



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**April 2022**

“April’s special offer (available all year)” by Rev. Shaula Reilly, our Curate

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (John 20:1-8)*

What does April make you think of? I love the crisp whiff of spring which lifts my spirits, seeing all the spring flowers and signs of new life, and even the refreshing April showers. Everything in nature seems full of new possibilities and hope and I find a new spring in my step. And as the seasons of the year turn, so Easter comes round for another time. And here is the opportunity for new life, new possibilities and new hope.

We’ve heard the story so many times: Jesus whose life was characterised by love, who captivated crowds with his words and who deeply touched the lives of individuals, was unjustly sentenced to death by the establishment and against all expectations returned to life three days later, defeating death. But it’s easy to be like the disciple who stood outside the tomb, seeing the empty shroud, but unsure about going in. This new life that Jesus offers can only be experienced by entering into his welcome and invitation. We can anticipate the wonderful chocolatey taste of a packaged Easter egg, but it isn’t until we take off the foil and actually eat it, that we can fully enjoy and experience it.

This Easter offers another opportunity to journey through this whole story – to bring to Jesus the pain that we feel about so many things going on in our world and our own lives, knowing that he, too, has known betrayal, rejection, unjustified allegations, physical pain and suffering. In the emptiness of the waiting between Jesus’

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# Sunday Services in

## April

I am the resurrection and the life

**Sunday 3rd April: 10.00 a.m.**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

**Sunday 10th April: 10.00 a.m. H.C.**

**Talk:** The sign of Jonah: Matthew 12:33-42

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

**Friday 2nd April: 3.00 p.m.**

**Meditation on the Cross**

**Sunday 17th April: 10.00 a.m.**

**Easter Day**

**Talk:** Out of death comes life - Jesus:  
John 20:1-10

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

**Sunday 24th April: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** I am the resurrection and the life:  
John 11:17-44

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

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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

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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death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday, we can bring to him the things that we do not understand, the unanswered questions, the things we have longed for for so long. And we can enter into the joy of Easter Sunday – Jesus has taken the consequences of all that is wrong in ourselves and our world in his death on the cross and in rising from the dead has opened the way for us to enter into new intimacy and new life with God, the offer of forgiveness and transformation, living our lives in the friendship of Jesus who loves us enough to lay down his life for us.

This April, enjoy the spring flowers, sunshine and promise of summer, but there is also the offer to enjoy life in a whole new dimension – loved, forgiven, renewed – receiving the peace, joy and acceptance of God through Jesus.

## Church News

Again we have had another quiet month at St. Julians. No significant damage was incurred during the past high winds except a small top layer from one of the tombstones was lifted.

Already this year we have had the pleasure of four christenings taking place. Next month we look forward to a wedding, a renewal of wedding vows and a christening all on the same Saturday – busy times.

So far three All Age Worship services have been enjoyed with numbers increasing each month. If you've not already joined us come along and see for yourselves what it's all about. The next AAW is Sunday May 1st as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting falls on the first Sunday in April which you are most welcome to come along to.

Regular congregation numbers continue at 15 to 20 people each Sunday, so plenty of room for more.

On Good Friday we have Meditation on the Cross at 3 p.m. and on Easter Sunday, Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

*Pam Pike, Church Warden*

## Wellow Parish Council

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

**Public participation:** The Parish Sweeper reported that the bin near the entrance to the church has been emptied regularly by a resident

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It was also reported that debris stuck in the channels under the ford cause water levels to rise in the Wellow brook. Suggestion was made to organise a community event to clear it up.

A resident expressed a concern that Sulis Down development will affect future traffic in Wellow. Ways to discourage future traffic was discussed. WPC will contact Combe Hay and Dunkerton parish councils to discuss.

### **Planning Applications:**

The following applications were considered:

22/00323/FUL: Willow Barn High Street –Supported

21/05700/FUL: Bubblers Dytch, High Street – Correspondence was sent to B&NES regarding previous enforcement action

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council was noted: 21/03507/FUL: Parcel 2200 Norton Lane – Permitted. Further correspondence with B&NES to be discussed.

**Assets of Community Value:** The response to the survey about inclusion of the Fox and Badger pub as an Asset of Community Value has been very positive with majority of respondents supporting the application.

**Highways & Transport:** The traffic survey is to commence shortly.

Community Speed Survey could not be started as the necessary equipment has not been sent.

The litter picking event has been delayed due to equipment not being available from B&NES. It was mentioned that Hinton Hill, which belongs to Hinton Charterhouse parish council has become unsightly due to litter, especially in a layby. Clerk will contact Hinton Charterhouse parish council to enquire whether they are planning to organise a litter pick and also B&NES to ask to provide a litter bin on the layby.

**Public Rights of Way:** Canteen Lane – update is to be received at the next meeting.

**Climate Change:** A village meeting about sharing information on alternative heating systems is organised on 21 March in the village hall. Climate Change Councillor was not present at this meeting, further updates is to be provided at next meeting.

**Platinum Jubilee 2022:** A plan of celebrations were outlined and agreed by the council. Clerk is to apply for the road closure. Concerns were raised about possible difficulties for farmers if the road is closed. Councillors agreed to contact local farmers. The organisers will summarise the funds required and apply at the next meeting.

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



**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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## **Finance and Administration:**

The parish council agreed to appoint ALCA scheme for auditing the financial accounts 2021-22

Members noted that there was a slight increase in the Greensward ground maintenance contract for 2022-23 due to inflation.

Discussions took place about maintenance requirements to goal mouths and the football pitch. The District Councillor recommended we explore alternative solutions to verti-draining and top dressing used by Bath University. Further information will be investigated and discussed at the next meeting.

**Future Dates:** 4th April, 2022: 7 p.m. Annual meeting of electors: 8 p.m. Parish council meeting

9th May, 2022: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, when a Chairman is elected.

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

## **Lunch Club**

The April Easter lunch will be on Thursday 28th 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**

Hurray the weather at last seems to be improving and the temperature is rising. Time to get out on the garden. I have been sorting through my seeds and starting to sow. When you are sowing remember that the annual plat sale is approaching and sow a few extra please. This year it will be in the village hall for the first time in 2 years. Hurray again! I am hoping we will get the usual excellent selection of veg and flowers, shrubs and perennials. So please sow a few extra and come along on Saturday 7th May. And don't forget to split and pot up those perennials that have become to big.

Teas and cakes will be available possibly outside in the sunshine, though that is hard to guarantee! Gardening is hungry work.

Other news is that the Wellow Village Show team are working away with enthusiasm in preparation for this year's show on 3rd September. The classes for entries

will be available online sometime in June and we will be printing a schedule again this year which we hope to distribute with the Parish Newsletter.

Happy gardening.

*Bridget and the Hort. Soc. Committee*

### **In praise of Dandelions.**

The dandelions that gild my patch with gold  
Provide sweet nectar for the early bees.  
Leaves, roots and blooms were used in times of old  
for wine and tea, so please don't call them weeds.

They decorate my lawn, and sprout in cracks  
Their low rosettes beneath the mower's cut  
Silk parachutes form dandelion clocks  
I have no will or heart to dig them out

Small children blow the seeds to make a wish  
according to the age old adages.  
Light breezes blow the seeds in clouds of mist  
And then they root between my cabbages

So think of them not as a gardener's blight  
But give them a space, view them with delight.

*Bridget Woollen*





## **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](mailto:deb@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk))

*Wellow Parish Council*



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## A prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all – especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates. Lord for those who are anxious and fearful. For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives. And for those who have lost loved ones. Lord hear our prayers.

*May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 2 Thessalonians 3:16*

Lord, we ask that decisions makers hear Your voice. Parents protecting their families – deciding whether to stay or leave. Church leaders as they support and comfort people. And Lord we ask for wise actions from global leaders - who have the power not only to start wars, but to stop them too.

And Father God we cry out for an end to this crisis. For mercy, peace, and truth – because You are light, hope, power, and love.

Amen.

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# Wellow Parish Diary

## Regular activities:

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**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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