



# WELLOW & SHERFIELD ENGLISH

## Parish Newsletter

### October 2022



#### Letter from the Area Dean

This is the time of year when we celebrate Harvest, with Lunches, Suppers and special Services. At Harvest we also try to give food to needy people. This year, again, we are supporting the Romsey Food Bank, part of the Trussell Trust ([www.romsey.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.romsey.foodbank.org.uk)). In past years, thousands of people received 3-day supplies of food and necessities. In the cost-of-living crisis there will be many more families in need. Many churches are collecting food all year round, not just at Harvest (including St Margaret's, Wellow and St John's, Lockerley).

There are collection points too in Romsey, in both Waitrose and the Abbey. As I write, the current Shopping List (frequently updated at <https://romsey.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> ) includes: Long-life semi-skimmed milk, instant mash, tinned potatoes, pasta sauce, long-grain rice, custard (tins and small pots), instant pasta pots and fruit juice. If you can afford to do so, please give generously.

*Your Area Dean, James*

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#### Letters from Churchwardens

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

October always marks the change of season into autumn and also the passing of the year and years. This year with the death of Her Majesty the Queen we also move from the Elizabethan Age of the 20th and 21st century into a new unknown time. Her Majesty was a beacon of stability for 70 years, representing duty and service built on a clear faith. We can be happy that His Majesty King Charles has pledged to maintain the heritage his mother has left us, but we recognise there will be, and always needs to be, change.

Here in Wellow and the Parish of St Margaret's the old certainties are also changing, with the proposal by the Bishop to the Church Commissioners that we form a new Benefice to join with the Thorngate parishes around Lockerley. The PCC, while not saying it is against this change, has expressed some concerns and asked for guarantees that we can continue with our familiar pattern of worship and ministry. Whatever the outcome from the Commissioners' deliberations, I have no doubt that 800 years of worship and Christian fellowship in St Margaret's will continue and flourish.

At All Souls on 2nd November we will have a service to remember those who have gone before, especially those we personally remember. Please feel free to submit names of those you particularly want remembered in that service. Then on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, we will recall especially those from this Parish who gave their lives for us in two World Wars and other conflicts. I am pleased that youngsters from Mountbatten and Wellow Schools as well as the uniformed youth movements will be with us to mark the two-minute silence and parade the Union Flag along with their banners.

Roy Perry, St Margaret's Churchwarden

##### St Leonard's, Sherfield English

I currently find myself in a time of national mourning for the Queen, prior to her funeral. I can honestly say my range of emotions is quite unprecedented as I think about the Queen – a life well lived, a faith devotedly followed, hardships endured, blessings celebrated, her family, her friends and the whole world in awe of her life and its achievements. The Sunday after the Queen's death we held a commemoration service, provided by the Church of England so everyone used the same words across the nation. St Leonard's added a few items including the choir singing John Rutter's "The Lord bless you and keep you" which we had last sung as a joint Thorngate and Blackwater choir at St Leonard's for the Confirmation service in April. Different people attended church that day, wanting to share our national grief and knowing how much faith meant to the Queen. The service was emotional, poignant yet comforting.

Our tenor bell had been tolled on the evening of her death; all eight bells were half-muffled and rung at noon on the Friday (11 bellringers committed to ring within 24 hours of the announcement, on a weekday!) and unmuffled again for the Proclamation of the new King Charles III on the Saturday. The changes rung were Queens, Kings and Princes, very appropriately named, and no doubt rung for generations of the Royal Family.

St Leonard's celebrated Harvest Festival on 18th September, with food donated during the service going to Romsey Food Bank for those in need. This autumn and winter are going to bring plenty of difficult decisions for households as costs rage upwards, so let us hope and pray that we, in our small way, can help people locally. On Sunday 16th October our family service will be a Songs of Praise, and goodness me, do I need that!

Julia Noble, St Leonard's Churchwarden

**Appeal from Sue Harder:** This year owing to other commitments I cannot run the Gift Stall at **St Margaret's Christmas Market on 26th November**, but I would happily coordinate a team of helpers, as has sometimes been done successfully in the past. **Please consider taking responsibility for a section of the Stall and call me on 322874 for a chat about what is involved.** If each person handles one section this should not be too onerous a task. The Gift Stall raises a lot of money for the church and the day itself is always a happy, fun time. **It would be a great loss if the Gift Stall folded completely.** Please consider how you may be able to help. **I look forward to hearing from you.**

## Now urgent: Public Consultation on the future of both our parishes

The formal Consultation about the Diocesan proposals for pastoral reorganisation affecting the benefices of Thorngate; and East with West Wellow and Sherfield English **remains open until 3rd October only.**

See [www.churchofengland.org/consultation/Thorngate](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation/Thorngate) This page gives details of how to comment and/or make representations to the Church Commissioners, and leads to the "Draft Scheme", a pdf file containing all necessary information about the proposals.

**Do please make your views known in this way by 3rd October 2022.**

### St Margaret's Services and Events

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

October 2022	Reader 1	Reader 2	Sidesperson
2nd Harvest Festival 9.15 a.m.	John Parr	David Waldron	John Parr
9th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Margery Thomas	David Rowe	Margery Thomas
16th Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Sue Amey	Lesley Mackay	Sheila Scott
23rd Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Ann Jarrett	Naomi Shrimpton	Ann Jarrett
30th Holy Communion (said) 8.15 a.m. Mattins 9.15 a.m.	<b>NB change from</b> Naomi Shrimpton	<b>usual fourth Sunday</b> Sue Forsey	<b>pattern</b> Steve Shrimpton

**Harvest Supper Sat. 1st October, 7.00 for 7.30 pm, WellowVH. Tickets still available from Lesley 322570 or Margery 322794**

Wellow School Harvest Service in Church, Monday 3rd October, 10 a.m.

All Souls Service, Wednesday 2nd November, 6.30 p.m. (to be confirmed)

Remembrance Sunday Service, 13th November, 10.45 a.m.

(Last Post and Reveille to be provided by Mountbatten School and Youth Organisations)

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 October – Holy Communion (Revd James Pitkin)

9th October – Morning Prayer (Julia Noble)

16th October – Family Songs of Praise (Clare Durham)

23rd October – Morning Prayer (Clare Durham)

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

30th October – 10.00 a.m. Service hosted by Wellow Wood Methodists

6th November – Holy Communion (Revd James Pitkin)

13th Nov 10.45 a.m. – Remembrance (Revd Nick Grew, Clare Durham)

**Wednesday 28th September – PCC Meeting in Church**

Saturday 1st October – Coffee Morning in Church (Caroline & Julia); next on 5th November (Clare Durham)

### Lectionary Listings for use in both Churches

Date	Sunday	Old Testament Reading	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel Reading
2 Oct	Trinity 16/Prop22	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4	Psalm 37.1-9	2 Timothy 1.1-14	Luke 17.5-10
9 Oct	Trinity 17/Prop23	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c	Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2.8-15	Luke 17.11-19
16 Oct	Trinity 18/Prop24	Genesis 32.22-31	Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5	Luke 18.1-8
23 Oct	Last after Trinity/Prop25	Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22	Psalm 84.1-7	2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18	Luke 18.9-14
30 Oct	All Saints	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1.11-23	Luke 6.20-31

**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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