



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**December 2021**

“One with us” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on John 1:14.

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

Despite its message of joy and celebration, Christmas is a time of mixed emotions, meaning different things for different people. For some it will indeed be a time of celebration, bringing family get-togethers, parties, the giving and sharing of presents, the laughter of children, feasting and merriment. For others, by contrast, it will bring pain. It may be the memory of a loved one who has recently died that hurts, or of an earlier bereavement around Christmas. It may be the recollection of bygone years before children grew up and left home to start a family their own. It may be the burden of sickness, disability or terminal illness. Or it may be the continuing suffering of countless millions across the world facing the ever-present reality of poverty, homelessness, hunger and disease. Many will have little, if anything, to celebrate, in worldly terms. Christmas may be a time of joy, but not everyone will be rejoicing.

Yet it is precisely here that we glimpse the true wonder of the Christmas message, for at its heart is the proclamation that God became flesh, taking on our humanity. In other words, he understands what we are going through, whatever it might be. He doesn't just sympathise with our pain and sorrow; he empathises. He doesn't stand aloof from the daily round of life, for he has shared in it himself and is involved in our human situation. Christmas is a time of joy, but it is not just for the joyful; it is a time of celebration but it is not reserved for those who are celebrating. It is a time of good news for all, whether they laugh now or weep, rejoice or despair. God has entered our world so that, whatever we face now, we know that he is with us in it, and that his love will finally bring joy and blessing to all.

# Sunday Services in December

Life lessons from Matthew

**Sunday 5th December: 6.30 p.m.**

**Family Christingle Service**

**Talk:** God honours integrity - Joseph.

Matthew 1:18-25

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

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

**Talk:** Great power brings neither peace  
nor security - Herod. Matthew 2:1-18

**Leader:** Derek Smith

**Speaker:** Derek Smith

**Sunday 19th December: 6.30 p.m.**

**Carols by Candlelight**

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Friday 24th December: 4.30 p.m.**

**Nativity Service**

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Friday 24th December: 11.30 p.m.**

**Midnight Communion**

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

**Saturday 25th December: 9.30 a.m.**

**Christmas Day Celebration**

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

**Sunday 26th December: No service**

## Benefice Office

For anything church related contact the  
Benefice Office:

**Tel:** 01761 300410

**Email:** office@stjsgroup.church

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Full page: £10 per month: £100 per annum

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Cheques to be made payable to St. Julian's Church P.C.C. and sent to the Editor.

## 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 4:30pm Christingle

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

4th Sunday No service

HC = Holy Communion

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

MP = Morning Praise

## Contact the Vicar:

The Revd. Matthew Street

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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.



**ST. JULIAN'S CHURCH**  
**WELLOW**

**CHRISTMAS 2021 SERVICES**

***Sunday, 5th December, 6.30pm***

**FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

***Sunday, 19th December, 6.30. – 7.30 p.m.***

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT -**

*Festival of Lessons and Carols  
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

***Christmas Eve, 24th December, 4.30-5.30pm***

***“The Impossible Promise”***

*Come and join us in an instant Nativity!  
We would love you to come dressed up as an animal,  
an angel or a star watcher and sing well known carols.*

***Christmas Eve, 24th December, 11.30pm – 12.30 a.m.***

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**

***Christmas Morning, 25th December, 9.30 – 10.30 a.m.***

**FAMILY SERVICE – bring a present to show us.**

***Sunday, 2nd January 2022, 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.***

**NEW! ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Come and bring your families, something for everyone!*

*Wishing you all a joyous Christmas*

*and a blessed New Year!*

*Come, let us worship Jesus Christ the Lord!*

## Church News

What a success! Rachel's "Light up the Church" event proved to be so popular that she's planning on repeating it next year. Around 100 people of mixed ages came along to enjoy the spectacle; candles were lit and refreshments enjoyed. All in all, a lovely evening. A slightly different take on traditional Halloween activities.

The following week, the Remembering Loved Ones Service was very meaningful. Candles were lit in memory of loved ones and the prayers removed from the prayer tree were blessed and prayed over.

As always Remembrance Sunday was well attended with the retiring collection going to the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all who took part in the Service.

December looks to being a busy month as one would expect. St Julian's School are starting it off with their Nativity Experience on Wednesday 1st, followed by a Christingle Service on Sunday 5th at 6.30 p.m. This is a lovely service for all ages and please note there is no 10.00 a.m. morning service that day.

Carols by Candlelight is on Sunday 19th at 6.30 p.m. This year we can all join in and sing the carols we all love; the Church will be all decked out in all its Christmas splendour and there will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Again, no service at 10 a.m.

On Christmas Eve, Friday 24th at 4.30-5.30 p.m. is the Children's Christmas Service. Always popular, so come early to get a seat and join the activities. Closely followed by Midnight Communion at 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day celebration will be at 9.30-10.30 a.m. There will be no communion at this service.

It is a full calendar and we would love to see you at some of these services. Everyone is welcome.

*Pam Pike, Church Warden*

## Wellow Parish Council

Due to the high infection rates in the area, the meeting planned on 1 November was cancelled and remote meeting was arranged on following Monday 8th November 2021. As the payments could not be approved at the remote meeting, Councillors met earlier face to face at 6pm on 8th November 2021 in the Village Square.

**Public participation:** There were 4 residents at the meeting: Wellow Traffic Working Group enquired if a speed survey can be done in one location, the junction

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



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Raise cash for good causes by helping to  
Decorate the Village Christmas Tree

Tickets are only  at the Village Shop

On sale as soon as the tree is in place

### Supporting

Wellow  
Lunch  
Club

### Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> - £25  
2<sup>nd</sup> - £15  
3<sup>rd</sup> - £10



Let's all make our Christmas Tree really special

Draw will be by the tree: Date tbc



For your safety:

- \* Decorations have been cleaned using anti-bac disinfectant
- \* They have wire ties on them & are in individual bags
- \* Only shop staff will write on ticket stubs
- \* Please fix decorations very securely to the tree
- \* Winners will be announced in the Parish Post



For more information please contact: 07879 666045 or the shop: 835438

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

of Canteen Lane with the High Street, instead of the four locations as previously suggested. This will reduce the cost of a new survey. The Parish Council will enquire if the Ward Councillor Empowerment Fund, which the Council has applied for previously, is still available with the revised suggestion. Wellow Traffic Working Group will obtain a new quotation for formal consideration at the next PC meeting in December.

Wellow Community Bus reported that several road issues on the bus route have been reported to BANES.

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

21/04589/TCA: Wisteria House

21/04691/TCA: Milford Head, Mill Hill

The Parish Council supported these applications

The following planning decisions by BANES Council: were noted

21/03963/TCA: The Garden House, High Street – No objection

21/04160/TCA: The Garden House, High Street – No objection

21.04216/TCA: Wellow House, High Street – No objection

**Assets of Community Value:** this item was introduced to consider Fox and Badger Pub as an Asset of Community Value meaning that if the pub is put on the market for sale within 5 years, the resident would have 6 months to raise the finance to buy it. The Council agreed to support this proposal and will look into the process required.

**Highways and Transport:** The Council supported the idea of carrying out a speed survey at Canteen Lane and asked Wellow Traffic Working Group to submit a new traffic survey quote for consideration at the next meeting.

The preparations for the Community Speed Watch is nearly complete. It has 5 volunteers and 3 approved sites, including the east side. As soon as the Road Site Training is complete, the equipment will be sent out to begin the survey.

**Play park:** No update

**Climate change:** Wellow Climate Resilience Group is formed by residents and is led by the Cllr. Marchelle Farrell. At this stage the group already consists of 10 people. At this stage the necessary information is being gathered and the next steps are identified. As soon as the action plan is agreed, it will be presented to the Parish Council for their approval and support. If you would like to take part or would like to be kept informed of our next meeting, please get in touch with Cllr. Marchelle Farrell, Email: [Marchelle@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:Marchelle@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk) or the Clerk



**Remembrance Day at the Cemetery:** Wellow and Shoscombe Burial Board together with Royal British Legion organised a Remembrance Event at the cemetery commemorating five First World War soldiers buried there. It was a very moving event. Next year we are hoping to have younger members of our community to attend this tradition. Big Thank you to Hannah for playing “The Last Post.”

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



## R.I.P.

**Deirdre MacLavery:** Deirdre who was a long time resident of the parish sadly died on 6 November in the RUH aged 98. We understand there will not be a funeral but any messages for her family can be left at 10 Manor Close.

**John Woods:** Many of you may already know that John died in August after a long period of ill health. John (and his late wife, Carol) lived in the village for some years before their move to Holt.

## Lunch Club

Our Christmas lunch will be on the 16th December in the village hall. If you have difficulty getting to the hall please let us know and we will deliver the food to you. Lunch will be served at 1pm and will cost £3.50

Please let us know if you would like to attend by the 2nd of December.

*Julia 01225 849049*

*Vicky 01225 835840*

## Wellow & District Horticultural Society

This year's Hort. Soc. AGM was again, unfortunately, held on Zoom. Well, it was better than nothing and it was lovely to see the 20 people who logged on, even if only virtually

We are sad to lose our treasurer and wizard of the spread sheet Ian Harris, but delighted to welcome Fiona Schubert from Twinhoe as our new treasurer. Also, for those not able to attend, the unanimous decision was taken to approach Wellow Recreation to oversee making the flower show a whole village show involving different organisations rather than it just being run by Hort. Soc. This is necessary as the flower show committee wish to retire or substantially reduce their huge workload. As everyone in the parish is automatically a member of Wellow Rec., they are an obvious choice and they are also a registered charity. We wait to hear their response. Meanwhile we are already thinking about events for next year. If Covid restrictions allow we would love to run a full program next year. We will, as I am sure everyone will, be watching with interest how things turn out. If anyone has ideas about specific events they would like to see please contact a member of the committee. So far we have had the suggestion that visiting a smallholding, like the visit to the one in Shoscombe that had to be cancelled last year, would be a good idea. Perhaps also visiting a community farm to encourage the growing of more food locally.

Anyway that's about all I have to say, apart from wishing you all a merry and safe Christmas and roll on spring!

*Bridget and the committee.*

**The West of England Combined Authority** provides support to several bus services operating in the West of England, these are called supported bus services. As part of an ongoing review of these services, they are surveying their existing passengers and potential new passengers to help them understand how supported bus services can be improved. They want your thoughts on what would encourage you to use bus services more often and what they will look like in the future.

Surveys will be available on their supported bus routes over the next few days. Alternatively, an electronic survey can be completed here: <https://consultation.west-of-england-ca.gov.uk/infrastructure/west-of-england-supported-bus-services-survey/> This process sits alongside their work with bus operators and the local councils to improve infrastructure and journeys through improved bus priority, bus lanes, bus stops, electronic real-time information and publicity.

If you have any questions, please do email them to [transport.operations@west-of-england-ca.gov.uk](mailto:transport.operations@west-of-england-ca.gov.uk) and we would be happy to help.



# WELLOW BOULES



## Traditional New Year's Day Gathering 1pm – 3:30pm

**Food & Drink in the Sports Pavilion**

*Share your festive stories & wish everyone well for 2022*

### ***Boules Triples Knockout- sur la Piste***

*Pre-register your team asap to secure your place*



**Dress for the weather folks - Rain DOES NOT stop us!**

Event FOC – With a voluntary collection for a local charity

**Registration / Questions - - Email : [wellow.boules@gmail.com](mailto:wellow.boules@gmail.com)**

# WELLOW VILLAGE HALL

## AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE

<b>Children's' Party 2 Hours</b>	<b>£30</b>
With half hour before and after to setup and clean up	
<b>Children's' Party 3 Hours</b>	<b>£37</b>
With half hour before and after to setup and clean up	
<b>Evening Party 6pm - 12 midnight</b>	<b>£67</b>
<b>All day Hire 9am – 6pm</b>	<b>£55</b>
<b>All day and evening hire</b>	<b>£110</b>
<b>Regular group meetings for up to 2hrs</b>	<b>£15</b>

**To enquire about booking the Village Hall**

**Please contact Vicky Hammerton [canndu@live.com](mailto:canndu@live.com) or 07977900387**

The Village Hall Committee endeavours to provide a well maintained community facility for the benefit of all within the Parish of Wellow and its wider environs.

## We've got Christmas all wrapped up for you!

Pop in and check out our beautiful Christmas boxes!

We have 5 gorgeous big Christmas boxes to choose from; Wellbeing Box, Tea Box, Coffee Box, Bamboo Box and a box for the man in your life  
PLUS with code GIFTBOX15 you can get 15% off these during October.

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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](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: 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 evening, 7.30 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.

## Wellow Parish Directory:

**Wellow Horticultural Society:** Secretary: 01225 837878: [info@hortsoc.wellow.org](mailto:info@hortsoc.wellow.org)

**Parlour Shop:** Tel: 835438; Email: [wellowparlourshop@gmail.com](mailto:wellowparlourshop@gmail.com)

**Wellow Village Hall bookings:** Tel: 835840. Email: [canndu@live.com](mailto:canndu@live.com)

**Wellow Community Bus:** Contact: Mike 07854 414084, [michaeljclarkson@gmail.com](mailto:michaeljclarkson@gmail.com)

**Friends of St. Julians:** Contact: [friends@stjulianswellow.co.uk](mailto:friends@stjulianswellow.co.uk)

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