



WELLOW & SHERFIELD ENGLISH

Parish Newsletter

July – August 2023



Letter from our Vicar, Rector and Area Dean

Well, July will mark the end of the academic year and many children and young people will be saying their goodbyes to their friends. It's a sad time but one in which memories of happy times can be recalled and treasured. I hope that this summer will be one to give you happy memories and a time of rest and refreshment with families and friends.

The Romsey Festival takes place between 1st and 16th July with events happening all across the Deanery. Do have a look at www.romseyfestival.org and see what you want to join in with!

July also marks the start of significant changes in our parishes. For the Thorngate parishes the last change was in 1973 and

for East with West Wellow and Sherfield English it was in 1998! On 1st July a new Benefice (collection of parishes) comes into being – the Thorngate and Blackwater Benefice. This joins together Lockerley and East Dean, East Tytherley, West Tytherley, East with West Wellow and Sherfield English. We are recruiting a new priest (who will live in, and focus on, Wellow). There should not be too much visible change, but I will now be known as both Vicar and Rector (of different parishes). I am not changing the name of my home from Vicarage to Rectory!

Yours, James

Revd James Pitkin - romseyareadean@gmail.com

Letters from Churchwardens

St Margaret's, East with West Wellow

July marks an important new chapter for the Parish of East with West Wellow. Our Benefice of Sherfield English and Wellow which itself was only created in 1998 will be joined with the parishes of the Thorngate Benefice.

We welcome Revd Pitkin as our Vicar, who will have 6 parishes to care for, stretching out to West Tytherley, with Wellow having by far the largest population.

We look forward in due course, hopefully not too far into the future, to welcoming a House for Duty Priest who will live in Wellow Vicarage.

The interregnum has been long, but I do want to pay tribute to a wonderful team who with God's help, but no little effort on their part, have helped St Margaret's to maintain its 800-year history of Christian witness and service in this place. I also want to place on record our appreciation for each of the Priests from the Winchester Clerical Registry who served us so well in that time.

One cannot help but wonder what Wellow – and St Margaret's – will be like in another 800 years' time.

Roy Perry, St Margaret's Churchwarden

Information from Peter Castle [Methodist Local Pastor on behalf of "Joint Churches Together in Wellow" (JCTW)]

The annual interdenominational Open-Air Service will take place on **Sunday 30th July at 2.30 p.m. on Canada Common**, opposite the former Methodist Chapel. The theme will be Kingship and we will be led by the Cadnam worship band.

Last Thursday of every month Reflections services (1.00 p.m.):

Thursday 27th July: The Triumph of the Lamb.

Thursday 31st August: Witness, Worship and Waiting.

Coffee on the Common

During July and August, the Canada Common Chapel will be open **every** Thursday from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. to serve refreshments to any visitors. Last year we had a wonderful time of fellowship both in the Chapel and outside.

All are welcome to any or all of these events.

(Contact pandccastle@hotmail.co.uk for further info)

St Leonard's, Sherfield English

At Pentecost we heard during our service that it was often the day chosen for baptisms and confirmations. St Leonard's is certainly following that tradition as we held a baptism on that day, and we shall be delighted over the next few months to host another six baptisms, welcoming children into our big Church of England family. It is an honour to hold these services at St Leonard's, one of the most joyful occasions in church activities, and in these modern times a nice surprise to have so many in a small rural village.

St Leonard's too has a new beginning in July as we, and our sister church St Margaret's, join the four parish churches of Thorngate making a bigger benefice, and we welcome our new Rector, James Pitkin. We have been fortunate to have had James's support as Area Dean, both taking our services and sharing his vast knowledge of all things Diocesan (particularly official paperwork), as Clare and I, the PCC and our congregation have gently journeyed through "vacancy", our time without a Rector. We are pleased now to move forward to a new era.

Joyfully surrounded by new beginnings, I did think I would quote singer Julio Iglesias in "Begin the Beguine", but mother says that is a rhumba and so it may not actually be relevant, well, unless we dance down the aisle! So, I am leaving you with a quote from another musician, Prince: "Every day I feel is a blessing from God. And I consider it a new beginning. Yeah, everything is beautiful."

Julia Noble, St Leonard's Churchwarden

St Margaret's Services and Events

July – August – September 2023		Reader 1	Reader 2	Sidesperson
2nd July	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Debbie Waldron	Ann Jarrett	Ann Jarrett
9th July	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Lesley Mackay	Margery Thomas	Margery Thomas
16th July	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Mel King	Sue Harder	Sheila Scott
23rd July	Holy Communion 8.15 a.m.			
NB fourth Sunday confirmed	Matins 9.15 a.m.	Naomi Shrimpton	Sue Forsey	Steve Shrimpton
30th July	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	John Parr	David Rowe	John Parr
6th August	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Margery Thomas	Carl Donnelly	Margery Thomas
13th August	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	John Parr	Tim Jobson	John Parr
20th August	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Sue Amey	Sue Harder	Sheila Scott
27th August	Holy Communion 8.15 a.m.			
Fourth Sunday	Matins 9.15 a.m.	Paul Newby	Sue Forsey	Paul Newby
3rd September	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Lesley Mackay	Ann Jarrett	Ann Jarrett

Saturday / Sunday 1st – 2nd July 1.00 – 5.00 p.m. Wellow Open Gardens

Tickets on sale at the Village Hall from 12.30 p.m. Adults £5, children free (info from Gael Clemett 02380 814261)

Saturday 15th July, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. in Village Hall : Greek Evening (Zeus meets Mamma Mia! 3-course meal, bar & raffle)

Tickets £15 per person from Margery Thomas (01794 322794 or margeryww@gmail.com)

Advance warning: Sunday 3rd September, 4.00 p.m. : Concert at St Margaret's church

Amaryllis (Singers) and Keith Tomkinson (Organist): Madrigals to modern songs. Tickets £10 from Sue Harder (01794 322874)

Meanwhile, every week in the Church Rooms : (Transport can be arranged if needed)

Seasonal Lunch, Tuesday from 12 noon; Coffee and Chat, Thursday from 10.30 a.m.

St Leonard's Services and Events

2nd July – Holy Communion (Revd James Pitkin)	6th August – Holy Communion (Revd James Pitkin)
9th July – Morning Prayer (Julia Noble)	13th August – Morning Prayer (Julia Noble)
16th July – Family Service (Revd James Pitkin)	20th August – Family Service "Songs of Praise" (Julia & Clare)
23rd July – Morning Prayer – (Clare Durham)	27th August – Morning Prayer (Clare Durham))
30th July – Hosting Wellow Wood Methodists (Julia & Clare)	3rd September – Holy Communion (Revd James Pitkin)

[All services are in St Leonard's at 11.00 a.m.]

Saturday 1st July, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon – Coffee Morning in a garden hosted by Barbara & David Griffiths

Saturdays 5th August and 2nd September, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon – Coffee Mornings in St Leonard's Church

Lectionary Listings for use in both Churches

Date	Sunday	Old Testament Reading	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel Reading
2 Jul	Trinity 4	Jeremiah 28.5-9	Psalm 89.1-4,15-18*	Romans 6.12-23	Matthew 10.40-42
9 Jul	Trinity 5	Zechariah 9.9-12	Psalm 145.8-15	Romans 7.15-25a	Matt 11.16-19,25-30
16 Jul	Trinity 6	Isaiah 55.10-13	Psalm 65.[1-7]8-13*	Romans 8.1-11	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
23 Jul	Trinity 7	Wisdom of Solomon 12.13,16-19 OR Isaiah 44.6-8	Psalm 86.11-17	Romans 8.12-25	Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
30 Jul	Trinity 8	1 Kings 3.5-12	Psalm 119.129-136	Romans 8.26-39	Matt 13.31-33,44-52
6 Aug	Trinity 9	Isaiah 55.1-5	Psalm 145.8-9,15-22*	Romans 9.1-5	Matthew 14.13-21
13 Aug	Trinity 10	1 Kings 19.9-18	Psalm 85.8-13	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33
20 Aug	Trinity 11	Isaiah 56.1,6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11.1-2a,29-32	Matt 15.[10-20]21-28
27 Aug	Trinity 12	Isaiah 51.1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 12.1-8	Matthew 16.13-20
3 Sep	Trinity 13	Jeremiah 15.15-21	Psalm 26.1-8	Romans 12.9-21	Matthew 16.21-28

In case of ambiguity, Readers should not hesitate to consult the Celebrant to check which variant is required.

St Margaret's Church, East with West Wellow and St Leonard's Church, Sherfield English

<https://www.sherfieldenglish.org.uk/st-leonards-church>

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