



# The Parish of Wellow

## Wellow Church and Parish News

**May 2022**

“The litmus test of faith” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Matthew 25:31–40

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, together with his angels, he will sit in state on his throne, with all the nations gathered before him, and he will separate people one from the other as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, putting the sheep to his right and the goats to his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, those who my Father has blessed - inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you made me welcome, naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you had time for me.’ Then the righteous will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, or naked and clothe you? When was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ Then the king will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, whenever you did it to the least of your brothers and sisters, you did it also to me.’ (Matthew 25:31-40)*

Do you remember your first chemistry experiment at school? Almost certainly it involved a piece of litmus paper, dipped into a test-tube of liquid to see if it turned red or blue, indicating acid or alkali. There is something of that test in the words of Jesus concerning the sheep and the goats, only this time the test concerns something very different - how faithfully we have responded to Christ.

What are the distinguishing features we should look for? Doctrinal soundness? Faith that can move mountains? Gifts of the Spirit? An impeccable record of church attendance? Not according to this parable, they’re not. What counts, rather, is whether we have responded to people in need; whether we have shown our faith in action, expressing through our care and compassion the love of Christ. That, we are told, is the litmus test of Christian discipleship. Of course, we need to consider such words in the light of Christ’s teaching concerning mercy and forgiveness, but we should not use that to evade or tone down their challenge. Faith may not depend on works but it ought to result in them, at least in part. The warning here is not so much that Jesus will reject us but that, through turning our back on others, we may find that we have rejected him.

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## Sunday Services in May

I am the son of man

**Sunday 1st May: 10.00 a.m.**

**All Age Worship**

**Talk:** What do we know about Jesus?

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

**Sunday 8th May: 10.00 a.m. H.C.**

**Talk:** Who is this son of man? John 12:20-36

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

**Sunday 15th May: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** The son of man comes to seek and save the lost. Luke 19:1-10

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Pauline Preddy

**Sunday 22nd May: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** Separating the sheep from the goats. Matthew 25:31-46

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

**Sunday 29nd May: 10.00 a.m.**

**Talk:** I am the son of man - John 6:16-30

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

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or through the church website.

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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 SF

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?

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.

Visit the Church website: [www.stjsgroup.church](http://www.stjsgroup.church)

## **R.I.P.**

Very sadly, Brian, the beloved partner of Pam Pike, our Church Warden died suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday 16th April. Please keep Pam and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Very understandably, Pam has therefore not written any Church News this month.

## **Wellow Parish Council**

Due to high infection cases in the village Wellow Parish Council meeting has taken place remotely on 4th April

The following planning applications were discussed:

22/00864/FUL. Windyridge, High Street – Supported

22/01143/CONDLB. Nethercote Cottage, 3 The Batch – Supported

22/00903/VAR. Parcel 2200 Norton Lane – The Parish Council is objecting to this planning application.

The following planning application decisions by BANES were NOTED:

21/03042/LBA and 21/03041/FUL. Church Farm House, High Street – Permitted

Assets of Community Value : The Application process for the inclusion of Fox and Badger pub is underway. More responses to the survey are encouraged

Highways & Transport: Results of an independent traffic survey are being analysed and the report is expected shortly.

Climate Change: Tree planting at the top of the recreation grounds was discussed. Members will work to initiate this project during May.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022: A street party is being organised on Sunday 5th June in the Square with a jubilee picnic, BBQ, cream tea, music, dancing and more. Everyone is invited to celebrate!

Next Parish council meeting will be held on the 9th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

A meeting of the electors will be held on the same day at 7 p.m.

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

## **Lunch Club**

The May lunch will be on Thursday 26th at 1pm. The cost will be £3.50 Please let us know if you are unable to attend or wish to have your lunch delivered. New members are always welcome.

*Julia 01225 849049*

*Vicky 01225 835840*

## **Wellow Village Show 2022**

### **Saturday September 3rd, 12 noon till 5 p.m.**

As we (hopefully) emerge from Covid, our annual Wellow Village Show will be back to its full glory this year - but with a few differences. Rather than the Horticultural Society organising the whole event, Hort Soc are just looking after the Flower Show in the marquee. A wider group of villagers has come together to plan and organise every other aspect of the Show, including everything that happens on the field and beyond.

Many things will stay the same. For example, the Flower Show will be in the marquee with its range of classes and exhibitions, there will be ferret racing, a coconut shy, numerous stalls, the raffle, a BBQ, beer tent and tea and cakes in the hall. However, there will also be a few new additions, including more children's entertainments, activities taking place on the tennis courts and the sports pavilion and many new, different stalls. There will also be the return of the East v West tug of war. Please note we are planning to start an hour earlier than usual at 12 noon in order to fit everything in.

There will be lots of information between now and then about what's happening - so please put the date in your diary. It's the highlight of the Village year!

The 2022 Wellow Village Show Team and their responsibilities are:

- Rob Greig (Co-ordinator)
- Bridget Woollen (Hort Soc Flower Show)
- Alice Lancaster (Entertainments and Food)
- Rebecca Reynolds (Entertainments and Food)
- Lucy Pearman (Merchandise stalls)
- Annabel Chapman (Raffle and Communications)
- Prakriti Karthauser (Stalls and logistics)
- Sophie Hart (Ents and volunteers)
- Fiona Schubert (Hort Soc Treasurer)

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

Despite just looking after the Flower Show element, the Hort Soc has kindly agreed to underwrite any financial loss at the Show for 2022. This hopefully won't happen as, weather permitting, the Show usually makes a small surplus. This year's surplus is to be split 50/50 between Hort Soc and the wider Show Team. The wider show team have decided that their 50% will be donated to Future Wellow - the new village group concerned with climate change and biodiversity.

## Wellow Boules



**Sunday - 2:30pm ● Wednesday - 6:00pm**

**Everyone is Welcome – Only £1 per session**

⊕ **No need for your own equipment - spare boules are available**

⊕ **Our players will show you how to play**

**Thursday - 7:00pm ● League Team Matches**

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**Gate opens: 5pm**

**Wellow Outdoor Family Theatre**

**Saturday 2 July 2022**

**Wellow Playing Field**

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

***Bring chairs or a rug, arrive at 5pm & have a picnic***

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**Adults £14 - Children £7.00 (4-16)**



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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:

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