



WELLOW & SHERFIELD ENGLISH

Parish Newsletter

May 2024



Letter from our Vicar, Rector and Rural Dean

More change, more growth

Very soon all of your local Churches will have had their Annual Meetings when churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council will have been elected. If you have been thinking about getting more involved in your local church this year, now is the time! There are bound to be new churchwardens this year.

I hope that you had a splendid Easter and even, perhaps, a Holiday. By the time you read this the Schools will be back and by the end of May it will be half-term. This year, the Church Festival of Pentecost falls on 19th May. Pentecost (also called Whit Sunday, Whitsunday or Whitsun) is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) after

Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). It is often known as the 'Birthday' of the Church and many churches will have a Party. In the Thorngate and Blackwater Benefice Churches we are all coming together in St Leonard's Church, Sherfield English, for a service at 10.30 a.m., to be followed by a 'Bring Your Own' picnic. You are welcome to join in (or celebrate in your own Church).

Your Rural Dean, James

Revd James Pitkin - jamespitkin@priest.com

Letters from Churchwardens and our Associate Priest

Hello !

It was a joy to be licensed at St Leonard's, Sherfield English on Wednesday 24th April. Bishop Geoff Annas, the acting Bishop of Southampton, led the service, and was able to finish what he started in February at my service of welcome at St Margaret's, Wellow. It has been lovely meeting so many of you over the past few weeks. Please do reintroduce yourself to me when we meet, so I can learn your names.

I thank God for calling all of us (yes, even you!) to work together to bring the love of Jesus to everyone we encounter. I am also excited to work with James, Nick, Joanna and John, ministering in all parishes in the Benefice, in church services, community events and pastoral visits.

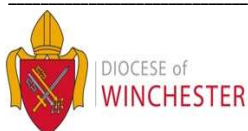
And for the many who have asked, BoB and I are settled into the Wellow Vicarage and we really enjoy exploring our new neighbourhood. Thank you to all who sent us cards of welcome and messages of congratulations on our moving in. We are feeling right at home.

Revd Sara-Jane Stevens, Associate Priest

I hope the pressure on me as Churchwarden may now ease a little with Sara-Jane now not only living in the Vicarage but finally having received her licence to serve in the village and wider benefice. Welcome!

What I have learned during the vacancy, since Chris Pettet left us, is what a great team of volunteers we have serving the church and community. From weekly lunches for the elderly, polishing the brass and cutting the grass not to mention publishing the newsletter, etc., etc. As our notice said at the Annual Parish Meeting – St Margaret's: Serving Wellow since 1215 A.D.

Roy Perry, St Margaret's Churchwarden



Thursday 16th May, 2.00 – 6.00 p.m.
Diocesan Staff Team Roadshow!
 At Christ Church, Hatherden Lane,
 Hatherden, SP11 0HT

Simply drop in! OR for details contact
danielle.walmsley@winchester.anglican.org

Our "120" celebrations are in full swing now and our next few events are very exciting. On Sunday 26th and Monday 27th May we will be having a Wedding Dress Exhibition at the church, with some bridesmaids' outfits (Clare's sounds fabulous!) and even family Christening robes. We hope to display the Noble Christening robe, though locating it is a matter of discussion! The exhibition can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days although we will have a service as usual at 11 a.m. on the Sunday. St Leonard's is renowned for refreshments, but we felt with precious heirlooms on site we could not chance sticky fingers! There is no charge but please do be generous with your donations if you have enjoyed your look at fashions through the eras.

Then on the evening of Saturday 29th June we have the great delight of hosting a 2023 sellout show by RAODS, "An Evening of Shakespeare". Three members of the cast will enthral the audience with skill in combining the plays by William Shakespeare - not sure if you have heard of him?! As stated in our 120th anniversary Quiz in April, his complete works use 884 000 words. I am sure RAODS will omit a few!

Our next coffee morning is on Saturday 4th May, 10.30 to 12 noon at the church. Then on 8th June (a week later than normal) we move outside to Churchfields for our "coffee morning in a garden" season, accompanied, we hope, by some beautiful early summer weather.

We look forward to welcoming you to any or all of these events or indeed, our Sunday services.

Julia Noble, St Leonard's Churchwarden

From Peter Castle [Methodist Local Pastor]:

"Reflections" services continue on the third Thursday of each month at Canada Common Chapel (West Wellow, SO51 6DH):

Thursday 30th May, 1.00 p.m. : *Reflections on Trinity.*

Reminder: Thursday 2nd May at 10.30 a.m.

The Revd Dr David Hull, Chair of the Methodist Evangelicals Together, is coming to Canada Common Chapel as part of his Revive Me UK Tour.

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

St Margaret's Services and Events

St Margaret's Services, Readers and Sidespersons for May 2024 with additional info for June

May 2024	Reader 1	Reader 2	Sidesperson
5th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Mel King	Margery Thomas	Margery Thomas
12th May Florence Nightingale Service 10.30 a.m.	Special service readers		Paul Newby
19th May (Pentecost) No Service at St Margaret's	Special united benefice service at Leonard's, Sherfield English		
26th May Holy Communion 8.15 a.m. Matins 9.15 a.m.	Paul Newby	Sue Harder	Paul Newby
2nd June Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	To be notified		

Saturday 4th May from 9.30 a.m. – Wellow Church and Churchyard Spring Clean-Up (all extremely welcome)

Wednesday 8th May at 7.00 p.m. – St Margaret's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (in the Church Rooms)

**Sunday 12th May, after the FN Service: Nightingale Lunch in the Village Hall (12.30 p.m. approx.), tickets £15 per person
Please book with Roy Perry by Monday 6th May (07551 152761 OR roy.perry123@btinternet.com)**

Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th May: Wellow Open Gardens (info from Gael Clemett 02380 814261)

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.

Looking ahead:

Saturday 15th June: Summer Fête in Wellow Village Hall, 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (Contact: Ann Jarrett 01794 322469)

King's Official Birthday, cake and cutting ceremony, party games, dressing up, music, magic. Summer Draw (1st prize £100)

Usual stalls (Cakes; Plants; White Elephant; Jewellery; Books; Bottles; Refreshments, etc. etc. – check details with Ann)

Please volunteer more stalls OR offer items for sale, OR to help before, during AND/OR after: please speak to Ann as above.

23rd June: Well Wellow 10 km: run, walk or marshal, supporting "Against Breast Cancer" (contact francescaimh@gmail.com)

St Leonard's Services and Events

5th May – Holy Communion (James Pitkin)

12th May – Morning Service and Baptism (Joanna Percival)

19th May (Pentecost) – 10.30 a.m. United Benefice Service in St Leonards, followed by "Bring-your-own" Picnic

26th May – Morning Prayer (Julia Noble)

2nd June – Holy Communion

[All services are in St Leonard's at 11.00 a.m. unless stated otherwise, e.g. 19th May 10.30 a.m.]

Saturday 4th May, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon – Coffee Morning in St Leonard's Church

Sunday – Monday 26th – 27th May, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Wedding Dress exhibition (donations please)

Saturday 8th June, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon – Coffee Morning at Churchfields

Saturday 15th June – "120" celebration Benefice Bell Tower Outing, ringing at each church

Lectionary Listings for use in both Churches

Date	Sunday	Old Testament (OR Acts)	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
5 May	Easter 6 (W)	Acts 10.44-48#	Psalm 98	1 John 5.1-6	John 15.9-17
12 May	Easter 7 (W)	Acts 1.15-17, 21-26#	Psalm 1	1 John 5.9-13	John 17.6-19
19 May	Pentecost (R)	Acts 2.1-21 OR Acts must be read Ezekiel 37.1-14	Psalm 104.26-36, 37b*	Romans 8.22-27 OR Acts 2.1-21	John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15
26 May	Trinity (W)	Isaiah 6.1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8.12-17	John 3.1-17
2 June	Trinity 1 (G)	Deuteronomy 5.12-15	Psalm 81.1-10	2 Corinthians 4.5-12	Mark 2.23 - 3.6

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

Prescribed Altar Frontal colours: (W) White/gold; (R) Red; G (Green); P (Purple)

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

<https://www.stmargaretswellow.co.uk/>

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

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