



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**September 2021**

“Reckless extravagance” by Rev. Shaula Reilly, our Curate, based on Matthew 13: 3–9

*Jesus told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.” (Matthew 13: 3-9)*

If you're enjoying your own vegetables or flowers, I bet you planted the seeds with a lot more care and precision than the sower in this story! He's just wastefully chucking the seed around all over the place, squandering quite a lot of it by letting it fall in the wrong places. Surely he knows that only the seed planted in good soil will give a good harvest?

I love this picture of abundant generosity: God is continually flinging around his message of love and invitation, some of which we happen to notice – a beautiful sunset, the kindness of a friend, unexpected ways in which our needs are met, the sense of satisfaction when we are engrossed in something we enjoy, suddenly understanding in a new way something we've read in the Bible. As we open ourselves up to the seeds that God is fondly sowing in and around us, we start to grow God's fruit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

And in the same way that God lavishly sows his seed in us, we can copy by throwing around seeds of blessing, all around us, in the places and people that we encounter. Some will go unnoticed. But despite being sown in unlikely places, some will take root and grow – from little things like a smile or kind word, to bigger things that might bless someone we will never meet living on another continent.

As we become more aware of the seeds that are being flung all around us, and are increasingly thankful for them, new and wonderful things will start to grow in us, resulting in new seeds going on to touch the lives of others.

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# Sunday Services in September

Life Lessons from 2 Kings

**Sunday 5th September: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** Greatness is a willingness to serve the poor as well as the powerful – Elisha. 2 Kings 4:1-17, 38-44

**Leader:** Andy Fraser

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

**Sunday 12th September: 10.00 a.m. H.C.**

**Talk:** Past obedience to God does not remove the possibility of present disobedience – Hezekiah. 2 Kings 20:1-21

**Leader:** Derek Smith

**Speaker:** Derek Smith

**Sunday 19th September: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** God consistently responds to those with repentant and humble hearts – Josiah. 2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:25

**Leader:** Jo Venning

**Speaker:** Andy Fraser

**Sunday 26th September: 10.00 a.m.**

**Harvest Festival**

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

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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 HC 4:30pm SF

2nd Sunday - 10:30am MP

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

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

HC = Holy Communion

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

MP = Morning Praise

## Want to keep in touch?

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## Church News

August was a quiet month at St Julian's and September looks as if it will be much the same.

We are all enjoying coffee, etc. after the Sunday service, it is so good to be able to linger and catch up with friends .

Sunday 26th is Harvest Festival. We have started passing the collection plate again and have decided that the collection that Sunday will be given to the Food Bank to purchase goods that they need.

It is good to hear that St Julian's School are again holding a weekly assembly in the Church.

Beginning in the New Year we are planning an All Age Service to be held on the first Sunday of each month. Our Curate Shaula has lots of ideas, we hope that families will come along to join us in this new venture. More information on this will be circulated later.

We continue to sit apart at services but masks need only be worn if wished. Hand sanitiser is provided. Keep safe everyone

*Pam Pike, Church Warden*

## Wellow Parish Council

The Wellow Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 12th July in the Village Hall. Present: Pat Caudle (Chairman), Dave Workman (Vice Chairman), Debbie Clarkson, Stuart Kotchie, Nick Chapman, Clerk and 4 residents. Apologies received from Nigel Thomas, Sue Chivers and Julia Handel.

**Public Participation:** The Parish Sweeper mentioned that the CT Coach has been missing the pickup from Shoscombe; the trees have been trimmed back by the Church by BANES and the road is being patched by the pub. He also mentioned that harvest season began and the village roads will be used regularly by farming machinery. Residents are asked to park carefully on the High Street during this harvest period.

The verge by the Church is in need of trimming. A request will be sent to BANES.

A resident mentioned that poor parking by Canteen Lane continues.

**Planning Applications:** The following applications were considered:

21/03041/FUL; 21/03042/LBA: Church Farm House. Council resolved to support.

21/03094/ADCOU: Barn at Upper Hayes, Bath Hill. Insufficient data is available to make decision. It was suggested a full application is needed.

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The Parlour Shop, the Village Hall, the Church and the Societies*

The following planning decisions by B&NES were noted:

21/02044/FUL: Crewcroft Barn, Hinton Hill, Hinton Charterhouse. Planning Committee overturned officer's recommendation and voted to SUPPORT under Chairman's Delegated Powers, subject to pre-commencement conditions re tree protection plan and wildlife protection and enhancement scheme.

21/02367/FUL: Bath Hill House, Bath Hill. Permitted.

**Highways & Transport:** Wellow Traffic Working Group (WTWG) have provided a report on the meeting with BANES Traffic Representative on the 2nd July. Extensive discussions took place about mitigating speeding problem in the village. BANES traffic improvement funds are limited and is allocated to those villages with the highest speed data. The proposal to extend the 20mph limit towards the Livery Stables at the east end of the village is in BANES' programme for this year. Although speeding data collected in Wellow in 2019 showed that there was no significant speeding problem, WTWG feel that since 2019 speeding has increased in Wellow and it is worth conducting another speed count to prove that there was a change. It is up to WPC to evidence, make proposal, gain consensus from residents and possibly provide finance. The detailed data from 2019 speed survey is to be reviewed by the WTWG.

WTWG recommend that WPC funds a new traffic survey using an independent service provider. WPC has agreed to consider quotes. BANES Councillor suggested to apply for some financial contribution from BANES. BANES will also be asked to refresh the existing road markings on the High Street.

It was mentioned that Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust has the Road Safety funds and it was recommended that once WPC obtain the most recent speeding data, WPC apply for Speed Indication Devices.

WTWG and the Clerk will investigate how installation of speed cushions were achieved in Norton St Philip.

**Play Park:** New turf is laid. The new drain is being installed. The Action list following the play park inspection is ongoing.

Wellow Tennis Club has asked WPC if the pathway to the courts can be renewed at the cost of £9,024.77, which will be covered by the Wellow Tennis Club. In principal the PC approve the refurbishment of the path, but discussions took place if other materials could be used. A Councillor will explore available options.

**Parish Plan:** No update received, but the Parish Plan Working Group planning to restart the work shortly.

**Climate and Nature:** The Council has not supported the idea of "Declaring the Climate Emergency", but is prepared to support and welcome environmental initiatives by residents. There is still a vacancy in the Parish Council for a Climate Change

Councillor. Residents wishing to take a leading role on this important issue, are invited to apply to Clerk by emailing: [clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk).

It was suggested that environmental actions are included in the Parish Plan. Wellow residents and local environment experts can be invited to create a “The Green Working Group” to develop green initiatives in the village.

**Miscellaneous:** Request came from a local farmer to remind horse riders and walkers to keep to the designated bridlepaths/footpaths and not roam over the fields.

Next meeting is scheduled for 6th September 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

*Olga Shepherd, Parish Clerk. Tel: 07988 192619. Email: [clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk)*

## **Lunch Club**

We are delighted to be in a position to hold the September lunch in the village hall. This is providing there are no new restrictions between now and the 23rd of September. New members are most welcome. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. and will cost £3.50.

Please let us know if you would like to attend. If you are unable to come to the hall please let us know when ordering. We will make arrangements for a delivery.

*Julia 01225 849049: Vicky 01225 835840*

## **Wellow Community Bus**

### Full Service resumes on 6th September

Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions we are pleased to announce that from Monday 6 September we will be operating with full capacity of 14 passengers in the main cabin of the Community Bus with plenty of room on most services for commuters and shoppers going to the Park & Ride and into Bath.

We will still ask all passengers to use the hand sanitizer when boarding the minibus and to wear a face covering while on board in line with requests from schools.

We will also re-start our Group Hires for village groups and individuals including our £80 “package deal” into Bath and return (or up to 25 miles) driven by a paid driver. We expect that this will be popular on the run up to Christmas so please contact Prakriti on 07900 163167 to reserve the minibus.

Details of our services and fares are included on the timetable which is inside the Parish Newsletter.

For further information about our services please contact Mike on 07854 414084

*Wellow Community Bus Group*

*Don't forget to visit the Wellow website @ [www.wellowparish.info](http://www.wellowparish.info)*

## Wellow & District Horticultural Society

At the time of writing, we are in the last-minute flurry of activity to make sure the Flower Show goes ahead successfully this year. We have had to contend with a lot of Covid-related unknowns, people being away this year (who can blame them) and there is still the British weather which could leave us stymied! However, it has been a real delight that enough of you have stepped up to fill the gaps and help us on our way. A big thank you to you all. Now we just hope you will all turn out on the day and give us your support (and for the rain to hold off)! Next month, you can look forward to our report!



Watch this space for plans for future events. Will we be able to organise an Apple Day in October? What about a Christmas event, I hear you cry?? As always, we rely on volunteers from our community to take a lead in organising some of our events, where they have particular knowledge, skills or links with other relevant organisations who can help. If this is you, we NEED you! Please do let us know what you can offer. At least we can be fairly sure our AGM will go ahead in November, even if we can't be sure it will take its usual form of a bit of a village knees-up in the Village Hall. We send you all best wishes and hope you are enjoying the tail-end of summer in your gardens and allotments. Keep gardening and stay well!

*Avril and the Committee*



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- Depression
- Menopause
- Immune support
- Pain relief
- Sleep issues
- Headaches/migranes
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# Wellow Parish Diary

## Regular activities:

**Parish Council meetings:** Village Hall; 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in the month; 7.30 to 9.30 p.m: Contact Parish Clerk: Olga Shepherd: Tel: 07988 192619. Email: [clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:MagicBoxPreSchool@outlook.com)

**Boules:** Wellow Recreation Ground; Summer months: Tuesdays, 6.00 p.m. Wednesday, 6.00pm and Sunday, 2:30pm. October: Sunday afternoon only. Contact: Email: [wellow.boules@gmail.com](mailto: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 evenings, 7.30–9.00 p.m. at St Julian's Church. Contact Clover Holland; Tel: 01225 833348; Email: [cloverholland@outlook.com](mailto: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: 10.45–11.45 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.

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