



WELLOW & SHERFIELD ENGLISH

Parish Newsletter

June 2023



Letter from the Area Dean and Incumbent Designate

If June is anything like May, it is going to be busy but with fewer Bank Holidays! June is the time for exams at schools and colleges – although our local schools have already completed their SATs. Please remember, and pray for, those working hard, whether it be GCSEs, AS, A2 or University exams.

In May we had the Coronation of King Charles III and many communities will have had street parties, church services and other celebrations for the Coronation weekend. Being a community of God is also about being a community of love, belonging and togetherness. As we learn to see the nature of God in the face of others, our communities in turn reflect

God's character to the world. So in June, wherever you go – Fêtes, BBQs, Picnics and Church Services – please do raise a glass, and a prayer, for our communities.

PRAYER: Living God, you bring us together in community and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. May we be beacons of your light in the communities in which we are set, that through truth, justice and action we may see your kingdom come upon earth, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your Area Dean, James

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Questions and answers on the implementation of the Pastoral Scheme and the new Benefice of Thorngate and Blackwater

James Pitkin suggested that a "Q&A" session on the forthcoming changes would be useful for all of us. He asked me to offer some questions; his answers showed that they overlapped even more than I had realised! I have therefore compiled the result below from our combined efforts to date.

Paul Newby, *Newsletter Compiler*

All the voluminous official documentation can be found on the Church Commissioners' website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/consultation/Thorngate>

Q What is the practical effect of Wellow Vicarage being transferred to the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance?

A None. The ownership of all Parsonages is, over time, being transferred to Diocesan Boards of Finance. The Diocese will remain responsible for maintenance and payment of council tax and water rates.

Q When will the Pastoral Scheme be implemented and how soon will the proposed "House for Duty" (HfD) Priest arrive in Wellow?

A It is hoped that the Pastoral Scheme will be in place from 1st July 2023. Only then can recruitment for the HfD Priest begin. The process takes 2 to 3 months with another 2 to 3 months before the priest can move in. If all goes smoothly someone could be in post for the beginning of 2024.

Q Will the HfD priest be effectively the vicar or curate dedicated to Wellow and Sherfield OR will all team members be interchangeable throughout the new Benefice?

A The HfD priest will be an Associate Priest in the new Thorngate and Blackwater Benefice. The Benefice Profile (used in the recruitment process) states: "You will focus on the Parish of East with West Wellow, leading Sunday worship at St Margaret's, as the Benefice evolves its way of working together as a group of churches and communities". As Associate Priests, Nick Flood and Joanna Percival currently work across all four of the Thorngate churches (East and West Tytherley, Lockerley and East Dean) and will be in the same legal position as the HfD priest living in Wellow: authorised to take services in any of the six churches in the new Benefice. The Benefice Ministry Team already meets to decide who will take which services across the five churches of Sherfield

English and Thorngate. I think this will continue and include the planning of Wellow services. The HfD Priest will thus focus on Wellow, but, as a member of the new Team, may need to be elsewhere for some services – and will need support from the rest of the Team in meeting the needs of the local community. As the 'Incumbent/Vicar' I will want to be regularly involved in taking services in St Margaret's even after the arrival of the HfD priest – and all clergy have six Sundays 'off' each year too! In the four Thorngate churches a pair of people often take services (one leading and one preaching) – I expect that also to be true for Wellow and Sherfield English.

Q Will the HfD priest's "two days plus Sundays" be flexible – i.e. can we have a funeral on any day of the week, weddings when families want them (e.g. Saturdays!) etc., etc?

A We don't know. However, in the other five churches in the new Benefice, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are usually taken by one of the Team (rather than seeking help from the Clerical Registry). When a wedding is on a day when I am away then Nick or Joanna may take it. For funerals there is usually some negotiation about the date – and sometimes families ask for the service to be taken by a Team member whom they already know. The HfD priest's commitment is likely to be flexible. The advantage of being part of a Benefice is that there is more support than if you operate on your own.

Q What is this "change of culture" which has been mentioned in the Scheme documentation?

A The change of culture is a new understanding of the role of all in the church. It is articulated in the Profile as "The people of the parishes across the new Benefice seek to:

- Develop an understanding of 'every person ministry'
- Develop a coordinated Pastoral Care Programme
- Develop the effective engagement with children and youth
- Develop a coordinated Mission and Evangelism programme
- Develop a Christian Stewardship programme
- Develop an effective Benefice coordination model to share best practice across the Benefice."

Each of the six churches in the new Benefice will need to develop, or change, their culture for us all to follow our God-given roles and callings.

St Margaret's Services and Wellow Events

May – June – July 2023	Reader 1	Reader 2	Sidesperson
28th May Pentecost Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Ann Jarrett	Brian Scott	Sheila Scott
4th June Trinity Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Margery Thomas	Carl Donnelly	Margery Thomas
11th June Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	John Parr	Sue Harder	John Parr
18th June Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Sue Amey	Tim Jobson	Sheila Scott
25th June Holy Communion (said) 8.15 a.m.			
NB reverts to fourth Sunday Matins 9.15 a.m.	Paul Newby	Sue Forsey	Paul Newby
2nd July Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Debbie Waldron	Ann Jarrett	Ann Jarrett

Please note that for various good reasons the shift of Matins to the third Sunday in the month has been revoked and the long-standing previous pattern of services is restored with immediate effect and with apologies for any inconvenience.

Saturday 17th June (10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.) : St Margaret's Summer Fayre in Wellow Village Hall

Please offer to help / provide supplies for the following organisers:

Cakes (Susan Newby 322993 and Gill Stenner 323846) – Plants (Sue Wall 323912) – Raffle (Wendy Rowe 322846) – Jumble (Gael Clemett 02380 814261, Ann Jarrett 322469 and Joan Hatch 323137) – Bottle stall (Alison Venning 322153) – Precious Seconds (Sue Amey 322782 and Sue Harder 322874) – White Elephant (Naomi Shrimpton 322562) – Hampers (Jackie Steven 323258 and Margery Thomas 322794) – Light Refreshments (Veronica Perry 322472)

Saturday / Sunday 1st – 2nd July Wellow Open Gardens (Gael Clemett 02380 814261)

Advance warning: Greek Evening on Saturday 15th July, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. in aid of St Margaret's Church

Meanwhile, every week in St Margaret's Church Rooms : (Transport can be arranged if needed)

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

Thursday 29th June, 1.00 p.m., Methodist Chapel, Canada Common Service: "Reflections on the Church Then and Now"

St Leonard's Services and Events

4th June – Eucharist (Revd James Pitkin)

18th June – Family Service (Revd James Pitkin)

11th June – Modern Morning Prayer (Clare Durham)

25th June – Modern Morning Prayer (Julia Noble)

2nd July – Holy Communion (Revd James Pitkin)

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

Saturday 3rd June, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon – Coffee Morning in St Leonard's Church

Saturday 1st July, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon – Coffee Morning at St Brelades, Mill Lane

Lectionary Listings for use in both Churches

Date	Sunday	Old Testament Reading	Psalm	New Testament Reading	Gospel Reading
4 Jun	Trinity	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31	Psalm 8	2 Corinthians 13.11-13	Matthew 28.16-20
11 Jun	Trinity 1	Hosea 5.15 – 6.6	Psalm 50.7-15	Romans 4.13-25	Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26
18 Jun	Trinity 2	Exodus 19.2-8a	Psalm 100	Romans 5.1-8	Matthew 9.35 – 10.8 [9-23]
25 Jun	Trinity 3	Jeremiah 20.7-13	Psalm 69.8-11[12-17]18-20*	Romans 6.1b-11	Matthew 10.24-39
2 Jul	Trinity 4	Jeremiah 28.5-9	Psalm 89.1-4,15-18*	Romans 6.12-23	Matthew 10.40-42

There are often occasions when 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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