

Voice



St Bartholomew's
Crewkerne

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the
earth.*

*Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful
songs.*

Psalm 100: 1-2



Know that the Lord is God

Parish Magazine for **July/Aug 2021**
Crewkerne, Hewish,
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North Perrott		9.30 Holy Communion		9.30 Holy Communion	
Wayford	10.00 Holy Communion		10.00 Holy Communion		

The Dean's Dispatch

Free at last?

I'm writing this on June 21st. The weather is dank, dreary, and a wonderful advert for foreign holidays with guaranteed sunshine! The longest day of the year is not being marked by blue sky and glorious sunshine! It is tempting to feel cheated.

This was also meant to be what the newspapers had dubbed "Freedom Day" when we might be released from the remaining legal restrictions which help prevent the spread of this ghastly Covid pandemic. However, the 'Delta' variant has delayed things and so we hope for July 19th. Some people feel cheated again! There are complaints about our freedoms being curbed, but we simply don't

have total freedom, we never have had and we shouldn't have. Total freedom would be a terribly bad thing. Let me explain:

I can't get in my car, turn out of the driveway and choose to drive on the right hand side of the road. In this country we drive on the left and if I said "But I want to be free, I want to drive on the right," I would very soon find myself stopped by the police. If I don't like the tree in my neighbour's garden I can't say "I am free, I'll hop over the fence and cut it down." I simply don't have the freedom to do the wrong thing. It's why I am delighted to wear a mask, keep social distances, and get the vaccine at the earliest opportunity. I am free to help protect myself and my community by doing all I can to defeat this virus.

The Revd David Field's book, "Free to do right" was spot on. Our freedom as men and women made in the image of God is set within God's guidelines. That's why we have the Ten Commandments which the New Testament sums up as "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself." A train that comes off the rails isn't free, it's a wreck. Society is exactly the same. When we try to put the Biblical standards and plans of God on one side, imagining we know better we are like a train that wants to be free of its tracks. We see the results all around us in full prisons, ever-climbing divorce rates, the tragedy of spiralling numbers of abortions, and stories of abuse on the news each week.

Free from

Jesus said "If the Son sets you free, you will be truly free (John 8:36) Christian freedom is freedom from sin, both its consequences, as Jesus forgives us and opens the door of heaven, but also its chains. The great hymn writer Charles Wesley wrote a line "Take away the love of sinning." it makes a great daily prayer that we should cease to be prisoners of those habits or character traits which are not helpful for us or anyone else.

Free for

Christian freedom is to be the most rewarding way to live. Neither dull nor dreary, enjoying the gifts of God and living delighting in loving God and serving our neighbour. Here is a great quote from John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church which sums it up.

**Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can,
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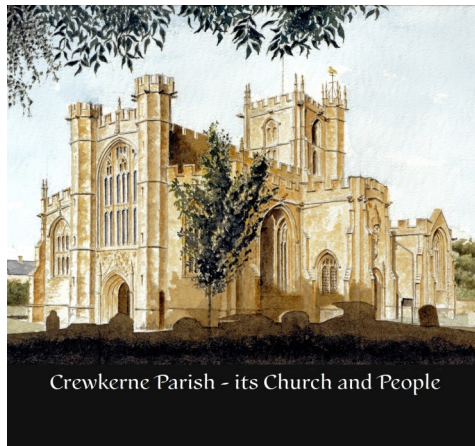
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
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Bingo every Wednesday afternoon.

Keep Fit for the over 50s every Friday morning.

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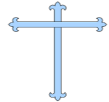
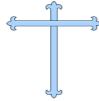
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‘For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations ‘ Psalm 100:5

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HEWISH



The Annual Meeting of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hewish took place on 5th May, chaired by Revd Jonathan Morris, & was attended by 8 people. Mrs M Wilson was re-elected as Secretary and Mrs V Curtis as Treasurer. Mrs V Curtis was re-elected as Churchwarden.

The meeting took a few minutes to think about Andrew Hutchings who died in April and had been Church Warden at Hewish for 40 years. He will be sadly missed both in Church, and in the local community.

Mrs Curtis reported on the fabric of the Church. The outside of the main Church building is mainly in good order, but various tasks (some new, some ongoing) need to be addressed. Some of these will be undertaken by various volunteers during the summer. The inside of the Church is generally in good repair.

The Treasurer presented a financial report & accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which showed a slight decrease in profits compared to 2019, but was encouraging considering Covid19 restrictions preventing services taking place.

It is hoped that there will be special family services for Harvest, Christmas & Easter. The annual Bible Society walk & tea is expected to go ahead in July, also a summer BBQ, and carols be candlelight.

The 2022 AGM date was agreed as Mon 11th April, 7.30pm; the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Mary Wilson (Church Secretary)



**WE ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND VISITORS
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AND**

**WEDNESDAYS 9.00AM UNTIL 5.00PM
(Unless there is a funeral)**

**Please observe social distancing rules and use the hand gel.
as you enter.**

St Bartholomew's Sunday Service

Holy Communion at 10 am

Seats must be booked due to Covid restrictions.

Thursday Prayer Meeting

Our prayer meetings continue on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm to 7.30pm. A Zoom link to join the meeting is sent by email on Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to join us.

PLEASE NOTE

**Seats must be booked for all Services, as numbers are limited due to
Covid 19 restrictions.**

If you wish to book please contact the church wardens;

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" DEFIBRILLATOR ",

There is now a defibrillator (orange in a clear plastic cover) in the Church which is located in the first cupboard underneath the servery near the North Door. There are signs up in the Church, in the South Door porch and in the Church Hall with details and contact information. Please speak to the church warden, Pippa Smith for more information.

PARISH SHARE and COMMON FUND

Parish Share is the sum of money contributed by each parish every year to the diocese to support local ministry. The Common Fund is the total of all 487 parish shares in Bath and Wells. Every parish contributes to the Common Fund and every parish receives from the fund in the following ways:

- **parish priest's monthly stipend**
- **clergy pension contributions**
- **housing costs**
- **clergy training**
- **the wide range of diocesan support services e.g. the Education Department, which supports local Church and community schools.**

Parish Share is essential to the mission of the church in the diocese, without it clergy could not be supported. The Common Fund is the diocese's largest single income stream. The total amount of Common Fund required each year is divided between the parishes in a way that seeks to recognise the need for some parishes to be financially supported by others. How much each parish contributes is based on church regular worshippers (previously known as members) and the socio-economic category of the parish, determined by the parish itself. The required information is gathered each year in the Parish Share and Common Fund Survey. Through Parish Share, each church is given the opportunity of contributing towards the financial cost of ministry in the entire diocese. Larger and wealthier parishes are asked to make greater contributions so stipendiary ministry can be provided to less wealthy areas that otherwise might not have been able to afford it.

As Paul the Apostle writes: "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need."

2 Corinthians 8:13-14

THE BISHOP'S LETTER



God's gift to humankind

The leaves of the trees will be for the healing of the nations. Rev. 22.2

A few days spent recently in the Lakes gave us a much anticipated opportunity to visit the new RHS garden, Bridgewater, near Manchester. Created in the ruins of the much overgrown walled garden of a long gone great house, the garden is the result of co-operation between the RHS and the City Council.

While the Paradise Garden with its pools and flowing water reminded me of the river of life in the Revelation, it was the therapeutic garden which captured my imagination. A number of charities working in inner Manchester with people whose lives are deeply affected by issues of mental health and social deprivation had approached the RHS to explore the possibility of creating a working garden to be grown and maintained by the various communities involved. The result is stunning both visually and mentally.

To aid the development the partners decided to allocate some of their limited financial resources towards the appointment of a full time occupational therapeutic gardener. Talking with her and reading the display boards around the garden we discovered that for many of those involved not only was this their first experience of gardening but more importantly the physical work and interaction is giving them a hope and purpose in life in ways that nothing else had been able to achieve.

The Revelation speaks of a world transformed and made new by God; the very stuff of the earth, trees and water, bringing new life to what was tired and old. The Scriptures remind us that the earth is God's gift to humankind to be tended and cherished; to be used for the good of all.

But let the last word be that of the therapeutic gardener ***"we can care for others; we can care for the earth. All we need is a vision and the will."***

With my blessing

+Trevor

Trevor Wilmott
Assistant Bishop, Bath and Wells

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY
AUGUST 24th



St Bartholomew , one of the twelve apostles, was originally from Cana in Galilee and is usually identified with Nathanael, who was introduced to Jesus by St Philip.

According to tradition, after Pentecost he preached the Gospel in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is thus the patron saint of tanners.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

*“Better a dish of vegetables with love
than a fattened calf with hatred”*

Proverbs 15:17



PEAR AND CELERIAC SOUP

25g Unsalted Butter

1 Onion-chopped

1 medium size Celeriac—peeled and cut into cubes

1 Litre Vegetable Stock

4 Ripe Pears— Comice or Conference

Black Pepper

Celery leaves to garnish

Melt the butter and fry the onion until soft,

Add the celeriac and stock and simmer, gently until soft

Peel, core and chop the pears and add to soup and cook for five minutes.

Blend in a processor until smooth.

Season to taste with black pepper.

Garnish with celery leaves.



Moses was leading his people through the desert for 40 years. It seems, even in Biblical times men avoided asking the way.

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We lift our eyes to him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Rejoice , rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of God rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping in the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling with the fight.
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice , rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice O Church of God rejoice!

Come young and old of every land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear the call
The Truth that cries through every age
“Our God is all in all”!

Rejoice, rejoice !Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of God rejoice!

*Enjoy the words of this inspiring worship song written by Stuart Townend and
Keith & Kristyn Getty*

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

*Dear God,
This world
Your creation
Rolled into a sphere
Packaged in sunshine
Gift-wrapped in love
Given to us
Thank you*



A MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

We pray that the peace of the Father of joy, the peace of the Christ of hope and the peace of the Spirit of grace may be with all those in places of conflict where restfulness seems far away.



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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



HEWISH CIRCULAR WALK IN AID OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY

We would like to hold the annual Hewish circular walk and tea again this year, having missed 2020 due to Covid restrictions. This will take place on Saturday 10th July at 2.30pm. It consists of a leisurely stroll across fields and along quiet lanes for about 2 ½ miles, starting at Woolcott, Woolminstone and ending there with tea in the garden. There is no charge, but donations for the Bible Society would be much appreciated. Contributions for the tea are also most welcome.

Due mainly to continuing number restrictions (and for catering purposes), we will need to know in advance how many walkers are expected, so please email me (maryewilson@btinternet.com), or telephone me (01460 74849) or Miriam (01460 76541) to reserve your place. Unfortunately, if the weather is bad on the day, we will not be allowed to invite everyone into the house for tea as we would normally do. However, we are a generally hardy bunch, so do phone (as above) by mid-day if in any doubt about whether the walk will be going ahead.

Mary Wilson (Church Secretary)



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S C of E FIRST SCHOOL

At St Bartholomew's we have been celebrating the amazing work of our children. Just after half term, five of our children took part in the virtual final of the Ilminster Literary Festival Poetry Recital competition. Our children performed absolutely brilliantly with no props, and I am delighted to say that the children from our school won both categories, Jasmine , 5-7 and Dylan,7-9. They were absolutely delighted with the fabulous poetry books they were presented with. We are very proud of all our finalists. We are fortunate to work closely with Clive Saunders, a local poet, who regularly supports our children in our school. He judged the internal poetry recital competition to choose the finalists that then went on to win.

We are deeply honoured that our fabulous Forget-Me-Not Council who work closely with the Royal British Legion Admiral Nurses were nominated for a special Royal British Legion Special Recognition Award for the work they do for those living with Dementia in our community. This was the nomination submitted.

At Bartholomew's C of E First school in Somerset, the Forget-me-not Council, led by Alice Samuel, has shown fantastic initiative in helping the children learn more about those living with dementia. Working with members of the RBL's Crewkerne Branch, Alice discussed the condition with the children and explored the role of Admiral Nurses. The team helped the children create 'fiddle cushion' gifts for patients of the memory clinic, while Alice also made face masks to raise money.

We are so proud of our children's courageous advocacy and fund raising. They have recently raised more money by making and selling Forget-Me-Not badges during Dementia Awareness week. When Bishop Peter visited our school prior to the pandemic, he also requested more information about their work to share at the cathedral as he was so inspired by their work. Mrs Samuel herself has also been recognised for her incredible community work.

Our children continue to work very hard and are particularly enjoying their twice weekly additional PE lessons with The Sports Project which is part of our Recovery Curriculum programme supporting our children's mental health and well-being as well as addressing any gaps in knowledge. In our recent Pupil Voice survey PE was one of their favourite subjects. We are working towards achieving our Gold School Games Mark Award for the third year running this year.





We would be really grateful if any of our church friends would be able to help us with equipment for the next year. In particular, we are looking for balance bikes and safety helmets, KNEX, and good quality puzzles from 36-100 pieces. If anyone could help us in this way, please do contact the school office on 01460 72829. In addition to this, we are always on the lookout for volunteers to share books with our children in school.

Gemma Coward
Headteacher

THE PASSION FLOWER



Even the history of this striking flower is rich with reverence. Called "Espina de Cristo" (Christ's thorns) by Spanish Christian missionaries who first discovered it in South America, each part of the flower holds symbolic meaning in recognition of the crucifixion story - the passion of the Christ. Five sepals and five petals refer to the ten faithful apostles (excluding Judas and Peter). Three stigma represent the three nails that held Christ to the cross, while five anthers represent his five sacred wounds. The tendrils of the flower are said to resemble the whips used in the flagellation, while the filaments, which can number in excess of a hundred depending on the flower, depict the crown of thorns. This powerful symbolism has led to the inclusion of the Passion Flower among the ornamentation of various churches, such as in stained glass window designs, and altar frontals.



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CORINTH



Corinth Ancient Ruins

Corinth, Greek Kórinthos, an ancient and a modern city of the Peloponnese, in south-central Greece. The remains of the ancient city lie about 50 miles (80 km) west of Athens, at the eastern end of the Gulf of Corinth, on a terrace some 300 feet (90 metres) above sea level.

In 1858 the old city of Corinth was totally destroyed by an earthquake. The modern city was built on the coast of the Gulf of Corinth 2 miles from the old city ruins.

Saint Paul first visited the city in AD51 or 52 when Gallio, the brother of Seneca was proconsul. Paul resided here for 18 months and stayed with Aquila and his wife Pricilla who had recently fled Rome where the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from the city. They like Paul were tentmakers and they also made other leather articles. Paul worked with them making and repairing awnings and shelters to protect people from the hot Mediterranean sun.

During his second visit in the spring of 58 AD it is likely the Epistle to the Romans was written. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians reflects the difficulty of maintaining a Christian community in such a cosmopolitan city.



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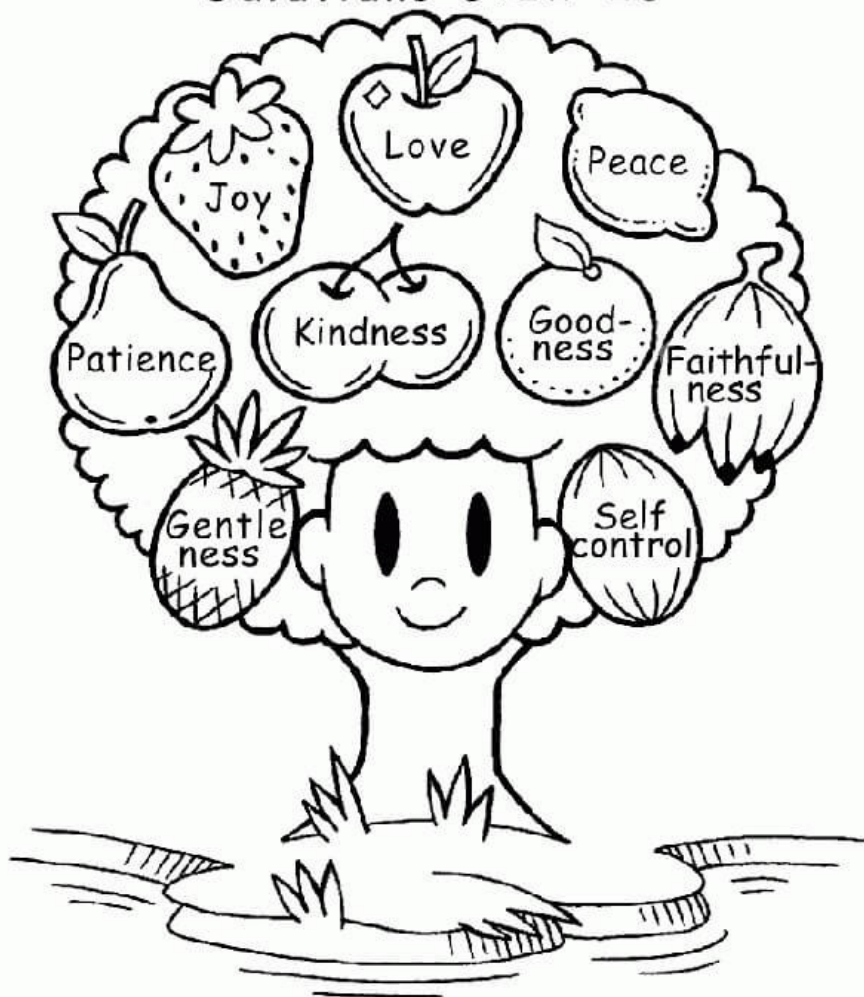
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Galatians 5:22-23



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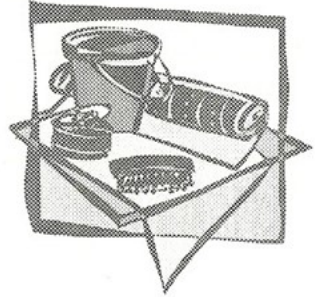
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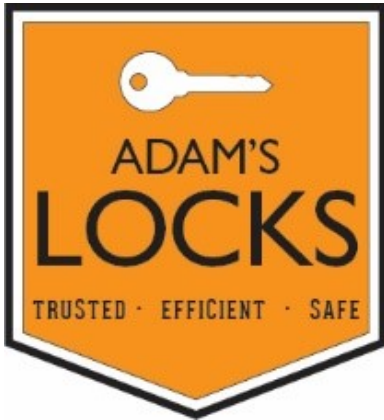


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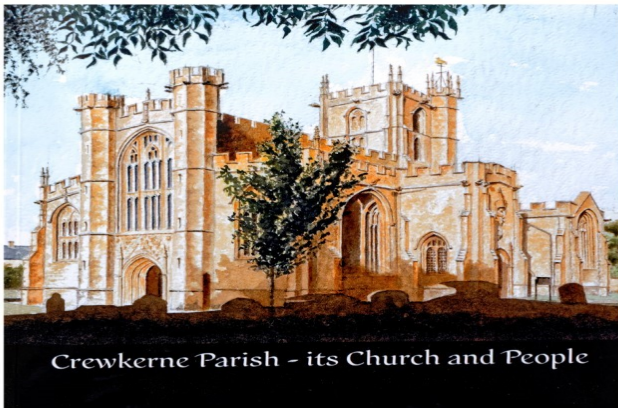
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