



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

August 2021

“Not as bad as it seems” by Matthew Street, the Vicar, based on 1 Kings 19:1-5a, 9b-10. *Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.” Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too. (1 Kings 19:1-5a, 9b-10)*

There’s an old Arabian proverb that states: “Things are not as bad as they seem.” That is the truth learned by Elijah in the story above. He had just experienced one of the high spots in his ministry, when the prophets of Baal were humiliated on Mount Carmel, but, as is so often the case, a high quickly gave way to a low. Presumably, Elijah had imagined that, following his earlier triumph, his troubles were over; that Jezebel and her prophets would have to admit defeat. Instead, he discovered that she had renewed her campaign against him with an even greater ferocity. As far as Elijah was concerned, it was him and God against the world, and he was fed up with fighting a one-man battle. God, though, had a surprise up his sleeve, for Elijah was shortly to discover that he was anything but alone - that, in fact, there were seven thousand people in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal.

There is a continuing message in this for us today. In the Church, we can feel up against it, struggling to keep the doors of our buildings open, demoralised by lack of members, disheartened by the limited impact of our efforts. As individuals, we can feel we are ploughing a lonely furrow, or simply find that life is getting on top of us. Through the experience of Elijah, God is saying, ‘Don’t be dismayed; all things are less dreadful than they seem.’ However isolated you may feel, he has not left you to carry the load alone. Seen or unseen, there are others playing their part and working for his kingdom. Seen or unseen, he is always there to strengthen, to support and to see us through.

Sunday Services in August

Life Lessons from 1 Kings

Sunday 1st August: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Effective leadership can be nullified by an ineffective personal life – Solomon. 1 Kings 11:1-13

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Pauline Priddy

Sunday 8th August: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Talk: Great opportunities are often destroyed by small decisions – Jeroboam. 1 Kings 11:26-40, 12:25-33

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 15th August: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: How well a plan works is no measure of its rightness or approval by God – Asa. 1 Kings 15:9-24, 2 Chronicles 16:1-14

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Andy Fraser

Sunday 22nd August: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: We are never closer to defeat than in our moments of greatest victory – Elijah. 1 Kings 18:18-40

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 29th August: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Selfishness, left unchecked, can lead to great evil – Ahab. 1 Kings 21:1-19

Leader: Derek Smith

Speaker: Derek Smith

Benefice Office

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Email: office@stjsgroup.church

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Church Community Groups

Wellow Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 3pm

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

1st Sunday 10:30am MPC

2nd Sunday 4:30pm SF

3rd Sunday 10:30am MP

4th Sunday 4:30pm ST

5th Sunday 10:30am MP

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

MP = Morning Praise

Contact the Vicar:

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or through the church website.

Want to keep in touch?

St Julian's Church sends out a weekly e-newsletter with all the latest news and views from around the Benefice.

Email administrator@stjsgroup.church to subscribe to the mailing list.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Church News

St Julian's Church was host to a very different service on Sunday July 11th as part of Wellow Weekend 21 celebrations. It was enjoyed by many of all different ages and lots of us will have expanded our knowledge of St Julian's Holy Well and our Church.

We enjoyed having St Julian's School take part, it was lovely to hear their chatter and see their enthusiasm.

It has been decided that for the immediate future we will continue with social distancing and voluntary wearing of masks whilst in the building, but singing will be allowed and we will return to serving refreshments after the service if the majority feel happy with it.

Sunday 8th August will be a service with Holy Communion but not sharing the cup. This has worked well in the past.

Bell Ringing practice has recommenced on Wednesday evenings, once we have our team back on track we would hope to ring for some Sunday services.

Pam Pike, Church Warden

Wellow Horticultural Society

Planning of the flower show on the 4th September 2021 is well under way. As you have probably heard by now it will be a rather different show from the last few, but nevertheless, we hope an enjoyable afternoon. We are remaining true to our core values of promoting horticulture and craft in the lovely setting of Wellow. The traditional marquee will be there and we will be awarding cups and the prestigious Banksian Medal provided because of our affiliation to the Royal Horticultural Society. Members will have received a link to the schedule of classes via email and I encourage everyone to take a look and consider what they might enter. There is a class for everyone! Even the less gifted gardener can enter, for example, The Best Weed class! I myself have some prime examples of weeds and can't wait to see others. We hope as many people as possible will enter and there is NO charge for entries this year. You have nothing to lose!

We are not having printed copies of the schedule this year because the show is to be smaller and we want to keep our losses to a minimum. However if you do not have the internet and cannot access it we will have a printed copy in the parlour shop. Also you can contact our secretary Avril on 837878 who will be able to help you.

*Community Matters: Support your Village
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Please download and PRINT OUT the entry form from our website hortsoc.wellow.org and bring it to the village hall on the Friday evening, 3rd September between 3pm and 7.30. Then stage your entries on Saturday morning ready for the judging.

By popular demand we will be having a dog show and the entry form for this will also be on the website hortsoc.wellow.org. Please download and print. Dog show entries can be made on the Friday evening and also at the show, BUT this must be done by 2pm. The dog show starts at 2.30 and there will also be a dog obedience display.

There will be attractions for the children and the ever popular ferret racing. Excellent locally made ice cream, and delicious teas and cakes will be available as well as the local beers and ciders

Make sure the date is in your diary!

Bridget and the committee.

Bath and North East Somerset Council Mobile Library

Timetable From 21 June to 30 November 2021

Telephone: 01225 39 40 41; Email: councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk; Facebook: BathnesLibraries1; Twitter: @BathnesL; Instagram: @bathnes_libraries.

All routes are visited fortnightly

Route 2 – Tuesday June 22; July 6, 20; August 3, 17, 31; September 14, 28; October 12, 26; November 9, 23.

Village	Stop	Time
Writhlington	Hanover Court,	10:00 – 10:30
Wellow	Village Hall	10.45 – 11.30
Wellow	Fox and Badger	11.35 - 12.20
Lunch		12.30 – 13.00
Hunstrete	Telephone box	13.30 – 14.00
Pensford	Hillcrest	14.05 – 14.40
Pensford	Memorial Hall	14.45 – 16.00

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

Manor Close Knitting Group Sale

Monday August 16th in Manor Close Garden/ Hall, 2.30pm — 4.30pm

Lots of hand knitted items, hats ,mitts ,children's bags, children's cardigans and jumpers. There will also be a cake stall, raffle and delicious refreshments on sale.

All proceeds to St Julian's Church and Children's Hospice South West

Pam Pike

Fare Car Scheme

Covering the Combe Hay, Shoscombe, South Stoke and Wellow area and run by V Cars for the West of England Combined Authority.

What is Fare Car? Fare Car is available to residents of the Combe Hay, Shoscombe, South Stoke and Wellow area. Fare Car is a safe and friendly shared taxi service at special rates. Fare Car is operated by V Cars (formerly Bath Taxis) with financial support from West of England Combined Authority.

Who can use Fare Car? Fare Car is available to everyone who lives in the designated Fare Car Zone (see map).

Where does Fare Car go? Passengers can travel from their home address to and from Bath City Centre. Fare Car will do its best to reach any address but some points may not be accessible by the vehicle.

When does Fare Car run? Fare Car is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays but not Public Holidays.

How many journeys are available? On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 2 journeys are available from the rural area into Bath, and 2 journeys are available back from Bath to the rural area. Please see the timetable for further details.

Fare Car Timetable: Operating Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (not Public Holidays)

Arrives in Bath 10.30 a.m. or 11.30 a.m. Departs from Bath 1 p.m. or 12.30pm

Where are the pick up and drop off points in Bath? As shown on the map, the designated points are:

Drop off locations: Henry Street (by Marks & Spencers); Upper Borough Walls (RNHRD main entrance).

Pick up locations: Henry Street (by Marks & Spencers); Upper Borough Walls (RNHRD main entrance).

Is the service wheelchair accessible? Yes, Fare Car is wheelchair accessible. Please notify the operator when booking if you are a wheelchair user.

Do I have to book the return journey? Do I have to book the journey back from Bath at the same time as I book the journey to Bath? You can if you wish, but you do not have to. The journey back from Bath to the rural area can be booked up to 30 minutes in advance of the time of travel. There is a free phone to V Cars in the food hall of Marks & Spencers.

What is the cost? The fare is £1.50 per person per single trip. The service works on a flat fare basis so from any point between the rural area and Bath the fare is £1.50. This is a subsidised fare and there are no further reductions for Diamond Travelcard holders or children.

How do I use Fare Car? If you are a resident in the designated Fare Car Zone, firstly you need to be issued with your Fare Car membership number. Please call 0117 374 1265 to obtain your free Fare Car membership. Our travel advisors will complete the registration process by asking you for your name, address, and contact telephone number. You will then be issued with your Fare Car membership number.

How do I book a Fare Car journey? Bookings must be made in advance of the time of travel. To travel on the journey that arrives in Bath City Centre at 10.30am please book no later than 9am. For the journey that arrives in Bath City Centre at 11.30am please book no later than 10 am. To travel on the journey that departs Bath City Centre at 12.30pm please book no later than 12 noon. For the journey that departs Bath City Centre at 2pm please book no later than 1.30pm. Bookings may be made up to 1 week in advance. Follow the steps below to make your booking:

1. Select the journey, or journeys, you wish to travel on from the timetable.
2. Phone V Cars on 01225 447777 between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday.
3. Quote the Fare Car membership number for each person wishing to travel (if you do not have a Fare Car membership number, obtain one by calling 0117 374 1265).
4. Tell the operator the day/date you wish to travel, journey time, pick up address, drop off location, and the details of the homeward journey if required. Please tell the operator if you are a wheelchair user.
5. You will then be given an approximate pick up time.

Who is behind Fare Car? Fare Car is operated by V Cars for West of England Combined Authority. For more information about Fare Car, please call: 0117 3741265

To make an advance booking please call V Cars on: 01225 447777. 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

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

Wellow Weekend 21 History Exhibition

Many thanks to all those who visited the exhibition and helped to identify various people, places and occasions which have made a great addition to the Wellow Picture Archive that I hold.

However, there were a number of photographs that are still missing some of these details and I would be most grateful for any further information.

Jane Rees



This appears to be a soup kitchen and we think that it may be Joan Rittner, 4th from right; Nora Pitt, 5th from right (Simon Pitt's mother) and Dorothy Wilson, 1st left. Do you know when it was being held or why, who are the other people in the photograph or where it was taken?

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Save The Date



Theatre Touring Company



WELLOW OUTDOOR FAMILY THEATRE

The Sports Field, Wellow, BA2 8QA

Tuesday 31 August 2021 - 4:00 pm

Gate opens: 3:00pm – for picnic time

TICKETS: www.illyria.co.uk & Wellow Shop

Children (under 16): £7.00 Adults: £13.00

Link to video clip: <https://youtu.be/b89v2PuKyxQ?t=2>

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SomerValley Food Bank:

Please choose from the following list only. Items can be bought and donated at the Parlour Shop.

Coffee
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Puddings
Rice pudding (tinned)
Spaghetti (tinned)
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Wellow Parish Diary

Regular activities:

Parish Council meetings: Village Hall; 1st Monday in the month; 7.30 to 9.30 p.m: Contact Parish Clerk: Olga Shepherd: Tel: 07988 192619. Email: clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk

Wellow Wrigglers playgroup: Village hall. Thursdays (except 4th Thursday), term time. 9.30-11.30 a.m. Contact: Sophie Hart Tel: 07531773905

Magic Box Pre-School: Village Hall; Mondays, Wednesday and Friday in term-time. 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Contact: Tel: 0771 2369130 or MagicBoxPreSchool@outlook.com

Boules: Wellow Recreation Ground; Summer months: Wednesday, 6.00pm and Sunday, 2:30pm. October: Sunday afternoon only. Contact: Email: wellow.boules@gmail.com: Tel: 01225 830188

Wellow Wellbeing Art & Craft Group: Village Hall; Tuesdays, 10.30-13.00. Contact Averil Swift: Tel: 01373 834384 or Vicky Hamerton: Tel: 01225 835840

Bellringing: Wednesday evening, alternate weeks at St Julian's Church and Dunkerton. Contact Clover Holland; Tel: 01225 833348; Email: cloverholland@outlook.com

Lunch Club: Village Hall; 4th Thursday in the month, September to June. Contact: Julia Handel: Tel: 01225 849049

Mobile Library: Alternate Tuesdays. Village hall: 10.45–11.30 a.m. Fox and Badger: 11.35–12.20 a.m.

757 Bus service: Wellow to Midsomer Norton: Wednesday only. Fox & Badger: 9.05 a.m. M-N The Hollies: 9.41 a.m. M-N Tesco: 9.47 a.m.

Midsomer Norton to Wellow: M-N Tesco: 11.40 a.m.. M-N The Hollies: 10.47 a.m. Fox & Badger: 12.25 p.m.

Wellow Parish Directory:

Wellow Horticultural Society: Secretary: 01225 837878: info@hortsoc.wellow.org

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Friends of St. Julians: Contact: friends@stjulianswellow.co.uk

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