


Voice



St Bartholomew's
Crewkerne



*'May the God of Hope
fill you with all joy
and peace in believing,
so that by the power of
The Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.'*

Romans 15: 13

'He Ascended into Heaven'

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Services at St Bartholomew's

May 1 Easter 3 11 am Holy Communion

May 8 Easter 4 11 am Holy Communion

May 15 Easter 5 11 am Holy Communion

**May 22 Easter 6 11 am All Age Service
6 pm Holy Communion**

May 26 ASCENSION DAY 7 pm Holy Communion (to be confirmed)

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FROM THE RECTOR

“Finally, I reached my verdict: the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus was clear and convincing.”

[Lee Strobel: 4 Compelling Reasons to Believe the Resurrection Actually Happened - RELEVANT \(relevantmagazine.com\)](https://relevantmagazine.com/lee-strobel-4-compelling-reasons-to-believe-the-resurrection-actually-happened/)

So writes Lee Strobel a legally trained journalist who set out to disprove the resurrection of Jesus. One of a fair number who have taken that rather “dangerous” path – and found the tables turned on them by the evidence. The fact is that when we really look at the evidence for the physical resurrection of Jesus – it is pretty compelling.

And that matters – a lot. Some people think there’s value in the Christian faith whether or not it is true. If it reassures people, brings a sense of peace – surely it is helpful. But surely not. Who wants *fantasy comfort* when we live in a real world – with real problems and real death?

But if – in fact – Jesus rose, things are very different. There is more challenge, but also real comfort:

We need to take him very seriously. The Bible insists that His resurrection means that he is alive and that one day we will meet him and be accountable to him for every minute of our lives. That’s very serious. Make no mistake – for all of us – our account with him is very heavily in the red.

Yet – we can trust in his forgiveness. If Jesus stayed dead, and his dust is still in Palestine – there’s no reason to think his death is different from any other. If he rose – there is solid reason to believe the Bible claim that his death was different. He paid the debt for those who truly trust and follow him.

And we have a hope – as people who are going to die. That’s 100% of us – no exceptions – and it is highly rational to fear it. People say that nobody knows what is beyond death – but not so. If Jesus died and rose again, then he has been there and come back. Nobody better to help us through.

As I write, Easter is a few days away and it will still be Eastertide when you read this. The good news of Easter is *fact-based comfort* that lasts forever. I wonder whether you’ve looked at the evidence – and found the comfort (you might try the website above as a start – or come to church to ask your questions)

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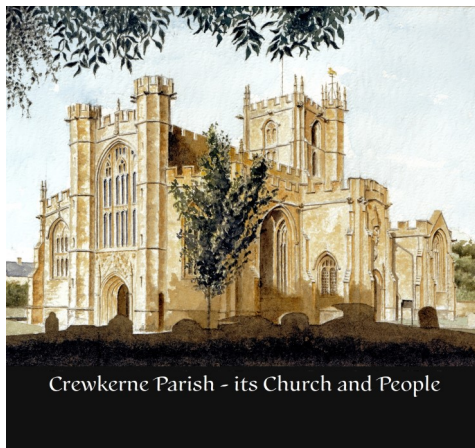
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**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**The meeting will take place on Saturday May 28th
at 10am in the Church Hall.**

Coffee and doughnuts will be served!

**This is when the elections take place for
churchwardens and members of the Parochial
Church Council and the Deanery Synod.**

**The accounts for 2021 will be presented, and also
reports of other church activities.**

We shall also be looking at our Vision for the future.

To vote or speak at the meeting you need to be on the church's Electoral Roll. If you are over 16 and a regular worshipper please make sure you are on the Roll. Application forms are available in the church and need to be completed not later than Friday 17th May.

If you're not sure whether you are already on the Electoral Roll please get in touch with the Electoral Roll Officer, Nancy Forester: 01460 271012 Nancy.forester@btinternet.com

Nomination forms for the various elections will be available in church.

St Michael & All Angels, Wayford



At the recent PCC meeting which followed the APCM, it was agreed the normal time for morning services would change to 9.30am. This will take effect from Easter Sunday.

There will be a flower display in the church on the Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May on a Jubilee theme. This will coincide with the Manor Gardens Open Day on the Sunday between 2.00pm and 5.00pm as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Further details can be found on the NGS website.

It is planned that the display is refreshed so it will remain until after the service on Jubilee weekend.

Mike Kimber

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Sew, Knit & Natter – Wednesday 4th May at 10.30am; details from Julia (01460 72769)

Community Coffee Morning – Wednesday 18th May, 10.30am – mid-day, with bacon 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)

Advance notice: Queen's 70th Jubilee Afternoon Tea – Saturday 4th June, 2 - 5pm. Free to local people, but places **must be booked by Monday 30th May**. Information & booking on 01460 72769 (Julia) or 01460 74321 (Barbara)

Mary Wilson (hall secretary)



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S IS NOW OPEN EVERY DAY
9.00am until 5.00pm**

Sunday Morning Service 11am

**Please use the hand gel as you enter.
Masks are optional, see signs on the end of the pews.
Masks must be worn for hymn singing.**

Wednesday Holy Communion Service 10.30am

DEFIBRILLATOR

There is 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.

BELL RINGERS

The bell ringers of St Bartholomew's are on the hunt for new and returning ringers to boost our numbers. Anyone in reasonable health can ring bells; it is an excellent way to stay active, test your brain, contribute to the community, and be sociable. If you are interested in joining the band, please email [Katy Manuel, Tower Captain](mailto:Katy.Manuel,Tower.Captain@crewkerne@bath-wells.org) on crewkerne@bath-wells.org

News in Brief

Members of St Bartholomew's joined Crewkerne 'Churches Together' for the Walk of Witness on Good Friday and were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. The walk was followed by a service at St Bartholomew's.

The Easter Sunday service was enjoyed by a large congregation followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

The next Deanery Gathering will take place on will take place 10.30 am - 1.30pm, Saturday 11 June in Whitelackington Village Hall, Ilminster TA19 9EF, All welcome. Tea/coffee and pastries will be served.

MOTHERS' UNION



The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on May 17th in the Church Hall at 2.30pm.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.



THE BISHOP'S LETTER



Life in abundance It all happened so quickly. I went to A&E with severe back-pain which affected my mobility. The NHS was outstanding. Within a dizzying few hours, I heard I would need an immediate MRI scan and possibly rods to support my spine. I dreaded the thought of going into the scanner, let alone the surgery. As I was being wheeled along the corridor, Lauren, my Godson's 10-year-old daughter, came into my mind.

Lauren is a talented girl passionate about football. Just over a year ago, it was discovered that she had a growth at the base of the spine which would need radical treatment to prevent spinal curvature. She would also require rods in her back which could be regularly extended by surgery as she grew into adulthood. In addition, this ten-year-old would be spending lonely hours in a soul-less scanner. Lauren is lovingly supported by her wonderful family and magnificently treated by NHS professionals, but while it can be shared, the load is ultimately hers to carry. Parents bear the agony of powerlessness. In the middle of this painful dilemma, young Lauren is instinctively grabbing the God-given gift of abundant life which is for all and which lies at the heart of the Gospel. As we get older, less passionate and more cynical we can lose faith in this gift.

As I was being taken to the radiology department, I realised that I was being strengthened and inspired by this young girl, six decades my junior, facing far greater challenges than me. My own fears were being transformed by Jesus Christ's gift of life mediated through Lauren's courage. Life may turn out differently from what we expect, but that does not restrict its abundance.

The young are an inspiration. It is the role of the older generation to ensure they can grow into the special people God has created them to be so that they can release the gifts they have for us all. Thanks, Lauren. Despite all she faces, Lauren continues to play football.

+Brian

***Brian Castle,
Honorary Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells***

FREELY FORGIVE

*Forgive our sins as we forgive
you taught us, Lord to pray
But you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say*

*How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart*

*In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew
What trivial debts are owed to us
How great our debt to you*

*Lord cleanse the depths within our souls
And bound resentment cease
Then bound to all the bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace.*

Rosamond E. Herklots

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

And God said, Let the earth cause grass to spring up, herb producing seed, fruit-trees yielding fruit after their kind, the seed of which is in them, on the earth. And it was so.

Genesis 1:11



PEACHES CARDINAL

5 cups of Water

300g Caster Sugar

6 large peaches peeled and halved

2 inch piece of Vanilla Pod or 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence

Sauce Cardinal

1 lb fresh or frozen Raspberries

100g sugar

Juice of 1/2 a Lemon

1 tablespoon of Kirsch or Brandy

2pints of good Vanilla Ice Cream

2oz Blanched Almonds for garnish

Place water in a pan and heat to boiling point stirring in sugar until dissolved. Pour peaches and syrup into a bowl and cool in fridge.

To make sauce. Place raspberries in a heavy pan and heat gently until soft. Remove from heat and puree or press through a sieve. Add sugar and Kirsch, mix well and chill.

To assemble, Place a scoop of ice cream and one or two peach halves into 6 individual bowls. Pour over the raspberry sauce and sprinkle with almonds. Serve immediately.



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PRAYER FOR THE MONTH



Lord,
On Ascension Day,
where conflict reigns,
bring peace.
Send your Spirit of reconciliation
into the midst of this distress.
For where he is, you are there.
Strengthen us to make difficult
decisions.
And show us the way forward.
In Jesus' name Amen

A Mothers' Union Prayer



Father God, we remember before you all who have to make decisions on the status of refugees. May they exercise compassion, wisdom and insight as they process applications

CHURCH FLOWERS

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

Thank you



THE ROAD TO EMMAUS TODAY

Luke 24: 13-25



EL QUBEIBEH, West Bank – The biblical “road to Emmaus” is today a dirt path marked by the remnants of ancient Roman paving stones in this Palestinian village. El Qubeibeh, as Emmaus is today known, is nestled into a terraced West Bank hillside about eight miles northwest of the modern boundaries of Jerusalem.

Could the Roman paving stones, in this rather dark photo, be the stones that Jesus walked on when He appeared to two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus soon after He had risen?

A powerful tale, one filled with lessons about discernment, hope, and the truth of the Old Testament prophecies.

The archaeology is still going on.



CONCERT AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S



On Palm Sunday afternoon, April 10th, Art's at Bart's launched the first of their events for 2022 with a performance by The New Elizabethan Singers, and The Broadoak Choir, of the Three Trees Requiem which was written by two local composers.



Thanks to Jeff Hutson for the photograph



The Friends of Crewkerne Parish Church

We look forward to a busy week celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** in June. More details on all our events will follow. But, for now, make sure you have these dates in your diary...

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE: *Crewkerne Open Gardens.*

What a great way to kick off the four days of Royal Celebrations! Following the success of last year's event, we have decided to hold the Open Gardens annually from now on. As usual, tickets will be on sale in Market Square on the day.

If you would like to show off your garden to help raise funds for St. Bart's, find out more from Ian on 01460 271440 or email iantribe@gmail.com (We're particularly looking for venues a short walk from the Town Hall.)

FRIDAY 3rd JUNE: *St. Bart's Church Tours. If you've never visited the nationally important architectural gem that is Crewkerne's 15th century parish church, you are in for a fascinating time.*

SATURDAY 4th JUNE. 7.30pm: *A Regal Concert. There is no better setting for choral pieces with a royal connection to be performed than St. Bart's, especially when accompanied by the impressive organ in full flow.*



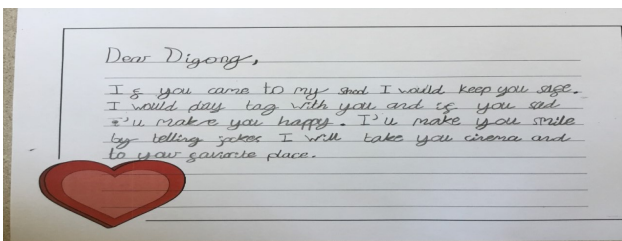
News from St Bartholomew's Church of England School

It was an absolute delight to once again be back in church as a whole school to celebrate Easter with family and friends. It was a service full of joy and beautiful singing including call and response and rounds. Not only did our children raise their voices in praise but they showcased their musical talents and learning in music this term too. Our children love CJ and were totally captivated by his storytelling and message and the wonderful pictures he shared. We are very grateful to CJ and Christine for welcoming us so warmly and being part of our celebration.

A very special part of our service was the presentation of our Governor sponsored Christian values trophies. These are presented once a term to children who have shone demonstrating one of our values of: hope, aspiration, courage, trust, respect, forgiveness and compassion. To be able to do this in church again was wonderful.

Our children have had lots of wonderful experiences lately including KS2's fantastic performance with Jacdaw's Opera Plus on Wednesday night. Our KS1 children had a fabulous visit from Crewkerne library and our EYFS children have had their mums and other special people in their lives in to be pampered for Mother's Day! You can read more about this in our school newsletter on our website which also details the exciting work taking place in preparation for us becoming a Primary school in September 2022.

On Friday April 1st our children took part in an amazing Lent 'Big Questions Day' exploring the themes of welcome, hospitality, generosity and inclusion through art, letter writing and a range of other mediums. This was linked to current events and learning through our Compassion UK sponsor child, Digong, our classroom greeters and the refugees from Ukraine. Our RE leader, Mrs Coram, planned this wonderful day which has been shared by the diocese with all church schools for other children to enjoy and learn from too.

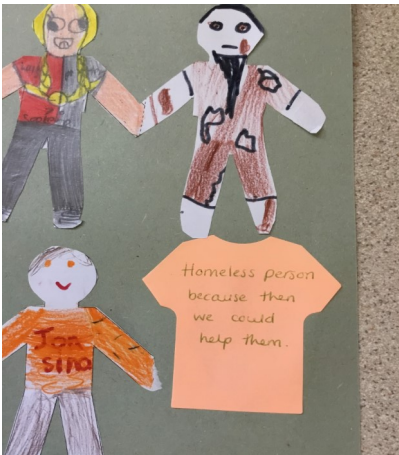


Warmest Wishes
Gemma Coward
Head Teacher

St Bartholomew's Church of England First School in Crewkerne are spending a day off timetable to join in with ['Knowing You, Knowing Me, Knowing God', our Lent 2022 campaign](#). They have taken the four themes of welcome, hospitality, inclusion and generosity and created a day's worth of activities for the children to engage with to help them explore the four themes.



In amongst this, they have considered how they might feel if they were a refugee and what a warm welcome might look like, bringing the conflicts and crisis in Ukraine into focus.



The school sponsors a child through the charity Compassion UK and as part of the day, they considered Digong and how they might offer him hospitality if he were to visit their school. The children will be introduced to 1 Corinthians 12, being reminded that we are all part of the body of Christ and that God created us in His image as equals – even though we're different.

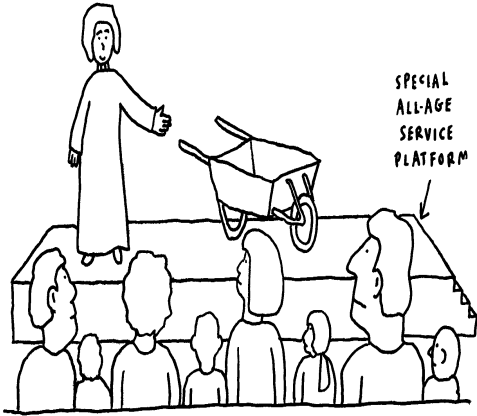
Through videos, art and conversation, the children at St Bart's have been immersed in a range of imaginative and thoughtful activities. Using art to explore inclusion, one of the pupils, Harry said, "Every flower is beautiful. It doesn't matter what colour, size or height it is. They are all special and beautiful."



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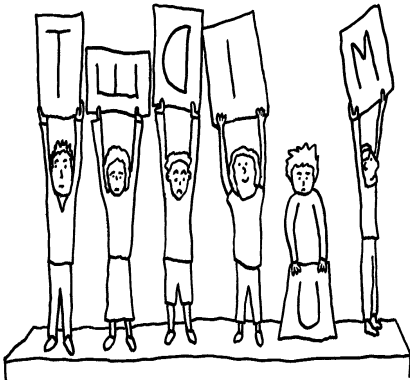
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The Road to Emmaus Luke 24: 13-32

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS



The same day that Jesus had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' disciples were walking to a village called Emmaus. Jesus caught up with them and asked them what they were talking about.

The disciples were so sad about Jesus' death that they didn't recognise him! They talked about the awful things that had happened, but Jesus explained to them about the Old Testament scriptures and how they had predicted that Jesus would die and come alive again.

When they arrived at Emmaus, Jesus had dinner with them. As he prayed and broke the bread, their eyes were opened and they suddenly realised it was Jesus! But then he disappeared right in front of them!

They both ran all the way back to Jerusalem and found the rest of the disciples. They told them everything that had happened and that Jesus was alive! Suddenly, Jesus appeared among them! He showed them the holes in his hands and feet so they could touch and see for themselves that it was truly Jesus come back to life, not a ghost! They were amazed and praised God!

Jesus died for us and came back to life! This was a miracle that only He could do because he is God. This was all a part of God's special plan to save us. Jesus died and rose again so that we can be forgiven for the wrong things we do and become God's friends and live with him forever in heaven. What amazing news!

Services

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If you would like to be involved in **Voice** , then please email the editor, June Cox at, stbartsvoice@hotmail.co.uk. If you have comments or suggestions on any church matters please email or stbartsparish@gmail.com

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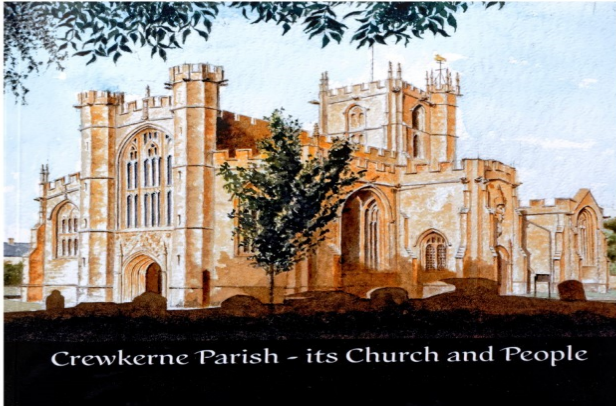
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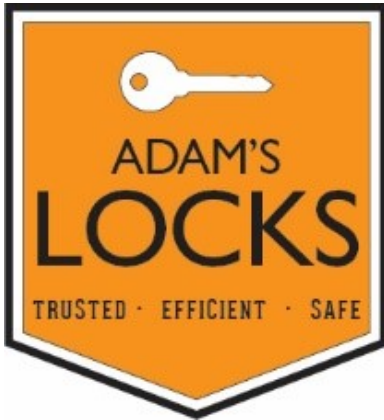
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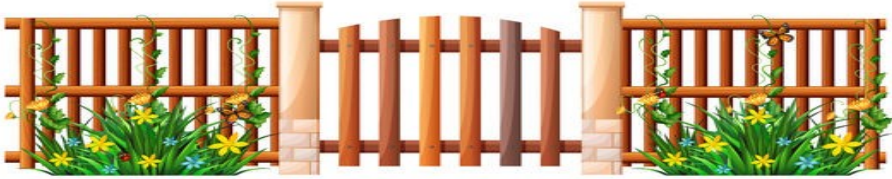
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