

Voice



St Bartholomew's
Crewkerne



*We will
REMEMBER
them*

'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'
John 15:13

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Sunday Services at St Bartholomew's

November 6th	11am Holy Communion
November 13th	10.55 am Remembrance 6 pm Holy Communion
November 20th	11am Holy Communion
November 27th	11am All Age Service 6pm Holy Communion

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Services at Wayford

November 6th	9.30am Holy Communion
November 20th	9.30am Holy Communion



Services at Hewish

November 6th	9.30am Holy Communion
November 20th	11am Holy Communion

FROM THE RECTOR

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear.” (Mark Twain)

I’ve been thinking about courage recently – not least as we move towards Remembrance Sunday again. Every year, I guess we are all humbled and grateful to think of every man and woman who resisted fear, even paralysing fear to fight, suffer and die for the freedom we enjoy.



And it continues. Every look at the news reminds us of the extraordinary courage being shown by people in Ukraine – and Iran, and...

And it makes me wonder how we, as a generation, would cope, if called to extraordinary courage (perhaps our uncertain world makes it less unlikely than it did) - or how I cope when called to the common courage of life.

Partly, as well, I wonder how much we value courage nowadays. The list of “top virtues” seems to have changed quite a lot since WWII. Kindness, compassion, sensitivity, and inclusiveness are very high up the list – arguably higher than the “grit” of the “keep calm and carry on” generation. And much of that is very good. Having long experienced the 1970s blind-eye-to-bullying, I rejoice in a much kinder society! But, we so easily swing from one end of the pendulum to the other, don’t we? Why swing between kindness and courage? Both are needed.

The Christian conviction, of course, is that we see both perfected in Jesus. In the Garden of Gethsemane were told that he sweated blood. *Hematiidrosis* is a known condition – severe mental anxiety, acute fear or extreme stress can make you sweat blood – and apparently that happened with Jesus. No surprise. Not only was he about to die the death that gave us the word *excruciating* but to do it under the horrors of the just punishment of God on sinners (as our substitute, so we need not). And yet he overcame that overwhelming fear and went ahead to do it for us. The supreme act of kindness – and the supreme act of courage.

Remembrance – once again, a time to give thanks for the courage (and kindness) of those who overcame fear to die for our freedom, to give thanks for the One who did that supremely, and to pray that we may know how to be courageous, not only for ourselves, but for others, if and when that is the call to us.

With warm best wishes and prayers

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Funerals

We extend our sincere condolences to the
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Maureen Evelyn Curtis

Eric William Bowditch



St Michael & All Angels, Wayford



Our Harvest Festival was held on the first Sunday in October and, as usual, the Church was beautifully decorated and the service well attended. Our thanks to CJ for conducting a lovely service.

The following evening saw the Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce in the Village Hall. This was a great success after two years' absence and was sold out. It was a very

enjoyable evening. Our thanks to all who decorated the Church, donated produce, prizes and dishes for the meal, all the helpers at the supper and especially Charlie Swaffield our auctioneer. The evening raised almost £1000 shared between the Church and the Hall.

In November, in addition to our usual services, there

will be our normal Service of Remembrance at 10.45 on Sunday, 13th.

If anyone would like to attend any of the services but requires transport, please contact Richard and Ferrie Coley (279696).



Julia and Mike

Church of The Good Shepherd, Hewish

It was with sadness that we learnt that **KEN WETHERALL** had died suddenly on 29th September.



KEN was well known, not just in Hewish but in the surrounding farming community having farmed at Manor Farm, Hewish, all his working life, together with his wife **PAT**.

His children **SIMON** and **PENNY** grew up there, and in due time when they married and had their families, **KEN** and **PAT** became grandparents and then great grandparents.

When **KEN** decided that it was time to hang up his wellies and retire from farming, they left Hewish and moved into Crewkerne.

They, and indeed the farm itself, were very much missed in the village, nevertheless, **KEN** and **PAT** regularly returned to Hewish on a Sunday, and continued to be faithful and loyal members of our congregation.

KEN would always relate with pride that he, his children and grand children were all baptised at the font in the Church. He had been a Church Warden there for many years and a regular worshiper for over 60 years.

We extend our sincere sympathy to **PAT, SIMON, PENNY** and all the members of their families and friends who, I know, will miss him dearly.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to **Martin and Alice** who have moved into Batternhay" we hope they will be happy here in Hewish.

Likewise we wish the best of luck to **Daniel, Ceci and Jacob** as they leave for pastures new.

We wish to remind villagers that we hope to continue our ever popular annual **CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT** this year **on Monday 19th December** .
(This is to be confirmed in the next issue of the Voice.)

St MARTIN'S CHURCH, NORTH PERROTT

HANS HOLBEIN TALK by Richard Kay of Lawrences. Friday 11th November 6.30 for 7pm in the Hoskyns Memorial Hall North Perrott

Adults £10 —16 to 18yrs £5 to include cheese and wine after the Talk.

'MAKE WE JOY— A CHRISTMAS CONCERT with PARNHAM VOICES CHOIR. A celebration of Christmas in carols and music both old and contemporary, interspersed with readings. SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER at 3pm in St Martins Church North Perrott. Adults £10— under 18 yrs £5 to include tea/coffee & cake after the concert.

Proceeds from both events to St Martin's Church. enquiries 01460 72883

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The next Deanery Synod Open Meeting will take place 7pm for 7.30pm Tuesday, 1st November at St Peter's Church Hanning Rd, Horton, Ilminster TA19 9SQ. (not to be confused with the nearby St Peter's Church, Church Rd, Ilton Ilminster, TA19 9HR)

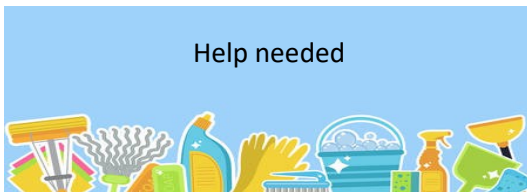
Church Cleaning, Volunteers Needed to keep our beautiful church spick and span

After 11 years of heading the St Bartholomew' Cleaning group, I feel the time has come to retire. We need someone to lead the group plus two more cleaners.

This is an easy job to take over. Everyone cleans a part of the church, not the whole church. Come and join our jolly cleaning group.

If you can help please ring Liz Baker on 0146072822

Help needed



CUDOS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 9th & 10th December at 7.30 pm, matinee 10th December at 2.00pm. Victoria Hall, Crewkerne. Price £7.50 to include a glass of mulled wine or orange juice & mince pie. Tickets available from 31st October from www.cudoscwkerne.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Sew, Knit & Natter – Wednesday 2nd November at 10.30am; details from Julia (01460 72769)

Clapton & Wayford Film Society – Thursday 3rd November, showing 2004 Spanish film 'Only Human' (15). Doors open & refreshments on sale from 6.45pm; film starts at 7.30pm prompt. Ample parking, disabled facilities, level access. New members very welcome; membership subscriptions taken any time; guest tickets, £5. Details from Mick (01460 74849) or Di (01460 30508)

Spring Breakfast – Saturday 5th November, 9 – 11.30am. Full English + fruit juice, toast, tea/coffee, £6.50 **if booked in advance**; £7.50 on the door. All welcome; booking/further details from Adrienne (01460 75313) or Julia (01460 72769)

Coffee Morning – Wednesday 16th November, 10.30am – mid-day, with bacon/egg rolls, croissants, cakes etc. All welcome; please come along to meet friends, neighbours & visitors for a social morning in a warm and friendly hall with disabled facilities, ample parking and a lovely view. Details from Julia (01460 72769)

Illustrated talk by Anne Moss crop: 'Trekking in the Himalaya' – on Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm. Local author Anne, is well known for her lively talks, interesting photographs & humorous anecdotes. All welcome: £6, including cheese & wine – proceeds to be shared between village hall & Christian Aid. Further information/**booking (in advance if possible)** from Mary (01460 74849)

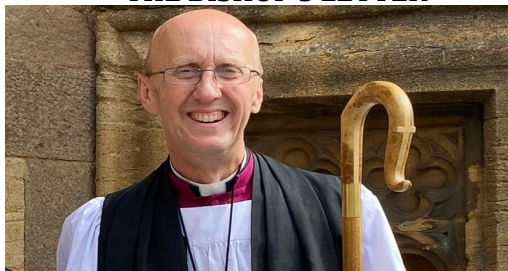
Advance notice: a pre-Christmas special treat – **South Somerset Youth Orchestra & Friends** will perform a concert, including seasonal music, on Friday 2nd December at 7pm. All welcome; it would be helpful to know numbers for catering purposes. £5 includes mince pies and mulled wine or a soft drink in the interval. Booking & further information from Mary (01460 74849) or Barbara (01460 73713)

FilmCrew Saturday 12th November 2pm Blade Runner: The Final Cut

2022 sees the 40th anniversary of the release of the original version of Blade Runner. A film that has shaped cinema since its release, we'll be showing the 'Final Cut' of the film (the version director, Ridley Scott wanted audiences to see). Rick Deckard, an ex-policeman, becomes a special agent with a mission to exterminate a group of violent androids. As he starts getting deeper into his mission, he questions his own identity.

Friday 18th November 7.30PM Quo Vadis, Aida? (15) Our third film of the regular season, is set in Bosnia, July 1995. Aida is a translator for the UN in the small town of Srebrenica. When the Serbian army takes over the town, her family is among the thousands of citizens looking for shelter in the UN camp. As an insider to the negotiations Aida has access to crucial information that she needs to interpret. Doors open at 19:00, film starts at 19:30. Visitors fee, £6 payable on the door.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER



Called to walk the way of the cross

As I prepare to be installed as the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells on the 12 November, I have been reading and re-reading the charge given to me by the Archbishop of Canterbury when I was legally confirmed as bishop back in June. The charge can be found on the diocesan website. Please do take a look at what it says.

The charge is terrifying. It calls me to walk the way of the cross. It urges me to rely not on my own strength, but on that provided by the Lord. The charge asks me to 'speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable' (Proverbs 3:18). It reminds me that I am to be the shepherd of the flock entrusted to me. It also includes calls to be committed to the highest standards of safeguarding and care of the environment.

Reading my charge makes me wonder whether I have been invited to impersonate the Archangel Gabriel! Thankfully it also includes words which act to make the whole thing possible. Chief among these is this phrase: I am called to 'build a church where each stone is valued'. Drawing on the writings of the First Letter of Peter (see Chapter 2), the charge calls me to remember that I'm not doing this all alone. We are doing it all together.

I've already been discovering this as I've travelled around Somerset attending worship in different churches and meeting new clergy colleagues. The installation will see people gather from across the county, committing together to our vision of 'Living and Telling the Story of Jesus'. Undertaking that task with authenticity and integrity is the greatest charge of all. It's one that I'm looking forward to sharing with you.

Every blessing,
Bishop Michael

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Diocese of Bath and Wells

OBITUARIES

Maureen Curtis

I first met Maureen very soon after she and Ray moved to Crewkerne from North Devon in 2015.

Born on the Isle of Wight, Maureen had a career in nursing. As Ray's career was in the army, he and Maureen spent some time in Nigeria and Hong Kong and other postings abroad.

After moving to Crewkerne, Maureen soon became involved with St Bartholomew's. She started the Visiting Team and was licenced to give Communion to anyone who desired it.

She organised the All Souls Service with Jonathan Morris, helped at Messy Church and Holy Space, was a member of St Barts' Cleaning Group, a member of the Mothers' Union, and attended a Bible study group. All of this in her quiet way. Outside church, she was a keen table tennis player and was in a walking group. She leaves Ray, two daughters, Julie and Lesley, was grandmother to 13, and was very proud of becoming a great grandmother.

On a personal note, I will always be thankful for her kindness and support during and after my late husband Tony's illness.

She was a very dear friend and sorely missed by all who knew her.

God Bless Maureen, rest in peace.



June Cox



Eric Bowditch



Eric was a member and supporter of St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne, with his wife, Doris, and their family for many years. He was Church Warden from 1985 until 1988 and was also a licenced Server for many years.

He was also a staunch supporter of the ToCH, an organisation aimed at supporting and promoting, locally, neighbourliness for those who are lonely and in need.

When he retired he worked for a time at Bryants Bakery in South Street but in 1993 he joined Singleton Engineering working part time; to start with he delivered manufactured items to customers but as time past he worked around the factory keeping buildings and the yard area clean and tidy. When he finally retired in 2015 at the age of 89 years he had worked for Singletons for 22 years. He still visited the factory to keep in touch with the employees that he knew and on occasions he would accompany the delivery man Andy and enjoy the ride.

Eric was presented with the Honoured Citizen of Crewkerne Award in 2004 which he thoroughly deserved.

He was always a happy and cheerful man and he will be missed terribly by all those who knew him.

God bless you Eric.

Lindi Singleton

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

*'For he satisfies the thirsty and fills
the hungry with good things'*

Psalm 107:9



BAKED MACARONI -MALTESE STYLE

Ingredients:

- 500g Rigatoni Pasta (or Penne Pasta)
- 700ml Tomato Paste
- 500g Lean Minced Beef (or half beef and half pork)
- 3 eggs
- 1 onion, chopped
- 100g Edam or Cheddar cheese, grated
- Vegetable Oil
- 1 level tsp mixed herbs [optional]
- Salt & Pepper to taste

Heat the oil and fry the onion until soft and transparent.

Add the minced meat and cook until brown. Remove any excess fat from the pan.

Add the tomato paste (and herbs, if used). Simmer for about an hour on medium heat, stirring the sauce occasionally. [If you are in a hurry cook for 30 minutes on high heat, but the slower the cooking the better the sauce]

In the meantime cook the pasta in boiling water. [Tip: if the pasta packet says 12 minutes, cook it for 10 minutes instead to avoid having a soggy pasta dish]

Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 5 [200°C].

When pasta is done, drain the water and leave the pasta in the pan [make sure you use a big enough pan].

Add the sauce to the pasta and crack the 3 eggs in the pasta/sauce mixture. Mix in the eggs very gently to avoid damaged the pasta shapes.

Put in a baking dish about 30cm & 15cm and sprinkle the cheese on top.

Bake in the oven for about 30-45 minutes or until the cheese is melted, bubbly and golden.

When cooked, leave to set for about 10 minutes and then cut a nice piece and ENJOY!!!!!!



Things kids say

'The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple'

St Bart's Coffee Pot



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PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

*Lord, we reflect on and remember with
thanks those people from our past whose
lives touched ours for the good'*



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**Please continue to pray for peace
in this troubled world**



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If you would like to get involved or sponsor a special arrangement, please contact Jean Strong for more details on 01460 77632

Thank you





I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill packed in and his ancient pick-up refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation.. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterwards he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children.. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again.' 'Funny thing is,' he smiled,' when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.'

Author unknown

MY BOY JACK by RUDYARD KIPLING 1916

"Have you news of my boy Jack?"

Not this tide.

"When d'you think that he'll come back?"

Not with this wind blowing, and this tide.

"Has anyone else had word of him?"

Not this tide.

For what is sunk will hardly swim,

Not with this wind blowing, and this tide.

"Oh, dear, what comfort can I find?"

None this tide,

Nor any tide,

Except he did not shame his kind -

Not even with that wind blowing, and that tide.

Then hold your head up all the more,

This tide,

And every tide;

Because he was the son you bore,

And gave to that wind blowing and that tide!





Scenes from the concert
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September 18th 2022



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Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism,
They learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility,
They learn to fight.
If children live with ridicule,
They learn to be shy.
If children live with shame,
They learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement,
They learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance,
They learn to be patient.
If children live with praise,
They learn to appreciate.
If children live with acceptance,
They learn to love.
If children live with approval,
They learn to love themselves.
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They learn to find love in the world.

by Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.



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I can follow Jesus by helping others.

COMPASSION



What does compassion mean? Who demonstrates compassion, and how can we show it to others?

We hear a great deal about the miracles of Jesus, but don't always pause to think why He did so many amazing things.

The Saviour truly loves and cares about all people (including us!). He provided healing during His earthly ministry because He had compassion.

The same Jesus still lives with us and has compassion upon us, and He wants us to care for those around us. So, we must treat others the same way as we would like them to treat us.

You can read in the Bible Jesus' many acts of compassion such as Healing the Leper Matthew 8: 1-4 or Luke 9:10-17 and many more stories in the Bible of Jesus' compassion.

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From the
Editor

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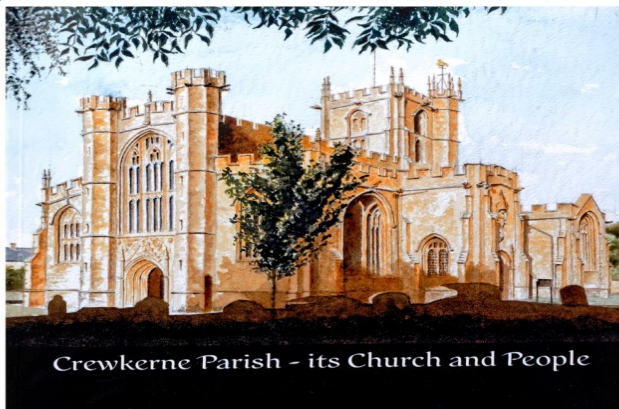
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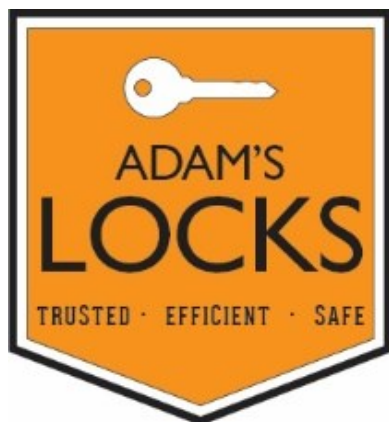
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