Shop and Wellow Recreation.

Sarah and Beth

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

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club cooks have been providing lunches once a month in the Village Hall, here in Wellow, for over 25 years.

The Lunch Club was started by the late Mrs. Joanne Rittner and helpers back in 1991. Some of the helpers and diners are still part of the Lunch Club today, 25 years later!

This social gathering is an important part of village life for around 35 diners. The helpers share the cooking and take the food along to the Village Hall all prepared to serve. They provide a hot main course, pudding and tea or coffee. There is raffle held after the meal which also helps with the funding.

The lunch is held on the fourth Thursday of the month, except at Christmas when it is usually earlier in the month. We take a two month break in the summer when there is no Lunch Club held in July or August.

The Lunch Club has links with St. Julian's School, the older children visit, usually two each month, and they are a great help delivering meals to tables and collecting plates and dishes. It's so good to see young people chatting with the more senior members of the parish and we really value their contribution.

If you would like to know more, please contact Janet 835254 or Lee 837858.

Our January 2017 lunch is on the 26th at 1pm in the Village Hall. If you usually come along but are unable to do so this month, please let one of us know as soon as possible.

Many thanks,
Janet Martin (835254)

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.

