



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**January 2022**

“I am with you” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Exodus 3:7-12a.

*The Lord said, “I have witnessed the misery of my people in Egypt; I have heard their cry at the hands of their taskmasters. Yes, I know how much they are suffering, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to lead them out of that country to a fine and extensive land; the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, flowing with milk and honey. The cry of the Israelites has reached my ears and I have seen how the Egyptians oppress them, so come, and I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people Israel out of Egypt.” But Moses retorted, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” God answered, “I am with you.” (Exodus 3:7-12a)*

When did you last face a challenge that seemed completely beyond you but from which there was no escape? Anyone who has been in such a situation will have at least some insight into how Moses must have felt when God turned up in a burning bush ordering him to confront Pharaoh and demand the release of his people. It was a lot to ask of anyone, but for someone like Moses, by all accounts nervous and hesitant in speech, it was little short of purgatory. This was one request he could do without! The trouble was, God apparently couldn't do without him.

The verses above are but the start of one of the most astonishing conversations between God and man recorded in scripture. On the one hand, we have the sheer humanity of Moses, coming up with reason after reason why he was the least suitable candidate for the job, and, on the other, we have God countering every argument with an unanswerable riposte. It's hard not to feel sorry for Moses as finally he is almost browbeaten into submission, but it's equally impossible not to be inspired by the way that, having finally risen to the challenge, God provided him with all the resources he needed, and more besides. Remember, then, next time you face an apparently impossible challenge, that though it may be beyond *you*, it's not beyond *him*!

# Sunday Services in

## January

Before Abraham was I am

**Sunday 2nd January: 10.00 a.m.**

### All Age Worship

**Talk:** What is His name? – Exodus 3:1-14

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

**Sunday 9th January: 10.00 a.m. H.C.**

**Talk:** “It is I am” –Matthew 14:22-33,

John 6:15-21, Mark 6:45-52

**Leader:** Derek Smith

**Speaker:** Derek Smith

**Sunday 16th January: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** “I am Jesus” – Acts 9:1-9, Acts

22:2-21, Acts 26:1-32

**Leader:** Jo Vening

**Speaker:** Dick Beath

**Sunday 23rd January: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** Before Abraham was I am – John

8:48-58

**Leader:** Dick Beath

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

**Sunday 23rd January: 10.00 a.m.**

**St J's Group Benefice Sunday at St. John's Peasdown**

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

## Benefice Office

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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 4:30pm SF

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

4th Sunday 10:30am MP 4:30pm

HC = Holy Communion. 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?

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## Church News

It's been a roller coaster of a year and one that most will be glad to see the back of, not least we at St Julian's but we did manage most of the special services, The Christingle was in early December, and quite a number of families with young children came along and enjoyed decorating oranges and joining in with the action songs.

The Carols by Candlelight, although seats had to be booked, around 75 people attended despite having to wear masks yet again. Freddie Kotchie sang a solo most beautifully and we all sang favourite carols together all be it a little muffled behind masks. The PCC thank everyone who contributed. The Church was decorated beautifully and St Julian's looked at its best in the candlelight. Mulled wine, mince pies and catching up with friends concluded the evening a treat.

I am sure there will be lots to look forward to in 2022, starting with the new service being held on the first Sunday of each month. We don't know how many will come along but we are hoping for lots of children with Mum, Dad, Grandparents and neighbours in tow. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Happy New Year

*Pam Pike, Church Warden*

## Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 6th December in the village hall. The following has been discussed:

**Public Participation:** Improper parking and speeding at the entrance to Canteen Lane have been reported.

The government Heat and Building strategy outlining future support for low carbon heating was mentioned to the Council. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heat-and-buildings-strategy>.

Wellow Traffic Group advised the Parish Council to support Bath Rural Transport Group Further information can be found at <https://banesruraltransportgroup.org/about/who-we-are/>

Joint BANES and WECA (West of England combined authority) A37 and A367 corridor Survey to improve the travel was mentioned. Public is encouraged to respond to this survey until 9th January 2022 and can be found at <https://consultation.west-of-england-ca.gov.uk>.

A resident queried if re-lettering could be done on the historic trough on the batch. A quote will be obtained for consideration.

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

The Parish Sweeper expressed a concern that rat infestation was noticed near houses, which are not occupied at the moment.

**Planning Applications:** The following application considered:

21/04865/ADCOU: Barn at Upper Hayes, Bath Hill – Objection

21/04981/OUT: Manor Lodge, Farm Lane – Objection

21/04973/FUL: Parcel 6100, Dunkerton Hill, Dunkerton – Supported

21/04929/FUL: Meadow View, High Street – Supported

21/04569/FUL: Crewcroft Barn, Hinton Hill, Hinton Charterhouse – Objection

21/05276/FUL: Wisteria House, High Street – Supported

21/05239/TCA - White Baines, Bull's Hill – Supported

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council noted:

21/04691/TCA: Milford Head, Mill Hill – No objection

**Assets of Community Value:** No update at this time. A Member of the Council to look into the relevant documents and update at the next meeting.

**Highways and Transport:** Update on a revised traffic survey suggestion: Revised single location speed survey proposal was submitted to the Council for consideration. The new revised quotations came to £682 + VAT (£784 total), which include £172.00 for BANES fee; £360 + VAT for survey company fee (360 TSL); £150.00+Vat for the entrance fee for commissioning survey and producing a letter.

Discussion took place if there are alternative ways of obtaining data and analysis. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to carry out traffic count at the entrance of the Canteen Lane. The Council agreed to budget this expense item into the next financial year budget. The District Councillor Neil Butters has said that the Councillor Empowerment Fund may also be available. The Traffic Group was asked to provide a formal quotation for approval at the next meeting.

**Update on Community Speed Survey:** The Council has been informed that Speed survey could not start as necessary equipment hasn't been received.

**Data from 2019 speeding survey:** It was noted that the data in 2019 survey has not addressed 20 mph zone speed restriction in the village, but the 30 mph was taken into account in the analysis. This does not reflect the true speeding problem.

A response to WECA supported bus services survey by Wellow Traffic Group was noted.

BANES Highways proposal to install 30mph speed limit outside Wellow Livery was noted

**Climate Change:** There has been a lot of interest expressed by Wellow residents to develop Climate Change activities in Wellow. Luckily, some residents possess the necessary professional knowledge in decarbonisation and are they are happy to share their expertise. The Wellow Energy Group has been formed. The aim of this Energy Group is to create a company, which raise funds in order to provide a financial support to residents in switching to more greener energy sources as well as provide them with necessary information.

The proposed “Resilience and Sustainability Policy” has been presented to the Council for consideration and adoption by the Council. The Members reviewed the Policy and it was suggested that the Policy, which can be adopted by the Parish Council, and the Action Plan, which will be used by the Energy and Group. Be separated. The amended version of this document will be presented at the next meeting for final approval.

### **Finance and Administration:**

Wellow Community Bus Group Grant application, 2022-23, for £500 was approved.

Village shop grant application, 2022-23, for £500 was approved.

Dial-a-Ride grant application, 2022-23, for £30 was approved.

Parish Council Budget, 2022-23, was approved.. The Clerk to circulate the agreed version to all Members by email.

The Parish Council Precept, 2022-23, was agreed at the £16,040.00. The Clerk to send the request to BANES.

The Clerk recommended that the Parish Council create a separate website, which can be administered independently without relying on the third party as it is currently arranged. The Council decided that free versions of a website can be investigated. The Clerk will look into this.

The following has been approved for payment in the 2022-23 financial year:

A quotation for £550.00 for replacing the wire fencing in the playing field. The Chairman will ask Redwood fencing to go ahead with the works.

**Carols on the Batch** was organised on 22 December 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting: Review and approval of the amended “Resilience and Sustainability Policy.”

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 10th January 2022.

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





Dedication of the horse trough on the Batch which is a memorial to the Wellow Guardian of the Poor between 1875 and 1905.

## **Lunch Club**

### **Happy New Year.**

The first lunch of the year is on the 27th January. At the time of writing this, we are unsure if meeting in the hall will be safe. If we do not hold lunch in the village hall, we will offer a takeaway service from the village hall car park at 1pm. The cost will be £3.50. To reserve a place please call Julia or Vicky by the 12th January please.

*Julia 01225 849049*

*Vicky 01225 835840*

## **Poppy “Thank you”**

A big thank you to all our Poppy sellers and donators, we collected a whopping £490.03 this year!

*Sarah Hartigan*

## **Wellow & District Horticultural Society**

By the time you read this Christmas will be over and the shortest day, the winter equinox, will have passed. I always look forward to this point. It marks the returning of light and the start of the growing season. OK I know it is ages until we can reasonably start planting seeds even in the greenhouse but it still fills me with hope and I start washing out pots and modules in readiness. A walk in my local wood had the opposite effect and filled me with sadness. It is a wood containing a lot of ash trees which suffered from ash die back and had been felled by the landowner. While I understand the reasons for this it was a scene of devastation so I had to write about it.

Hopefully genetic variations in the ash tree will ensure some are resistant to ash die back. It would be very sad if the ash were to go the same way as the elm and be rarely seen. No doubt nature will in time regenerate the forest floor but I, for one, would greatly miss our native ash.

Anyway, on behalf of the Hort. Soc. committee I wish you all a happy new year and a successful growing season.

*Bridget and the Committee*

## Tucking Mill Wood

In serried ranks the grey trunks lie,  
by a foreign fungus condemned to die.  
Another of our native trees  
has suffered from a new disease.  
The forest floor is opened to the sky.

The piles of twigs and leaves – the brash  
belonged once to the stately ash.  
The woodland scene's a devastation  
and it's the same across the nation!  
Decades of growth felled with a crash

Fat black ash buds will burst no more  
nor ash samaras fall to the floor.  
Screaming fills the air like thunder  
as chainsaws tear the forest asunder.  
The woodland's wounds are deep and raw.

Ash key pickle won't be made again  
nor handles from the strong straight grain.  
The demise of this iconic tree  
Is such a catastrophe to see.  
This native wood will never be the same.

*Bridget Woollen*



# ALL AGE WORSHIP

**10 - 10.45 with coffee and  
croissants from 9.30am**

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from 2 January**

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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.

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