



True Love

For God so lo**V**ed the world,
That He g**A**ve
his on**L**y
Begott**E**n
So**N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."
John 3:16

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Wayford and Clapton

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February 5th	11am Holy Communion
February 12th	11am Holy Communion
February 19th	11am Holy Communion
February 26th	11am All Age Service 6pm Holy Communion

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February 5th	9.30am Holy Communion
February 19th	9.30am Holy Communion



Services at Hewish

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February 19th	11am Holy Communion

FROM THE RECTOR

“Who made these beautiful changing things,
if not one who is beautiful and changeth not?”

The Beauty of Creation Bears Witness To God - St Augustine



At the beginning of another year in Somerset I'm still amazed by the beauty of this part of the world. Driving or walking about, I still think that this part of England is the equal to any and surpasses many for beauty. I guess we'll all have our particular delights. For me, the undulating folds of the land and the interest they bring to the eye, the light as it falls on them, the woods and streams, the developing "hollow ways" to the west of Crewkerne, the sweep of the fields down from North Perrott to Misterton are just a tiny few of the beauties we've been given – and as Augustine points out, they are all changingly beautiful, differently beautiful at different times of the year. I wonder which most delight you...

For the Christian, of course, they are more than just beauties in themselves. They point beyond themselves to the Creator of beauty who is Himself utterly beautiful. I wonder how often we think of God like that – as the fountain of beauty – so beautiful in Himself that to see Him and gaze upon Him will be overwhelming bliss and heaven forever.

So at the beginning of this year, the beauty of this Somerset countryside reminds me...

To savour. It's easy to begin to take it for granted. It's worth stopping from time to time, even just for 30 seconds, to savour the beauty again.

To thank. Christ calls us to remember that all things come from His Father. Each beauty is not only a beauty, it is a gift. I often forget that.

To look through and beyond – to the inexpressible beauty of the One from whom all beauty flows.

To look forward. Beauty we have – but there is much to ruin it. What ugliness there is – and as far as Christ is concerned, ugliness that comes from our refusal to remember the beautiful ways of our Maker. And yet, with amazing, extraordinary grace – itself gloriously beautiful – He promises us forgiveness and a totally new creation if we'll take it – a perfectly beautiful world in which to be enthralled by His beauty forever...

With warm best wishes and prayers that we would see His beauty in this creation and the next.

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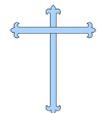
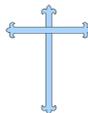
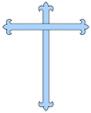
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FROM OUR REGISTERS

Funerals

We extend our sincere condolences to the
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Edward Brian Tratt
William Joseph "Bill" Mitchell



Bless those who mourn, eternal God,
with the comfort of your love
that they may face each new day with hope
and the certainty that nothing can destroy
the good that has been given.

May their memories become joyful,
their days enriched with friendship,
and their lives encircled by your love.

Amen.

St Michael & All Angels, Wayford

Our Carol service was held at the end of yet another wet and blustery December day. Local children dressed the Christmas tree with red and gold baubles and twinkling lights. Lisa helped place the nativity scene at the altar. The various flower arrangements, candles and other decorations combined with the lights along the pathways into the church, all contributed towards a lovely service.



The midnight Eucharist service on Christmas Eve was as ever a wonderful celebration for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Our thanks are to Anna and Andrew Vickery for their kind hospitality following the Carol service and also to Anne Mossdrop for playing the organ at both these services.

Our celebrants at each of these services, Robin and Bob gave us new insights for this festival season, and we would like to thank them both for leading us in our December services.

We wish all a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Julia and Mike

Church of the Good Shepherd, Hewish



It was with sadness that we learnt that **GEORGE PIDGEON** died on 5th December 2022. **GEORGE** had lived with his wife **JOAN** at "Revielland" (which they named after their favourite Footballer and Playing Ground) when they moved to Hewish in 1972. They both shared a passion for gardening and after renovating the cottage they set about creating a beautiful garden which they lovingly cared for these past 40 years. **George** also cared for the area around the Hewish Stone by the bridge which always looked lovely with the flowers he put there. We extend to **Joan** our heartfelt condolences

We would like to thank the 25 villagers and friends who came along, despite the driving rain and wind, to attend our **CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT** sing-along which was held on 19th December last. Of course we extend a very special thank you to Josh, our director of all things musical, for playing for us and keeping us all in order! Well done everyone and thank you.



LENT COURSES 2023

HOUSE GROUP

A profile from Margaret Barton

I came to Crewkerne 30 years ago when my husband retired from the parish where he had been vicar. Since then we were both always involved in one of the House groups in town. After he died I carried on using my experience and theological knowledge in a group in my home. After an illness last year I have not been very mobile and not in church much so know fewer new members.

In Lent I shall start my Tuesday morning group doing the same as the evening ones. We start with coffee and chat at 10.30 and the study from 11.0 to 12.0. It is informal and guests are welcome to take part, just sit and listen and come when they can. **Start date February 27th**

My address is Orchard Lane , [01460 72536](tel:0146072536), so please ring up to know more

Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. Venues to be announced.

28 February	Lent Study 1
7 March	Lent Study 2
14 March	Lent Study 3
21 March	Prayer meeting
28 March	Lent Study 4



COMMUNITY NEWS

FilmCrew, Friday 24th February - 7:30PM - Aftersun (2022) (12A). A film that has garnered a lot of award recognition and showcases the best of British independent film making. Sophie reflects on the shared joy and private melancholy of a holiday she took with her father twenty years earlier. Memories real and imagined fill the gaps between as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn't... Doors open at 19:00, film starts at 19:30. Visitors fee, £6

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Sew, Knit & Natter – Wednesday 1st February at 10.30am; details from Julia (01460 72769)

Clapton & Wayford Film Society – Thursday 2nd February, showing 2021 Spanish film 'Parallel Mothers' (15). 123 minutes long, the film explores the relationship that develops between two very different, accidental, expectant mothers when they meet in hospital, prior to giving birth. 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)

Coffee Morning – Wednesday 15th February, 10.30am – mid-day, with bacon/egg rolls, scones, pastries, cakes etc. All are 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)

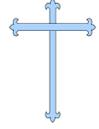
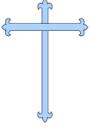
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Cheques to Haselbury Plucknett PCC. Proceeds shared between St Martin's, North Perrott and St Michael's, Haselbury Plucknett.



THE BISHOP'S LETTER



Culture, it's said, is 'how things get done around here'. This suggests that our understanding of the world is largely formed by our experiences and what we're accustomed to. That's all fine until everything around us, as it does, keeps on changing. Then we're then set on a collision course between how we think things should be, and how they actually are. Anybody aged over 40 who's had to ask a nine year old how to use their new phone will understand this dilemma perfectly.

Cultural collisions aren't just restricted to technology. They affect churches too. Many of us grew up with a model of church set up by the Victorians. This mostly meant that each parish had one church building with its own vicar, who took responsibility for most aspects of the ministry needed in a particular place. Yet even this was new in its day. Look much further back and things worked very differently. The New Testament speaks of churches where lots of different people played many different roles, each operating out of the particular skills and gifts given them by God. In Ephesians the writer describes a church where 'some [are] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers'.

So what would be the right model of church for our day? The Victorians' assumption that the vicar would do almost everything would seem to be a crying waste of the gifts and passions that together we share. And as more of our clergy care for three, six or more parishes, the nineteenth century model is increasingly leaving our vicars tired, overstretched and liable to burn out.

We need a better way; one that draws on the rich talents, abilities and skills that our church members have. Here in Bath and Wells we're calling this 'shared local ministry'. Examples of what that can look like exist in many places around our diocese. Neither first century nor nineteenth century, but an emerging twenty first century way of how we want 'to get things done around here'. A better way to inhabit well the faith we've inherited in our time and generation.

Bishop Michael

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Diocese of Bath and Wells

KEEPING FAITH IN PRINT

The parish magazine is almost as old as the Church of England itself. It is certainly one of those products that has played an important role across the country, communicating not just the times of services but the sort of hyper local content that holds a community together.

The parish newsletter appears to have been a victim of the pandemic and lockdown. Where prior to 2020 parish newsletters continued to be printed and pushed through doors or were available in village shops and the church itself, the subsequent lockdowns resulted in a switch to online PDF publication, either by email or on a website.

In many instances this switch was underway and many of the Church of England's 12,500 parishes had already gone digital – supposedly to save money, perhaps for lack of volunteers, or because of a mistaken belief that print is dying.

This acceleration is hardly surprising. For the duration of the first lockdown at least churches were forced to close; then when opened, singing was banned and social distancing imposed. Many parishioners being elderly, and thus reckoned to be vulnerable and at risk, stayed at home for safeguarding reasons. In many villages these pensioners had formed the delivery team pushing the printed publication through doors.

The parish magazine relies on a few advertisers that are supporting the publication and don't have a lot of money to spend. But they are loyal. Many have been customers for more than ten years and have grown in that time, in confidence and extent. There is still such a strong place for print. It is good to get people away from screens for their own mental health. Many parishes are returning to print after the pandemic hiatus as they realise the value of communication on paper.

The above article is taken from printbusiness.co.uk

Many thanks, for your continued support of St Bart's 'VOICE' Parish Magazine

June Cox (editor)

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

‘And now these things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love’.

1 Corinthians 13:13



BEETROOT AND SWEET POTATO SOUP

1 tbs Olive Oil

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1 Celery stick finely chopped

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2 Sweet Potatoes peeled and chopped

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Add the onion, carrot, garlic and celery and fry gently'

After 5 minutes or when they are soft, add the beetroots, sweet potato and vegetable stock.

Simmer for 30 minutes.

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PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

*Bless us with Love,
O Merciful God; That we may Love as
you Love!
That we may show Patience,
Tolerance,
Kindness, Caring and
Love to all!
Amen*



We pray that people still in Ukraine will be protected from the violence; that there will be provision of essential supplies, such as food and clean water. We pray for vulnerable people who cannot flee, for example those with disabilities or the elderly.

We pray that there will be an immediate end to the violence – that peace will come sooner than anyone could have expected or hoped for.

Amen

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In addition, trustees at Raft have set up an eBay page where they are now selling individual clothing and footwear not suitable for life in camps. They need to be in good condition and would include those designated 'vintage'. Many, I expect, would be unwanted purchases or presents, and are sometimes even from businesses closing down. Raft uses the money to buy baby and hygiene products.

They are also now having to find £18,000 a year for smaller premises where previously they were fortunate to have, from the council for free, a large premises awaiting redevelopment.

Many thanks to all our supporters, past, present and future,

Geraldine Downey RSG 01460 271358



Smile: A Poem by Spike Milligan



Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too



I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin



When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth



A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth



So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.



‘Keep Smiling’

A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE



Ephesus was an ancient port city whose well-preserved ruins are in modern-day Turkey. The city was once considered the most important Greek city and the most important trading centre in the Mediterranean region. Throughout history, Ephesus survived multiple attacks and changed hands many times between conquerors. It was also a hotbed of early Christian evangelism and remains an important archaeological site and Christian pilgrimage destination. Ephesus is located near the western shores of modern-day Turkey



Baptismal font in the ruins of St. Mary's Church Ephesus

The first Christian community in Ephesus was established by St John and developed by St Paul. Paul came in to the city to fulfil the promise that he had given on his brief visit when returning from Corinth and stayed for about three and a half years and also wrote his letter to Ephesians in captivity most probably here in Ephesus. When Paul came to Ephesus, first in the synagogues and then everywhere in the city, he preached the gospel and gained followers. The church of Ephesus which became the head of the Seven Churches in western Asia Minor was established by Paul.

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Jesus with the teachers in the temple



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The Boy Jesus at the Temple

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"¹ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Luke2: 41-51

We can see that Jesus was telling his parents that he is God's Son and that God has a purpose for him.

Luke tells us that Mary "treasured all these things in her heart." Today, we can do that same thing—*wonder* at how Jesus is God's Son yet fully human, how amazing it is that he gave his life for us, and how *we* can do our Father's work that he has "prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

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From the
Editor

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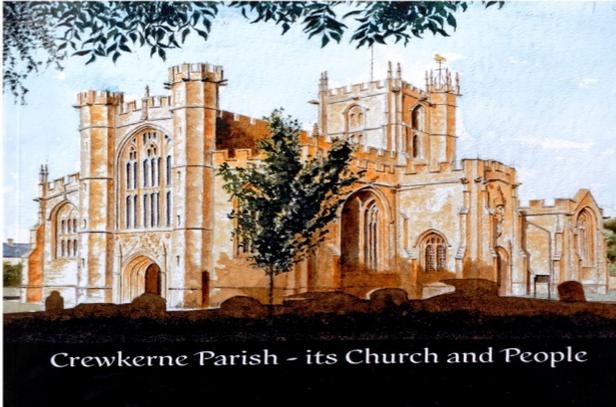
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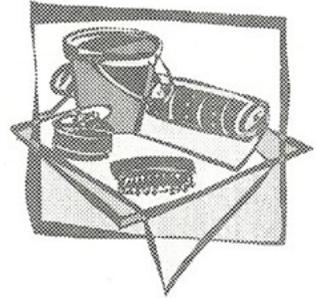
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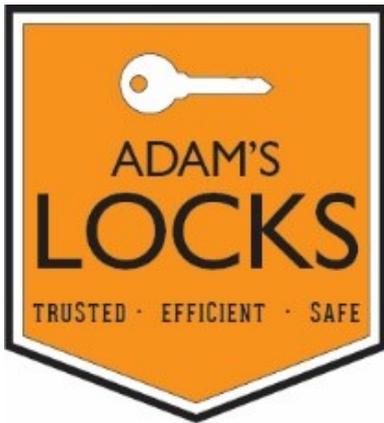
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