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St Bartholomew's
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'I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE'

John 11:25

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Sunday Services at St Bartholomew's

April 2nd **Palm Sunday** 11am Holy Communion
April 9th **Easter Day** 11am Holy Communion
April 16th 11am Holy Communion
April 23rd 11am All Age Service
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Services at Hewish

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April 16th 11am Holy Communion

FROM THE RECTOR

“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit— immortal horrors or everlasting splendours.”

CS Lewis – the Weight of Glory

It's easy to take ideas like “eternity” for granted - and to accept or reject them without thinking very deeply. But the implications of some of these things are very great. If Christianity is true, for instance, many other things may come to an end - but you/I will always be conscious of being. Always.

Good Friday and Easter Day are one of the great annual calls to think about just that:

Easter – the Resurrection – says:

there is a supernatural reality

there is a life beyond death - full of Resurrection glory

Jesus has the credentials to tell us about it – he's been through death and come back

he says we are all eternal – and there are only two eternal realities. We will rise to live or to be condemned (John 5:29) – and he, having risen, will be the judge of which.

Good Friday – the Cross – says:

I'm lost, I can't make the grade at Jesus' judgement

He has had to come to pay for my sins

He has done so willingly because he longs to have us with him for eternity

Together they say:

nothing matters more than this

this life matters not only for itself. It is also deeply preparatory. As Lewis put it elsewhere, our life here is only “the cover and the title page” of a story that will go on forever – for good or for bad.

That has huge implications for our attitude to others. Each person we speak to is an “immortal” for whom Jesus died and rose. We ought to treat each other with a certain awe!

It has huge implications for our attitude to ourselves. We have that same immense dignity and value. But which will eternity will we have - beyond length of time – for good or bad, life or condemnation?

Good Friday and Easter call us again to *think*, because this matters so much – and to *respond* to Christ's loving rescue, so that it may be for us ever and eternally - good beyond good.

With my prayers and best wishes at Easter

CJ

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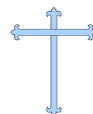
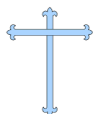
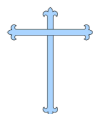
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Bless those who mourn, eternal God,
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that they may face each new day with hope
and the certainty that nothing can destroy
the good that has been given.
May their memories become joyful,
their days enriched with friendship,
and their lives encircled by your love.

Amen.

St Michael & All Angels, Wayford



On Maundy Thursday the 6th April at 10am the children of Wayford are invited along to the church to construct an Easter Garden which will be placed by the altar for our 9.30am Easter Day service.

The church will be decorated for Easter Day with flowers and foliage, and I am reliably informed there will also be Easter eggs. Do join us for this joyous celebration.

Looking ahead to May the church and our congregation will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles.

It is planned that our flower arrangements will reflect our United Kingdom of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Any support for this, will be greatly appreciated. Please contact either Julia or Mike the churchwardens if would like to be involved in any aspect of our church life within St Michael's church in Wayford.

Julia and Mike





Holy Week Services at St Bartholomew's

April 2 Palm Sunday 11 am Holy Communion

**April 3, 4, 5 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion**

April 6 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Holy Communion

April 7 GOOD FRIDAY 10.30 am Walk of Witness

2 pm An Hour at the Cross



COMMUNITY NEWS

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Sew, Knit & Natter – Wednesday 5th April at 10.30am; details from Julia (01460 72769)

Clapton & Wayford Film Society – Thursday 6th April, showing 2015 Japanese film 'Our Little Sister', a gently moving family drama, exploring relationships between siblings (PG), 126 mins. This is the last film of the season. 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, £5. Details from Mick (01460 74849) or Di (01460 30508)

Coffee Morning – Wednesday 19th April, 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)

Mary Wilson (hall secretary)

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

The Churches Together Walk of Witness will start outside the Henhayes Centre on Good Friday April 7th at 10.30am and will be followed by a service at Crewkerne Methodist Church

CORONATION WEEKEND

We are planning with our friends from the Community and Methodist churches to mark the Coronation with a Civic Service for the town.

This would be at St Bartholomew's on the morning of Sunday 7th May. More details to follow—please see our website or phone **01460 72047**.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER



The Joy of Easter

As April begins, we mark it with the Palm Sunday procession, the welcoming of Jesus into Jerusalem amongst much jubilation and a sense of impending revolution. There were those who expected Jesus to be the next rebel leader who would rouse the local people to turn against their Roman overlords. Political populism at its height! In their enthusiasm, limbs of trees were broken to pave the way for this new hero. However, it didn't take much for the crowd to turn around and change its tune. Those palm leaves torn from branches to throw in his path have become the palm crosses we hold today. Symbolising for us the way in which the week ends. Fronds of living trees now dried and woven to form the cruel instrument of death on which Christ suffered.

Many of our churches are now engaged with rewilding their church grounds, many are seeking to gain awards with Eco Church and are looking for new ways of reducing or capturing carbon. There would be horror at the thought of denuding our trees! In fact, parishes are discovering opportunities to partner with others to plant new trees on spare glebe land.

Sometimes though it can feel to us that the environmental crisis is too great a one to solve. Yet the message of Easter shows us that when things seem nigh on impossible it is then that we glimpse the grace of God at work. God's way of overcoming evil was not to fight a small act of resistance against a Roman invasion but rather to combat sin itself. The death of Jesus was the ultimate battle to overcome that which has separated humanity from knowing the extent of God's love for each and every one of us.

The natural world around us is a wonderful illustration of how death is not the end. The environment can be devastated by flood, fire and human carelessness and yet new life can begin again. The joy of Easter is that the story doesn't end in death but opens a new beginning for us all through the resurrection of Christ. May you know the life and love of Christ this Easter.

Bishop Ruth

***The Right Revd Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton***

SPRING INTO SUMMER Now in March much of Britain is covered in snow and temperatures are very low everywhere. But small signs of spring are also everywhere and summer will eventually follow. As it is for us, so for Southern Europe and for the Middle East where night temperatures can be freezing. In preparation, Raft is requesting, from those who are able to give, lightweight clean washable clothing for men (not extra large, please), women, children and babies and suitable footwear for all; unopened hygiene products for all are very necessary. Raft has also been specifically asked for crutches, folding wheelchairs and new off-the-shelf medication. When I recently visited Raft's warehouse a huge number of boxes of medical supplies, mainly funded by trustees selling new items online, but some by supporter fundraising, were waiting to be collected and transported overseas.

Recently, I heard the story of one Syrian family where tragedy piled upon tragedy. They are refugees in Syria's Idlib province, in the part where the recent earthquake struck. A father of three young children, one a baby, told of finding himself buried under rubble as the building in which they lived collapsed, his wife and children close by. Thankfully, rescuers dug them out one by one, children, baby, wife with an injured back and finally himself. A truck with canvas sides became their home sited amidst rubble. This father also has a father who was rescued alive from a nearby collapsed building along with one other son: his wife, two daughters and another son perished. The grandfather was so traumatised he now would only sleep in the open air under a tarpaulin. This extended family had had to move seven times during the Syrian civil war since their home was first bombed in 2012.

MUSIC IN THE MEADOW - SUNDAY 21ST MAY - HINTON ST GEORGE - 2PM Refugee Support Group is holding its annual much enjoyed musical afternoon in the village in the Secret Garden at the end of West Street (marquee there if necessary). This year there is a different line-up - thee groups. Ricky Romain playing sitar with accompanist, followed by folk band Toad Flax and folk duo Mitchell and Vincent. There will be stalls and a raffle. Please bring chairs and perhaps drinks and a picnic. Adults £10 Children free.. Please put this event in your diary. All money raised will go to refugee charities. Many thanks for your support.

Geraldine Downey RSG



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40:11



GREEK STYLE LAMB CUTLETS IN PAPER

6 –8 Lamb cutlets

Olive oil or butter (or mixture of both) for frying

1 medium sized Onion

Tomato Puree (approx 1 dessert spoon)

Salt and Pepper to taste

1 dessert spoon chopped Fresh Parsley

White Wine (1 wineglass more or less! approx)

Half fry the cutlets in the olive oil and butter.

Remove from pan and keep hot.

Into the pan add the chopped onion ,
tomato puree, salt and pepper and parsley.

Add enough white wine to make a sauce consistency.

Simmer until reduced to a thick sauce.

Place the cutlets onto separate pieces of baking paper or foil
and pour a tablespoon of the sauce over each one.

Wrap the cutlets and place each package on a baking tin close together.

Bake in a moderate oven for 30-40 minutes depending on size.

Serve with your favourite vegetables or Greek Salad



Traditional Greek salad is made with cherry tomatoes, cucumber, kalamata olives, thinly sliced red onion, and feta. The easy dressing is a mixture of red wine vinegar, fresh lemon juice, dried oregano, and extra-virgin olive oil. This Mediterranean side dish only takes 15 minutes to prepare.



A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mummy, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

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PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

Dear Lord

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.



May God bless Ukraine and its brave , patriotic people and may God's peace and love come down on you all. You are all in our thoughts and Prayers. As a Christian community, your suffering is our suffering, and we pray for Peace, and an end to this terrible invasion.

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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



MOTHERS' UNION



At the recent meeting of the Mothers Union the Wave of Prayer Service was held. Prayers were said for our representatives in UK and over 80 countries worldwide

FALSE BAY DIOCESE situated in the Western Cape Province of SOUTH AFRICA, and one of the Diocese in our prayers, is situated in the Western Cape Province, was discovered by Bartholomew Diaz in 1488 and named by disorientated sailors who confused it with the more famous Table Bay, a smaller bay with its entrance guarded by Robben Island. The bay forms an immense C-shape curve in the coastline of the City of Cape Town to the east of Table Mountain. Familiar to the hearts of the Bath and Wells diocese is the Diocesan Headquarters, Somerset West and in particular the statue of Scott of the Antarctic.

False Bay Diocese in the Province of South Africa was formed out of the Cape Town Diocese in 2005 and is part of the Aqua Cluster group of the Diocese of Cape Town Saldanha Bay, and George.

Needless to say it takes considerable time, and often more than a single form of transport, to cover the distance needed to travel to meet together in one place.

Mothers' Union members (just under 800) wear their uniform to meetings and church services. Each piece of the uniform represents 'Armour of God' Together that armour and the power of prayer, mark the stand Mothers' Union make to relieve and transform the hardship so many families in their parishes meet every day.



***"We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load."***

The Crewkerne branch of the Mothers' Union meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the church hall at 2.30pm.

THE ORIGINS OF THE EASTER EGG

Easter eggs, also called Paschal eggs, are eggs that are decorated for the Christian feast of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. As such, Easter eggs are common during the season of Eastertide (Easter season). The oldest tradition, which continues to be used in Central and Eastern Europe, is to use dyed and painted chicken eggs.

Although eggs, in general, were a traditional symbol of fertility and rebirth, in Christianity, for the celebration of Eastertide, Easter eggs symbolize the empty tomb of Jesus, from which Jesus was resurrected. In addition, one ancient tradition was the staining of Easter eggs with the colour red "in memory of the blood of Christ, shed as at that time of his crucifixion."

This custom of the Easter egg, according to many sources, can be traced to early Christians of Mesopotamia, and from there it spread into Eastern Europe and Siberia through the Orthodox Churches, and later into Europe through the Catholic and Protestant Churches. Mediaevalist scholars normally conclude that the custom of Easter eggs has its roots in the prohibition of eggs during Lent after which, on Easter, they have been blessed for the occasion.



While the origin of Easter eggs can be explained in the symbolic terms described above, among followers of Eastern Christianity the legend says that **Mary Magdalene** was bringing cooked eggs to share with the other women at the tomb of Jesus, and the eggs in her basket miraculously turned bright red when she saw the risen Christ.¹

A different, but not necessarily conflicting legend concerns **Mary Magdalene's** efforts to spread the Gospel. According to this tradition, after the Ascension of Jesus, **Mary** went to the Emperor of Rome and greeted him with "Christ has risen," whereupon he pointed to an egg on his table and stated, "Christ has no more risen than that egg is red." After making this statement it is said the egg immediately turned blood red.

The Emperor then heeded her complaints about Pilate condemning an innocent man to death, and had Pilate removed from Jerusalem under imperial displeasure.

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Both the Lady Chapel and the crypt chapel beneath it were popular places of pilgrimage. Medieval pilgrims prayed before the miraculous statue of the Virgin Mary and before a statue of St Joseph in the crypt for healing and other miracles. Pilgrims also visited St Joseph's well which was accessed via a stone passage in the crypt. The well's water was believed to have healing properties. This well was in existence long before the chapel was built, and may be Roman, but it became absorbed into the developing story of Joseph of Arimathea and Glastonbury. The very fact it was obviously old would have made it seem all the more likely that it was from Joseph's time.

The well was so popular that a stair was later inserted near the south-east corner of the Lady Chapel so it could be accessed from both chapels. Many miracles and cures were recorded here in the early 16th century. We know people left their crutches at the altar as gifts of thanks, but they would also have left little models called 'votives'. The holes in the chapel vaults would have held hooks from which these models or carvings hung.

This article is taken from the University of Reading Research

Easter Word Search

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Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king



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As Jesus and his disciples walked towards Jerusalem, he sent two disciples ahead, telling them to find a donkey and a colt. The disciples brought the animals, laying their cloaks on the donkey so that Jesus could ride. As he rode towards Jerusalem, people laid cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David," and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." When he entered Jerusalem, a huge crowd welcomed him, waving palm leaves and shouting "Hosanna," because they supported Jesus and his message. Arriving at the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus healed the blind and the sick; however, at the same time he aroused the ire and suspicion of the priests, who heard children shouting in the temple area calling out, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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From the
Editor

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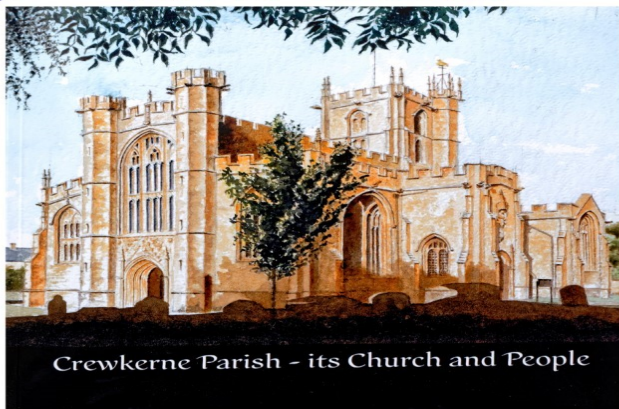
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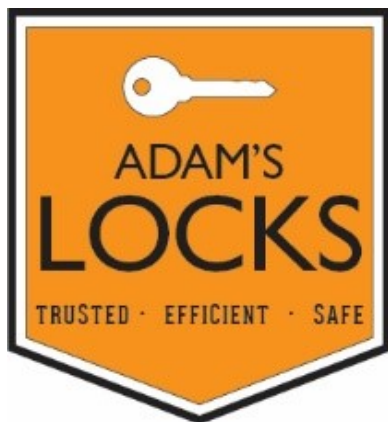
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