



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

March 2022

“You shall!” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on John 8:32; 10:10; Matthew 7:7

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free. I have come so that you shall have life, and have it to the full. Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened to you. (John 8:32; 10:10; Matthew 7:7)

‘Don’t do that!’ ‘Stop it!’ ‘Leave it alone!’ There can be times when being a parent feels like constantly nagging, forever saying no. The same, sadly, is the impression some people have of the Church; a view reinforced by those old Wayside Pulpit posters you still sometimes see, starkly proclaiming ‘The wages of sin is death’ or some other equally cheery message! Undeniably, there is a negative element in the Bible, epitomised by the majority of the Ten Commandments with their stem pref-ace: ‘Thou shalt not ...’

This, however, is by no means the whole story, for in the teaching of Jesus the mes-sage is reversed. Instead of ‘You shall not’ it becomes ‘You shall’, all the negative commandments being summed up in one positive: ‘A new commandment I give you: Love one another’ (John 13:14). Repeatedly it is the same story: you shall have, you shall know, you shall find - the blind shall see, the lame walk, the imprisoned be set free, the pure in heart see God, the hungry and thirsty be satisfied, and so on and so on. Never think that being a Christian is about what you can’t do, still less give that impression to others. Above all, it is about what you can do; about the possibil-ities the love of Christ opens up; about the sheer potential of life!

Sunday Services in March

I am the gate for the sheep

Sunday 6th March: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Talk: Gatekeepers – 1 Chronicles 9:17-34

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 13th March: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Talk: A city whose gates never close – Revelation 21: 1-27

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: I am the gate for the sheep - John 10:1-10

Leader: Dick Beath

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 27th March: 10.00 a.m.

Mothering Sunday

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Catherine Aherne

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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 SF

HC = Holy Communion

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

MP = Morning Praise

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Church News

Since last month's church news the PCC have had meetings to discuss, among other things, the cost of keeping St. Julian's up and running. The residents of Wellow will shortly be receiving a survey asking them to let the PCC know how important they feel St. Julian's Church is to them. It is then hoped to invite everyone along to either the village Hall or the pub for questions and answers and enjoy refreshments together. Unless we all address the problems of keeping our beautiful church alive, we could lose it in the near future.

The second All Age Service on Feb 6th was really enjoyable; refreshments were shared before the service and the Children present were invited to mix dough and after the service attempts were made to bake dough on sticks over a fire pit in the North Field – not very successful, I hasten to add, but good fun.

We would love to see more families, young and old, come along and join the regular congregation at these relaxed and friendly services. The next is on 6th March at 9.30 a.m.

On Sunday 13th February, a memorial service was held to remember the life of our good friend, Joyce Mannings. The Church was packed with her family and friends.

Looking forward we have Mothering Sunday 27th March. You are invited to come along and receive a spring posy and share refreshments after the service.

Pam Pike, Church Warden

Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 7th February in the village hall. The following discussions took place:

Public Participation: The Parish Sweeper reported that the drains in the village have been cleaned out well recently by BANES.

Inconsiderate parking in the village, especially in the vicinity of the school continues to be a problem for farm vehicles.

The Wellow groups' website, the wellow.org domain, is to be moved to a commercial server. The cost associated with this is not known at this stage. The parish council has been asked to provide the figures for consideration at next meeting.

Village car park: Joy riding late at night has been reported. The possible installation of obstructions at the entry was discussed.

Canteen Lane: A car accident, which caused a serious damage to a house on the

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

High Street was reported. Police was involved, but BANES need to respond to it too. A letter to BANES Highways Authorities will be sent by the parish council.

Canteen Lane: Parking, breaking a highway code and obstructing a clear sightline was reported.

Parish Council Vacancy: The Parish Council currently has one vacancy which now can be filled by co-option. If you would like to become a Councillor, please contact Clerk clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk

Planning application:

The following application were considered:

21/05700/FUL: Bubblers Dytch, High Street - The Parish Council will contact BANES officers for clarification regarding green belt regulations.

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council were noted:

21/03507/FUL: Parcel 2200 Norton Lane – Permitted

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

21/04973/FUL: Parcel 6100 Dunkerton Hill – Permitted

Assets of Community Value: A parish survey to gather the residents' view of the Fox and Badger Pub becoming a community asset is to be published in the Parish Post. The results of this survey will be reviewed and discussed at the next parish council meeting.

Highways & Transport: Wellow Parish Council received £250 grant from Ward Councillor Empowerment Fund towards the cost of the traffic survey. This traffic survey is to commence at the end of February 2022.

Community Speed Survey: No update at this time.

Public Right Of Ways:

BA25/1 rear of Ford Farm: BANES have informed the parish council that this Byway Open to All Traffic could not be changed to restricted access.

Byway Girts Lane: The continuing problem of fence wire being cut and walkers using the field instead of the path was discussed. Ways to discourage people were discussed.

Canteen Lane: Registration as a public footpath is to be updated at the next meeting.

Cotswold Landscape Review: The document is to be reviewed by the council members and comments formalise at a later stage.

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

Climate Change: The Environment Policy have been approved. The Policy is published in the parish council website and on the village noticeboard.

Alternative Energy Evening: Worried about increasing energy prices or your carbon footprint? Learn how your neighbours have made the switch from oil to more sustainable forms of heating and energy. Come along to the Village Hall on Monday 21st March at 7:30pm

Bathavon Forum meeting: Bathavon Forum is created to bring together local communities in BANES area to discuss current issues. Wellow Parish Council raised issues such as communication with BANES Planning officers, measures to reduce speeding in the village and Climate Change.

Platinum Jubilee 2022: 5 June: Save date in your diary for the village street party

Village car park. Antisocial behaviour late evenings were reported. Possible measures to mitigate were discussed by the parish council members.

Finance and Administration: The potential options of the PC's communication systems and local websites were discussed. The costs will be considered at the next meeting.

A receipt of £250.00 from Ward Councillor empowerment fund for the traffic survey noted

A receipt of £237.72 from Horton Starkie Grave Fund for the period for 2021 noted

A receipt of £10.00 from the Village Hall for 10 years rent noted

Drinking Trough in the Square: Specialist cleaning at the cost of £175 and possibly additional £100 if repainting if needed was approved

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Monday 7th March 2022.

Olga Shepherd, Parish Clerk. Tel: 07988 192619. Email: clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk

Lunch Club

The March lunch will be on Thursday 24th at 1pm. The cost will be £3.50 We would like to return to the old system where members just need to let us know if they are unable to attend. If you are unable to attend or wish to have your lunch delivered then please contact us. New members are always welcome.

Julia 01225 849049

Vicky 01225 835840

Wellow & District Horticultural Society

At a recent meeting of the Hort. Soc. committee we worked the list of events for this year. Such a lot to look forward, forward! We are hoping for a year of normality and sunny weather!

31st March, 7.30 p.m: Wellow Village Hall; Talk by Sally Morgan

28th April, 10.30 a.m. in Shoscombe: Visit to smallholding in Shoscombe

7th May, 1.00 p.m: Wellow Village Hall Plant Sale

June/July, Garden Party: Date and venue TBA

3rd September: Wellow Village Show

October; Apple Day: Date and venue TBA

17th November, 7.30 p.m: Village Hall, AGM

The focus of many events this year will be Biodiversity and the Natural World and we hope to be adding to this list in the next few months. Get them in your diary and more details will follow.

Bridget & the committee



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 2022

Save the date for Wellow's Street Party!

There will be many events and activities celebrating the Jubilee across the UK over the extended Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5th June.

In line with most of the country Wellow Parish Council is planning a

Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June!

This will take place in the Square which will be closed to traffic and everyone is invited. More details will follow but we also aim to hold some exciting competitions for children with a prize-giving ceremony at the Big Jubilee Lunch.

There's a lot we can do to make this a memorable day and if you'd like to be involved please get in touch. Any help will be gratefully received.

Debbie Clarkson (Tel: 07967 109411 deb@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk)

Wellow Parish Council



Gate opens: 5pm

Wellow Outdoor Family Theatre

Saturday 2 July 2022

Wellow Playing Field

Gate opens: 5:00pm - Show starts: 6:00pm

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Government response to the Landscapes Review consultation

The government is currently consulting on their response to the Landscapes Review, and it's an important issue to those of us living within the Cotswolds AONB. As the document is rather dense, I have summarised some key points below on behalf of the Parish Council.

Firstly, the Landscapes Review was carried out in 2019, led by Julian Glover. It made 27 proposals, which are summarised here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-landscapes-national-parks-and-aonbs-2018-review/landscapes-review-summary-of-findings>

It's hard to summarise the summary further, but basically it called for AONBs like ours to become part of a joined up national service called National Landscapes, with greater funding, enhanced diversity of access, better governance, a strengthened role in responding to climate change and biodiversity loss, and better provision for the people who live and work within those landscapes.

The government response can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-government-response/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-government-response>

The key points that seem to pertain to us falling within the Cotswolds AONB are:

The Landscape Review called for AONBs to have greater funding and statutory powers, to match the status of National Parks, and for all of these areas to be redesignated as National Landscapes, headed up by a new National Landscapes Service.


The government is proposing to more closely align the statutory purposes of National Parks and AONBs, and is considering the name change. They are not creating a new single entity, but are instead proposing that a national partnership for collaborative working be created out of the existing national parks, AONBs, and Natural England.

The government has created the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme which will provide funding to farmers and land managers to fund projects that:

- support nature recovery
- mitigate the impacts of climate change
- provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage
- protect or improve the quality and character of the landscape or place

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-for-farmers-in-protected-landscapes>

New environmental land management schemes are being developed and views are being sought in the current consultation.



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The Landscapes Review proposed creating a new statutory purpose to foster the economic and community vitality of national landscapes. However the government proposes that existing statutory duties and responsibilities to consider the rural economy are enough, along with programmes like FiPL.

Regarding transport, the government thinks that protected landscapes like ours may require bespoke transport arrangements, and are updating guidance around Local Transport Plans.

A new charity is being formed under the National Trails umbrella to improve access to the natural environment. The Landscapes Review proposed expanding open access rights. The government instead proposes paying landowners for access and engagement, and remedying barriers to the provision of permissive access.

The government is proposing making a greater range of enforcement powers available to National Park authorities to deal with antisocial behaviour. It's not clear how this will impact AONBs.

The Landscapes Review proposed that AONB teams be given statutory consultee status for planning applications. The government is concerned about the resource implications of this on AONB teams, and is seeking views in the consultation on how AONB teams can achieve better outcomes in the planning process. The government intends to review the National Planning Policy Framework and consider policy for protected landscapes.

The Landscapes Review proposed a new, publicly funded housing authority specifically for national landscapes to address problems with affordable rural housing. The government essentially proposes that existing rural housing associations are enough. The Landscapes Review proposed better funding of National Landscapes. The government proposes not to match the recommended increase, but to increase their core grant by 15%, and also to encourage pursuing private and commercial funding by selling the benefits of nature. To aid this, they propose broadening the legal competence of National Parks authorities to a more general and significant power, similar to local authorities. It's not clear whether this will impact AONBs.

There's quite a lot in the document, including a whole section on governance and board selection, and some thoughts on green lanes.

The consultation closes on the 9th of April and can be found here:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscapes-review/consultation/intro/>

Please do take a moment to express your views if you can, as ideas generated from these kinds of consultations can help shape our future.

Marchelle Farrel

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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, 7.30 p.m. at St Julian's Church. 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: 10.45–11.45 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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