

August 2022



# WELLOW & SHERFIELD ENGLISH Parish Newsletter



## Letter from the Area Dean

August is usually a month for holidays – it will be a little different for many this year, when compared to the past two. My planned holidays for 2020 and 2021 were overtaken by Covid. I am hoping to take time off – we all need rest and refreshment and, for many, that has been hard to find.

Enjoy the Summer!

*Your Area Dean, James*

Rev James Pitkin - [romseyareadean@gmail.com](mailto:romseyareadean@gmail.com)

**Still time for Open Gardens 30-31 July: see details overleaf**

**St Margaret's Church Flower Festival will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Sat 27th to Mon 29th).**

**Please come from St Leonard's too – or from wherever you may be!**

**Ahead of this: Churchyard Clean-up, Saturday 6th August 10 a.m. to 12 noon; St Margaret's team, or anybody willing to help (and join the team!), please come if you can.**

## Letters from Churchwardens

### St Margaret's, East with West Wellow

We expect the Diocese very soon to propose formally that Wellow Parish together with Sherfield English be merged into the Thorngate Benefice with the parishes around Lockerley. Our PCC has previously expressed its concern at these proposals and our wish that St Margaret's, Wellow, remains an independent parish.

Following recent positive discussions with the acting Archdeacon, Rev Gary Philbrick, and the Chairman of the Romsey Deanery, Sarah Boothman, the Diocese has made important concessions. These notably include the appointment of a "House for Duty Priest" to live in Wellow Vicarage with a clear responsibility for our Parish, and for the maintenance of our present pattern of services (probably with Matins returning to its former place on the 3rd Sunday rather than the 4th Sunday of the month).

These proposals will be subject to public comments in a consultation process which we expect to be announced shortly. The members of your PCC are very keen to hear your views: especially those of the congregation, but also of the wider Wellow community.

Please give this matter your careful thought and prayer, and tell me your views if you wish. We all seek to do the best for St Margaret's in the next phase of its 800 year history.

Roy Perry, St Margaret's Churchwarden

### **Jubilee Open Air Service – for all in Wellow**

**Sunday 31st July at 3 p.m.**

**Canada Common – outside the Methodist Church**

(Inside the Church if wet!)

Tea and coffee will be offered after the service.

Bring a picnic, and chairs if you want them.

### St Leonard's, Sherfield English

Proms at St Leonard's? Well, maybe not quite, but it is a "red alert" hot summer and the Proms are on the TV, so it had to be time for our Songs of Praise service. The church was pleasantly cool and the congregation were in triumphant voice, the sound bouncing off the rafters. All eight hymns were chosen by parishioners, who included a few words of introduction which resulted in some delightful stories about their lifelong admiration of their chosen hymn. My favourite was about the St Joseph's Catholic School for Young Ladies in Bradford, and the "young lady" being chosen for the choir just because she was the right height for the impending concert but not actually allowed to sing! St Leonard's joined in singing "Praise my soul the King of heaven" with sympathetic gusto. Fortunately, our choir does not have nearly such severe rules!

Music plays such an important part in our regular services, and we are very fortunate that our organist usually accompanies our singing. But sometimes, as we did with Songs of Praise, we use the Denon lectern for the backing tracks, technology in abundance! One hymn, though, we quietly listened to, rather than singing: "Morning has broken" was sung by a group of six 11 to 14 year-olds. The voices were clear and pure, a simple but emotional rendition of a beautiful hymn, and one we don't sing very often. (It is not in our hymn book! Shame ...)

### **Ephesians 5: verse 19**

*Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.*

Julia Noble, St Leonard's Churchwarden

## St Margaret's Services and Events

St Margaret's Services, Readers and Sidespersons for August 2022 and the start of September

August 2022	Reader 1	Reader 2	Sidesperson
7th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	David Waldron	John Parr	John Parr
14th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Lesley Mackay	Ann Jarrett	Ann Jarrett
21st Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Sue Harder	Sue Amey	Sheila Scott
28th Holy Communion (said) 8.15 a.m. Mattins 9.15 a.m.	Naomi Shrimpton	Sue Forsey	Steve Shrimpton
September 2022			
4th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	John Parr	David Rowe	John Parr
11th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Margery Thomas	Debbie Waldron	Margery Thomas

**Our Open Gardens weekend is on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day; tickets (£5) and full details from the Village Hall from 12.30 p.m.**

**Our Flower Festival will take place in St Margaret's Church over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Sat 27th to Mon 29th). Ahead of this: Churchyard Clean-up, Saturday 6th August 10 a.m. to 12 noon; please come and help if you can.**

**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

7th August – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. (Rev James Pitkin)  
14th August – Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. (Julia Noble)  
21st August – Family Service: "Holidays" 11.00 a.m. (Clare Durham)  
28th August – Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. (Julia Noble)  
4th September – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. (Rev James Pitkin)

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Saturday 6th August – Coffee Morning **in Church** 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon (NB change of venue since first announcement)  
Saturday 3rd September – Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon (venue to be announced)

## Lectionary Listings for use in both Churches

Date	Sunday	Old Testament Reading	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel Reading
31 Jul	Trinity 7/Prop13	Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23	Psalms 49.1-12*	Colossians 3.1-11	Luke 12.13-21
7 Aug	Trinity 8/Prop14	Genesis 15.1-6	Psalms 33.12-22*	Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16	Luke 12.32-40
14 Aug	Trinity 9/Prop15	Jeremiah 23.23-29	Psalms 82	Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2	Luke 12.49-56
21 Aug	Trinity 10/Prop16	Isaiah 58.9b-14	Psalms 103.1-8	Hebrews 12.18-29	Luke 13.10-17
28 Aug	Trinity 11/Prop 17	Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 OR Proverbs 25.6-7	Psalms 112	Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16	Luke 14.1,7-14
4 Sep	Trinity 12/Prop18	Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Psalms 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14.25-33

Errors, omissions or late changes excepted!

\* shorter option available

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

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