

Voice



St Bartholomew's
Crewkerne



*“We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name”
Psalm 33:20*

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FROM THE RECTOR

“**What are you going to give up for Lent?** I wonder if anybody has asked you that this year. Sometimes, of course, it’s just seems a good opportunity to cut down on chocolate or wine or whatever. But we also know that it’s somehow supposed to be to do with God – and presumably that means he wants us to “give things up”.



The problem, though, is that lots of people assume that’s what God is basically like. We easily think that what he really likes is to make us “give things up” – spoil our fun, stop us doing the things we really want to do and make us do rather boring things instead...

And that’s a big problem – because it is *not* what the Bible says. Yes, the Christian faith does call us to give (some) things up – **but *only so our hands are empty and God can give us something better instead.***

And God’s gift is better – it’s better than anything we can have in this world. We find that difficult to believe – but what God has on offer is free forgiveness, which gives us a free pass into infinite joy. That’s heaven – the deepest joy, with no regrets, nothing to spoil it, never coming to an end. And Christians know that we begin to taste that even in the here and now. It is difficult to think of a better gift... The thing is, though, **we can’t receive all that if we are holding on to other things** that we want more – whatever they are... And we easily do that. The Christian writer C.S. Lewis wrote:

“We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

Which takes us back to Lent... Lent is really not about giving up chocolate – but giving up the “*mud pies*” – an annual reality check to make sure we have empty hands, ready to receive the precious gift of “infinite joy”.

With warmest best wishes and prayers – for a Lent that leads you into joy.

CJ

C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory* (Zondervan, 2001), p.26.

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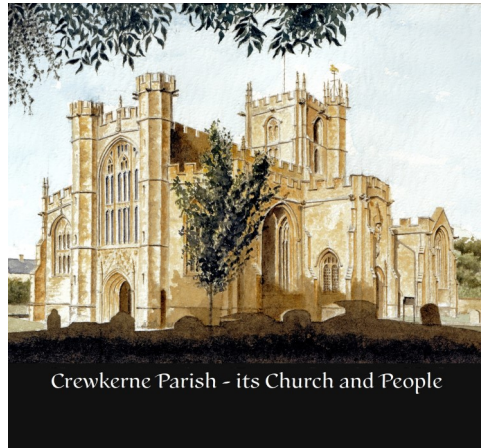
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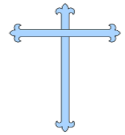
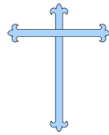
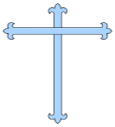
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We extend our sincere condolences to the
family and friends of

Geoffrey Frank Restorick
Thomas Frederick George Regan
Peter William Singleton



St Michael & All Angels, Wayford

I had anticipated saying how we were looking forward to welcoming the new Rector to our service on the coming Sunday. Unfortunately, he is unable to come so that pleasure has been delayed. This may not be altogether a bad thing considering the weather forecast for the next few days. However, CJ was able to attend our recent PCC meeting at which he set out some of his plans and vision for the Benefice.



As we move towards Lent and Easter, the hedgerows, verges, woods and gardens around Wayford are a sea of snowdrops heralding the approach of Spring. This seems to have been a particularly good year for them.

Looking forward, Wayford Manor will be opening its gardens as part of the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday, May 15th.

Mike Kimber

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Sew, Knit & Natter – Wednesday 2nd March at 10.30am; details from Jill (01460 72837)

Clapton & Wayford Film Society – Thursday 3rd March, showing 2017 ‘Summer 1993’, a gentle Spanish drama which follows the emotional changes of 6 year old Frida as she adapts from city life to live in Catalonia with her aunt & uncle. (12A), 96 mins. Doors open & refreshments on sale from 7pm; film starts at 7.30pm prompt. Ample parking, disabled facilities, level access. New members very welcome; membership subscriptions taken any time; guest tickets, £4. Details from Mick (01460 74849) or Di (01460 30508)

Spring Breakfast – Saturday 5th March, 9 – 11.30am. Full English + fruit juice, toast, tea/coffee, £6. All welcome; booking/further details from Adrienne (01460 75313) or Julia (01460 72769)

Community Coffee Morning – Wednesday 16th March, 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)

Mary Wilson (hall secretary)



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday Morning Service at 10am
Wednesday Communion Service 10.30am**

**Ash Wednesday, 2nd March
Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes
at 10.30 am and 7 pm
(also at 2 pm at Haselbury Plucknett)**

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.

A NOTE ABOUT “VOICE” PARISH MAGAZINE

We are at last publishing “Voice” again after two years of only being able to print a very small number. Owing to the lack of volunteers to keep an eye on our printer while it is in operation in the church office, it is now being printed by one of the printers in town which is quite costly, so unfortunately we will have to raise the price to £1 per copy. We hope you will continue to enjoy our monthly offering of news and information .

If you would like to help in any way please contact us.

June Cox
Editor

**WE ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND VISITORS
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MOTHERS' UNION



**The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be on March 15th in the
Church Hall at 2.30 pm.**

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



THE BISHOP'S LETTER



The promise of new life

“Lord, when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?”

For any would be follower of Jesus, the teaching in Matthew 25 is surely some of the most challenging in the whole of the New Testament. What sort of disciples are we called to be? Will the world recognise Christ in us both in our words and in our actions?

Faced with persecution, with the temptation to instant popularity and self-aggrandisement, Jesus remains true to himself and to his call to be a servant leader. This, he says, is what is required of anyone who would follow me: “to love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself”.

While we may talk a great deal about being a welcoming Church, the reality is much harder to achieve. To welcome is not to want the stranger to become just like us. It’s about valuing the gifts they bring and about being willing to be changed ourselves by the new life coming among us. It begins, as Jesus began, by seeking to serve the stranger’s needs and, to do that, we first have to listen.

Some of the harshest of Jesus’ words were directed to the religious people of his day, too occupied with their own agendas, their own self-righteousness, to notice the stranger in their midst. It is only when we are prepared to leave the security of our own home, “launching out into the deep”, going onto the other’s territory, can we begin to feel just how strange and at times threatening the community of faith can be to the outsider.

Lent, with its invitation to de-clutter our busy lives, brings also the promise of new life. Let’s use this God-given time to pray that our hearts and the life of our communities may be opened such that we can truly welcome the stranger as a sister or brother in Christ.

With my blessing ,Trevor

Trevor Wilmott, Honorary Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:29



POTATO LATKES

Ingredients

2 Large Maris Piper potatoes (600g totql)

1 Onion

4 Tablespoons Plain Flour

2 Large free range eggs

Vegetable oil, for frying

1/2 a bunch of fresh herbs , such as sage, rosemary thyme (15g)

Scrub the potatoes, then coarsely grate (skin and all)

Peel and finely slice the onion

Place in the middle of a clean tea towel and wring out the liquid, transfer to a large bowl. Add the flour and crack in the eggs, season with sea salt and black pepper, mix well to combine.

Place a large frying pan on a medium heat with enough oil to cover the bottom of the pan.

Shape small handfuls of the potato mixture (roughly the size of golf balls) into latkes, flattening gently, then add carefully to the pan.—you may need to work in batches.

Fry for 1 to 2 minutes on each side, or until golden and crisp, drain on kitchen paper.

Scatter the herbs into the pan with the remaining oil. Fry for a few seconds until crisp, then remove to the kitchen paper before sprinkling over the hot latkes.

This is a Jamie Oliver recipe

A verse from the Bible to make you smile



'As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axe head fell into the water. "Oh no, my lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!". '

2 Kings 6: 5

THE HISTORY OF MOTHERING SUNDAY A Mothers' Union Article



Back in the 16th century, on Mothering Sunday, people used to return to the church where they were baptised, or the local parish church. This was known as their 'mother church'. The essence of this practice was that people remained in touch with the community they had grown up in. The actual service took place on the fourth Sunday of Lent and symbolised the coming together of families.

As time moved on, the make-up of communities entered a stage of transition. Mothering Sunday was adapted to fit the evolving nature of local people and places. Many families became disbursed due to upheavals within society. Related to this, the practices associated with the day changed too.

As practices gradually changed, it became a day when servants of large households and country estates were allowed to return home to visit their families. The traditions associated with the day were changing too. The day itself became less focused on the religious roots and more about specific relations within families.

By the early 20th century the practice of returning to one's 'mother church' had become so neglected in the UK and Ireland that there were calls to revive it from social activists of the time. Consequently, decisions were made throughout the country to incorporate wider practices from across the Christian faiths and bring back a festival.

During the 1950's, figures in business spotted commercial opportunities on offer. Thus, the commodification of the day both secured its endurance and altered its significance in the minds of the population.

In modern times, there has been increased commercialisation and secular uptake. Mothering Sunday has become very much a recognition of the role of a mother in contemporary society. Gifts are sold, flowers are bought and cards are sent.

Mothers of all kinds wake up across the country knowing that this is their day. A day to be treated to lavish days out and receive gifts from loved ones. Despite the commercial forces driving the recognition, it is an important day for families coming together.



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

*Lord Jesus, as we recall your time fasting and praying
in the wilderness,
help us to be strong in our resolve to imitate you in our
devotions. May we come closer to you and know your
power in our lives.*



MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Gentle God, on this day we bring to you our prayers of gratitude for all mothers. Grant to them the courage that Mary had as they look after and cherish all those in their care.



Amen

CHURCH FLOWERS

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Thank you



*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.*

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

*He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.*

*And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home.*

*And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod
and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.*

*And I will trust in you alone
And I will trust in you alone
For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home.*

Stuart Townend's version of the 23rd Psalm which
is set to his beautiful melody.

PETER SINGLETON



Although Peter was dedicated to working towards the upkeep of his beloved church, he was also a staunch supporter of many organisations.

He loved cricket and supported North Perrott Cricket Club, and built, with the help of others, the machinery store which still stands to this day. He was also keen to help whenever required on groundwork jobs or wherever he was required.

Chard Cricket Club was also high on his priority list helping with many jobs, groundwork, general maintenance, fundraising and again helping wherever he was required.

He did play for the fourth Saturday team, the 750's mainly made up of youngsters and older guys who had seen 'better days'.

Latterly he became interested in bees and joined the East Devon Bee Club that met once a month near Axminster where they have a Club House and Apiary. Once again he devoted much time in helping where required and joined a rota for keeping the apiary grass cut short during the summer months, occasionally accidentally knocking over hives if his mower hit a stone and frantically trying to assemble the hive but never knowing if he got it right.

He will certainly be missed by many of the clubs he belonged to, but he certainly 'did his bit' and thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent helping them all.

He also had a love of travelling and he and Lindi made many friends from this country and from far flung places, with whom they have met up with on many occasions.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

In memory of Peter Singleton

I have worked with Peter for four years since we moved to Crewkerne and he asked me if I would be prepared to join the “Building Team”. We had not, previously, been in contact since being in the same class at school.

I soon discovered that Peter was essentially a very practical person but due to his vast experience in various roles in the church he had mastered the administrative aspect of the job.

As everyone who knew him was aware, he commanded a tremendous knowledge of everything concerning the fabric of the building. His enthusiasm for the care of his beloved church inspired me to share his approach.

I now find myself in the position of trying to continue Peter’s mantle. This is not going to be easy with such lofty standards to emulate. I find it difficult to believe that anyone will replace Peter Singleton even if they wanted to. Rest in peace dear friend and colleague.

Adrian Taylor



Peter and I have worked together on the St Bartholomew’s Building Team for many years. Peter was the admin and organiser and I (with other helpers) was the labour.

Our tasks involved repairs and maintenance to the church building and church hall. Peter dealt with the church architects & surveyors, plumbers, electricians, heating engineers, security and many other companies.

His involvement in overseeing the repairs to the west window took many hours over many months.

His commitment and dedication to the upkeep of the fabric of the church along with his paperwork and organisational skills are going to be sorely missed. Many happy memories of Peter and me working together.

Sam Murphy



NEWS FROM ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL

The Early Years children had an absolutely spectacular time on their visit to St Bartholomew's church. They were warmly welcomed to the church by Christine and CJ. CJ took all the children on a tour of the church where they got to see the lectern, font, pulpit, pews and the altar: all of the different things they have been learning about in RE. The children knocked our socks off when they could name the different things that we had been learning about!

CJ then taught the children about the meaning of baptism through pictorial representation (pictures that he had painted himself!). The children sat in the pews and were mesmerised: listening with such focus and interest. We were all then led to the font where CJ showed the children what happens when children are baptised. Luckily, we took our 3 class babies with us and CJ used these as part of his demonstration: this was so exciting for the children! The children have been learning about baptism at school and they relished in the opportunity of watching their 'knowledge and understanding' come to life.

We are forever thankful for the time and effort that CJ and Christine put in to welcome us with open arms to the church. We certainly made some lovely memories that will last a lifetime.

Mrs Coram, EYFS Leader

Today, was very exciting at school. One of our wonderful parents kindly arranged for a fundraising ice-cream van visit to school. All our children and staff enjoyed ice-creams as a special treat after the challenges of the COVID season. It was a really special and happy event which everyone was very grateful for.

As we head into half term, we would like to thank everyone for all their on-going support for our fabulous children and school. We are now able, once again, to welcome volunteers into school to support reading, walking to the swimming pool and other activities. Please do get in touch with the school office if you are able to help. You will be very warmly welcomed.

Gemma Coward
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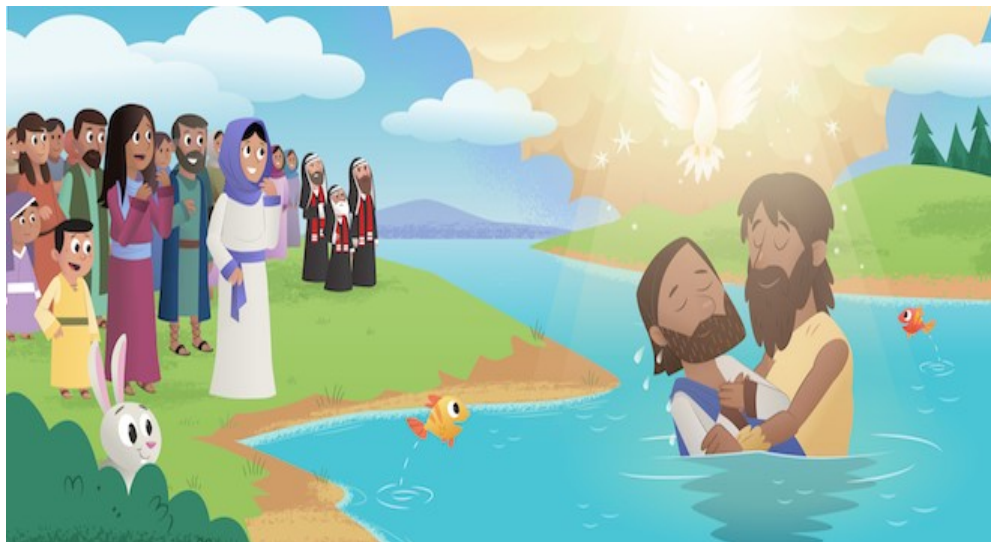
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John the Baptist baptises Jesus



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



John The Baptist Baptises Jesus

Before Jesus came, God told the prophet Malachi that he would send a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. John was that messenger.

He preached by the River Jordan telling the people to lead better lives and baptising them to wash away their sins.

One day Jesus came to the River Jordan to be baptised by John the Baptist. John knew that Jesus was special .

As soon as Jesus was baptised, Heaven was opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and rested on Him.

The voice of God in Heaven said “This is my Son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased.”

Jesus didn't need to be baptized because He was sinless. He was setting an example on how we should be obedient to God.

After His baptism, Jesus began His teachings.

You can read about the baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1; 9-17, Luke 3; 21-22, John; 1;29-34.

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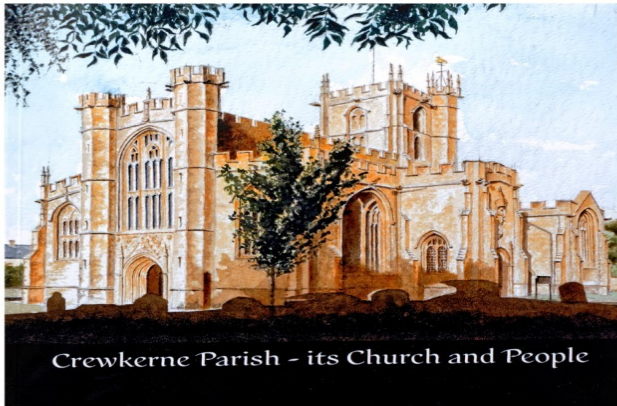
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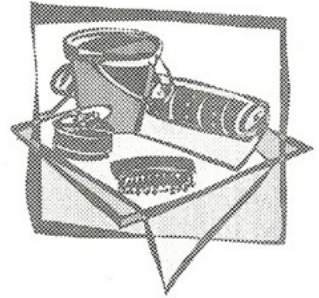
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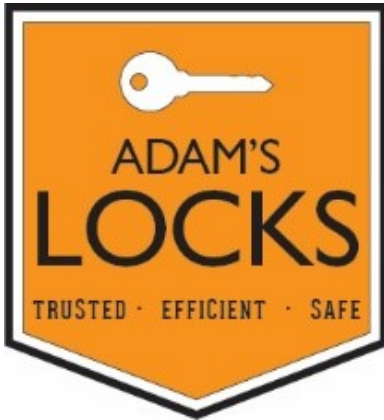
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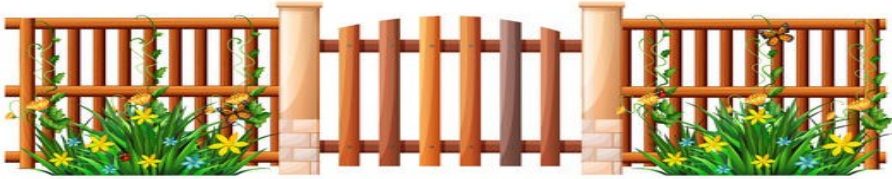
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