

July 2022



WELLOW & SHERFIELD ENGLISH Parish Newsletter



Letter from the Area Dean

June was wonderful – with all the Fêtes and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. There were glorious flower arrangements (and festivals) in many of our churches; I hope that you got to see some of them. July will mark the end of the academic years 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. I also hope that it will be a time when you can reflect on the busyness past and the busyness to come – perhaps a chance to reflect on the important things in your life?

People frequently say “You don't have to go to church to be a Christian.” I would go on to say “but if you are a Christian you won't want to stay away!” Take an opportunity to visit a church, remembering that a church is really a body of people and not a building.

Enjoy the Summer!

Your Area Dean, James

Rev James Pitkin - romseyareadean@gmail.com

Letters from Churchwardens

St Margaret's, East with West Wellow

As we approach the Summer Holidays the PCC is still engaged in active discussions with Diocesan authorities on the future of our Parish. The Assistant Archdeacon will meet with the PCC in July.

We hope he will listen to our concerns that forcing us into a Benefice of 6 parishes up to 10 miles away is not the best way for the church to serve this village. We understand the financial pressures on the Diocese and the discussions will continue in a spirit of goodwill and, I hope, mutual understanding.

The PCC has been following the results from the questionnaire survey of the congregation but if the Diocese confirms its current proposals to join us to the Thorngate Benefice there will be an opportunity for the wider village community to have their say in an appeal procedure.

Whilst we continue without a Vicar, I do wish to thank the wonderful team who do so much to support St Margaret's and the parish in so many ways.

In the meantime, do enjoy the summer.

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

One of the wonderful things about being part of a village community is watching everyone come together to celebrate significant events, and they don't come much more significant than a Platinum Jubilee. Never has St Leonard's looked quite so resplendent in all its red, white and blue, and huge thanks are due to everyone who worked so hard to decorate it. It was pointed out to me (not that it was necessary) by a visitor from another church just how lucky we were to have a team with such varied talents and also the energy to make use of them. A fabulous barbecue (laid on by Bethany and Joe Oliver) was followed by a Jubilee-themed quiz very ably run by Julia Noble, which made an extremely enjoyable evening on the Thursday. Saturday's coffee morning was one of the best attended we've had in years, and Sunday's Jubilee Communion service was uplifting and a fitting start to a day of festivities in the village, being followed by the cream tea and celebrations on the Recreation Ground.

Events such as this really do show what can be achieved by people working together and pooling their resources for the benefit of the common good. To paraphrase John Donne “no church is an island”. As we head into the public consultation phase of the creation of the new combined benefice, it is a good time to focus on the potential benefits that this should bring us. Public consultation is just that, so if you have any comments or questions about the proposed scheme then do please speak to either myself or Julia as churchwardens and we will do our best to help.

Clare Durham, St Leonard's Churchwarden

St Margaret's Services and Events

St Margaret's Services, Readers and Sidespersons for July 2022

July 2022	Reader 1	Reader 2	Sidesperson
3rd Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	David Rowe	John Parr	John Parr
10th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Sue Harder	Ann Jarrett	Ann Jarrett
17th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Brian Scott	Sue Amey	Sheila Scott
24th Holy Communion (said) 8.15 a.m. Mattins 9.15 a.m.	Paul Newby	Sue Forsey	Paul Newby
31st Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Margery Thomas	Lesley Mackay	Margery Thomas
7th August Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	David Waldron	John Parr	John Parr

Please note that our Open Gardens weekend is now definitely on 30th and 31st July,

NOT any other mooted dates that may have reached some members of the community during earlier planning stages.
More details will become available nearer the time.

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

3rd July – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. (Rev James Pitkin)

10th July – Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. (Julia Noble)

17th July – Songs of Praise 11.00 a.m. (Julia Noble)

24th July – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. (Rev Nick Grew)

31st July – Modern Morning Prayer (Clare Durham, combined with Wellow Wood Methodists)

7th August – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. (Rev James Pitkin)

Saturday 2nd July – Coffee Morning in a Garden 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon (B & D Griffiths)

Saturday 6th August – Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon (Rod and Elaine Noble, Furland Farm)

Lectionary Listings for use in both Churches

Date	Sunday	Old Testament Reading	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel Reading
3 Jul	Trinity 3/Prop 9	Isaiah 66.10-14	Psalm 66.1-8	Galatians 6.[1-6]7-16	Luke 10.1-11,16-20
10 Jul	Trinity 4/Prop10	Deuteronomy 30.9-14	Psalm 25.1-10	Colossians 1.1-14	Luke 10.25-37
17 Jul	Trinity 5/Prop11	Genesis 18.1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1.15-28	Luke 10.38-42
24 Jul	Trinity 6/Prop12	Genesis 18.20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2.6-15[16-19]	Luke 11.1-13
31 Jul	Trinity 7/Prop13	Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23	Psalm 49.1-12*	Colossians 3.1-11	Luke 12.13-21
7 Aug	Trinity 8/Prop14	Genesis 15.1-6	Psalm 33.12-22*	Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16	Luke 12.32-40

Errors, omissions or late changes excepted!

* shorter option available

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