

# Voice



St Bartholomew's  
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*Flowers appear on the earth;  
the season of singing has come,  
the cooing of doves  
is heard in our land.*

*Song of Songs 2: 12*



*Have a Happy and Blessed Summer*

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## **Sunday Services at St Bartholomew's**

<b>July 2nd</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>
<b>July 9th</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>
<b>July 16th</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>
<b>July 23rd</b>	<b>11am All Age Service</b> <b>6pm Holy Communion</b>
<b>July 30th Benefice Service</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>
<b>August 6th</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>
<b>August 13th</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>
<b>August 20th</b>	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>
<b>August 27th</b>	<b>11am All Age Service</b> <b>6pm Holy Communion</b>

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## **Services at Wayford**

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## FROM THE RECTOR

“Poirot,” I said. “I have been thinking.” “An admirable exercise my friend. Continue it.” — Agatha Christie, *Peril at End House*



One of my great privileges as the “vicar” is to go into the local church primary schools to do assemblies – or “collective worships”. We have three church primaries in the benefice, together with Wadham, our church secondary school – and they all do a great job!

One of the reasons I enjoy assemblies so much, though, is the question time we normally have towards the end of each session – in which questions often come thick, fast and difficult!

The questions themselves are great: Where did God come from? How could Jesus’ death bring us forgiveness? How can we believe in a God we cannot see? Is it always loving to tell the truth?

It isn’t just the questions that are good though – it’s the questioning – and the faces that are often deeply thoughtful. To be honest, I get much more rigorous and honest questioning from these children than I do from adults. And that is great...

After all, I don’t think it’s my job to go into the schools (or into other places) and tell people what they must believe, but as clearly as possible to explain what the Christian faith is and present the reasons to believe it. Then my prayer is that people will genuinely think for themselves and make their own mind up. That’s vital, not least from a Christian perspective. True Christian faith always involves thinking for ourselves about Jesus Christ – as we reflect on what others say.

The problem is of course that we often don’t keep thinking. Isn’t it true that “life” often just “takes over”? Isn’t it true too that our minds are then often over influenced by popular opinion, by what people around us think. Isn’t it true that it’s then all too easy to begin to assume that Christianity is not true – or really true – not because we have thought about it, but because we long ago stopped thinking much about it! In other words, people very often think that Christianity – and vicars – are afraid of difficult questions. But I say – bring them on! If you have difficult questions to ask about God – please don’t shrink from talking to me about them. Let’s be more like the children...

With my prayers and best wishes

***Christopher (CJ) Davis***

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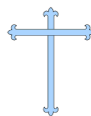
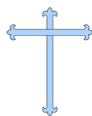
# FROM OUR REGISTERS

## Wedding

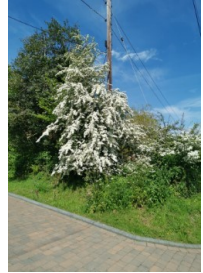
Ashley Thorne and Jennifer Agyeman

## Funerals

We extend our sincere condolences  
to the  
family and friends of  
Janet Faith Bridge



## St Michael & All Angels, Wayford



Our Church in Wayford is very fortunate to have dedicated members of not only the Parochial Parish Council, but their families, organist, congregation and supporters who ensure that the church is accessible to all.

It is a place for quiet reflection and contemplation in these confusing times in which we are currently living.

We have services on the first and third Sundays in the month at 9.30am. Anne, our organist chooses appropriate hymns.

All who lead the services, whether it be our Rector CJ Davis, the Reverend David Newman, the Very Reverend Bob Key or visiting clergy, all give very thoughtful sermons.

At the end of the service we have refreshments and an opportunity to socialise.

A warm welcome is extended to all at our services.

***Julia and Mike  
Churchwardens***



### **Hewish**

Reminder - the annual Hewish circular walk and tea will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm. This is a leisurely stroll across fields and along quiet lanes for about 2½ miles, starting at Woolcott, Woolminstone and ending there with tea (hopefully in the garden.) Children and well-behaved dogs welcome. There is no charge, but donations for the Bible Society would be much appreciated. Contributions for the tea also most welcome. For catering purposes, it would be helpful to know in advance how many walkers are expected. More information from Mary (01460 74849) or Miriam (01460 76541)



## CONGRATULATIONS

to

**AUDREY FROUD**

*who on 30th July will be celebrating her  
magnificent 90th Birthday.*

*Love and Best wishes from all her family and many friends.  
and also*

*Love from all at St Bart's who join in to wish her a very*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



## THANK YOU CHRISTINE

Many thanks to Christine Newman who has stepped down as Churchwarden.  
We thank her for all her hard work over the last few years.

St Bartholomew's  
Crewkerne

## Safeguarding at St Barts is...

- ♥ Everyone's business and a church **priority**
- ♥ There to help us **cherish** one another
- ♥ Important as Christians are **not immune** from **sin**
- ♥ Managed by several **administrative** processes
- ♥ **Not offensive** as we need to learn from past mistakes





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Clapton & Wayford Village Hall**

***Quiz & Supper*** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 7pm. A return of our popular quiz nights; the first since Covid began. **Please book** – either in a team (4 – 6 people is ideal), or join with others on the night. £10 per person, includes supper. Prizes for winning team, licenced bar, raffle. Booking & more details from Mary (01460 74849) or Julia (01460 72769)

***Sew, Knit & Natter*** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.30am; details from Julia (01460 72769)

***Coffee Morning*** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am– mid-day, with bacon rolls, pastries, 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)

**Clapton & Wayford Film Society** – will restart for the 2023/2024 season on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. New members very welcome; membership subscriptions taken any time. Details from Mick (01460 74849) or Di (01460 30508)

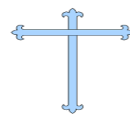
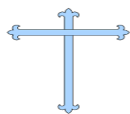
### **CREWKERNE FLOWER SHOW**

Organised by Crewkerne Gardening Club will be held at the Henhayes Centre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Schedules for the show are available from the Town Hall, the Henhayes Centre, Carousel and James Hardware. There are 69 classes covering floral arrangements, flower and produce growing, pot plants, baking, handicrafts and photography. There are 4 classes specially for children but children can enter any of the classes.

All classes are open to everyone except one which is for members of the gardening club only. All instructions are in the schedule.

The Show is open to the public for viewing from 11.15 to 2pm, at a cost of 50p. Teas will be available and there will be a raffle. Any further information from club secretary Rosemary Prince on 74290.

# THE BISHOP'S LETTER



**What a joy!** In response to God's immense love for us we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus.' In conversations with people from around the diocese about our vision in recent months, we have talked of all the different ways that we can serve the communities in which we are based - how we can enable the life of the whole of the people of God.

One of the community connections that many of our churches nurture is with their local school, in particular with our church schools where day in, day out teachers and their support staff reflect God's love and teachings with the pupils in their care. As rewarding as that role is, it is a tough one. The long summer holiday may be in sight but anyone who knows a teacher or member of school staff will tell you how much that is needed as well as how much work is done during that 'break'. They truly need our support and love and prayers. We should also give thanks for those working in our schools during the summer, cleaning, building, or preparing for the new academic year.

Not all of us are blessed with the gifts to teach, but many of us have other gifts that can help our school communities. For some it is the gift of storytelling, sharing the teachings of Jesus as an Open the Book volunteer, others serve as chaplains. Some will simply live out their Christian faith by volunteering in classrooms or in the playground or by praying regularly for the school community. All of these roles are valuable to our schools, and rewarding for those who fulfil them.

What our schools and Academy Trusts need in particular are governors and trustees. There are many opportunities, especially for foundation governors and trustees who have a distinct responsibility for championing the Christian character of our schools. That may sound daunting, but that responsibility isn't held alone as there is support locally and from our excellent diocesan education team. And if you do take on that role, what a joy to know that you are playing your part to support and nurture our young people in the way of our Lord who said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4.

Bishop Michael

***Michael Beasley,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Bath and Wells***

## ST BARTHOLOMEWS' DAY



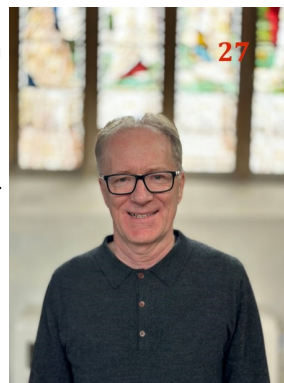
### **The statue of St Bartholomew over the South Porch, Crewkerne Parish Church**

**St. Bartholomew's Day on August 24.** is an annual feast day to celebrate the life and miracles of St. Bartholomew, one of the first apostles of Jesus Christ. He dedicated his life to spreading the teachings of Jesus. St. Bartholomew is the patron saint of tanners, tailors, plasterers, and leatherworkers. He is also associated with bookbinders, farmers, house painters, butchers, and glove makers due to the manner of his death. Because of his efforts to spread Christianity in Armenia, he is also the patron saint of that country..

### **INTRODUCING KEVIN OUR NEW CHURCH WARDEN**

Hello, my name is Kevin Province and I have recently been appointed as a Churchwarden at St Bartholomew's. I am married and have three grown up children. We relocated to Crewkerne in 2021 to realise a long term goal to move to the West Country and have been enjoying the beautiful countryside and discovering new places to explore ever since.

I enjoy running, playing the guitar, DIY and putting on the walking boots. Spending time with friends and family is always a joy.



I work as a civil engineer and have my own consultancy business, which takes me all over the UK and around the world, advising project managers on risk management. I became a Christian in my final year at university – the best decision I ever made! I've always sought to play an active role in serving and encouraging the church community wherever I live and helping to share the good news of Jesus. I'm looking forward to supporting our Rector CJ in his ministry, and working together with the leadership team in the day to day running of St Bart's. I look forward to getting to know more of you over the coming months – do say hello!

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

*'He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants  
for people to cultivate—bringing forth food  
from the earth'*

*Psalm 104:14*



### EASY SUMMER CHICKEN BAKE



600g new potatoes  
4 garlic cloves  
8 free-range chicken thighs  
2 tbsp olive oil  
2 courgettes  
200g cherry vine tomatoes  
150g pesto



Heat the oven to 220°C/ 200°C fan/gas 7. Halve the new potatoes and peel the garlic cloves. Put the chicken thighs in a large roasting tin, then arrange the potatoes and garlic around them. Drizzle over the olive oil and season with salt and pepper, then roast for 40-45 minutes.

Meanwhile, slice the courgettes. When the chicken has been in the oven for 20 minutes, add the courgettes to the roasting tin.

For the final 10 minutes of the cooking time, add the tomatoes to the tin.

When the chicken is golden and cooked through, dollop over the pesto and serve.



#### A LITTLE GIRL'S LETTER, TO GOD

*'Dear God,*

*Is it true my father won't get in to Heaven if he uses his golf  
words in the house?'*

*Anita*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

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



### A Mothers' Union Prayer for Peace



God of peace, give hope to your people who live in countries where there is conflict. Encourage those who work for peace and reconciliation, give them understanding and patience and a resolve not to give up. May they be strengthened by the love of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## 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

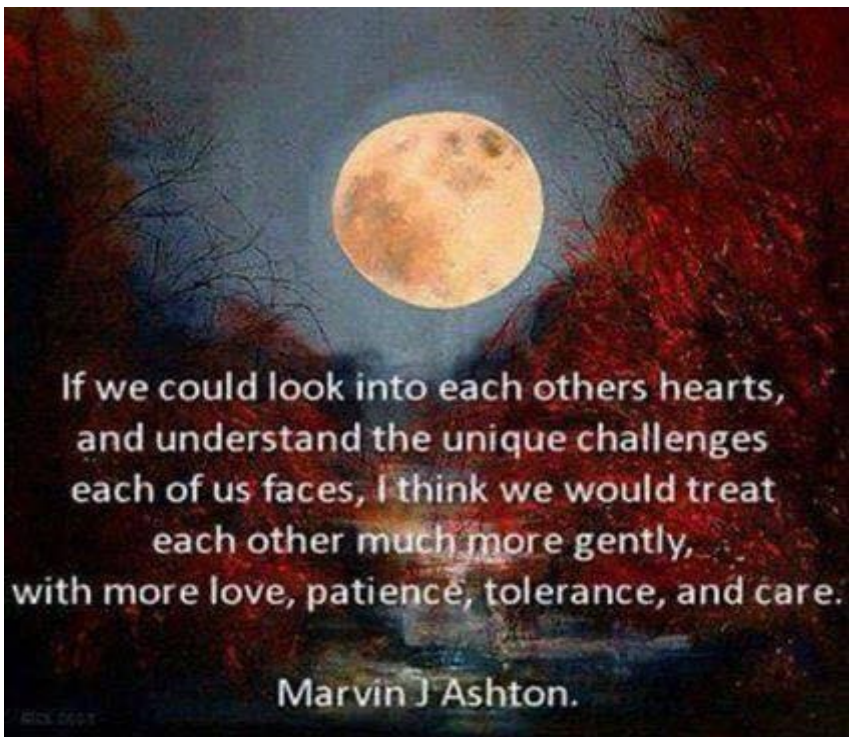






## A Prayer for Ukraine

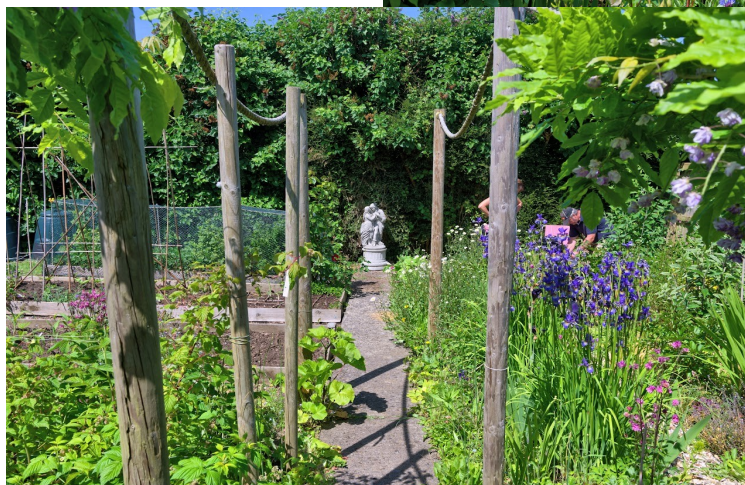
God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen





# CREWKERNE OPEN GARDENS 2023

*Just a glimpse  
of some  
of the beautiful  
gardens on show*



*Blessed with  
good weather.*



*Thank you to all  
who participated  
in this event.*



*‘The love of  
gardening is a seed  
once sown that  
never dies’*

*Gertrude Jekyll*



*Thanks to Jeff  
Hutson for the  
photos*



## SURPRISE RETURN TO WELLS



A friend's invitation, four hours to explore, meet at the Cathedral archway, by The Swan. An unexpected meeting with a young mason who had worked at Sherborne, Bath and Wells and handling St Botolph's chalice used at BCP Wednesday Services, with replicas of Christ the Apostles and Saints, from the World's finest medieval West Front sculpture, preceded this visit. A tower guided me, (the tallest of an English Parish Church) that morning. Two visitors from Arnhem another from Germany and I had mistaken St Cuthbert's (the Saxon Bishop of Lindisfarne 685AD), for the Cathedral. With a new Carolingian era, the Chapel of the Holy Trinity incorporated Royal Arms of Charles 1st and 2nd, a reminder from Henry 8th that C of E Churches were obliged to display allegiance to the Crown. Younger visitors might prefer to hear prisoners from 1685 battle at Sedgemoor were imprisoned here. Entrance to Wells Cathedral is by donation, the ticket enables a return within the year. Returning to the 12th Century Quire where my husband and I sat for matins in my working days, reminded us of student era reunions at the Burnham on sea Pageant. I was able to buy the choir's 2018 CD with Matthew Owen, "Awake my Soul", they were singing Choral Evensong at 3pm unfortunately after my departure.

Bank Holiday weekend and a hot day, encouraged me to the Bishop's Palace. A guide (£16 entrance) took us to the Chapel. I sat in Archbishop Laud's choir stall. No working lift, and to the steep climb to the drawing room, to see the chairs from previous coronations. Because of space, four times that of Charles 3rd congregation, we were shown the stool allocated, as there was no room to accommodate chairs used prior to Queen Elizabeth 2nd in 1953. Once the guide left, we were free to view individually. Kneeling in the corner of an upstairs room of the Bishop's Palace, was a young father and his son talking to each other and fitting large mounted pieces into a jigsaw model of a stained glass window. Such an excellent idea, it lay horizontally at a child's height, so co-operating together, the youngster would remember his Bank Holiday visit. In spite of numbers, there was a quiet in the hallowed surroundings, people lying on the lawns were respecting the ancient environment.

A pity it was not possible to buy a combined Cathedral/Bishop's Palace entry, but perhaps in the future, Visitor guides of the gardens. Time had run out.

***Olive Woodward***

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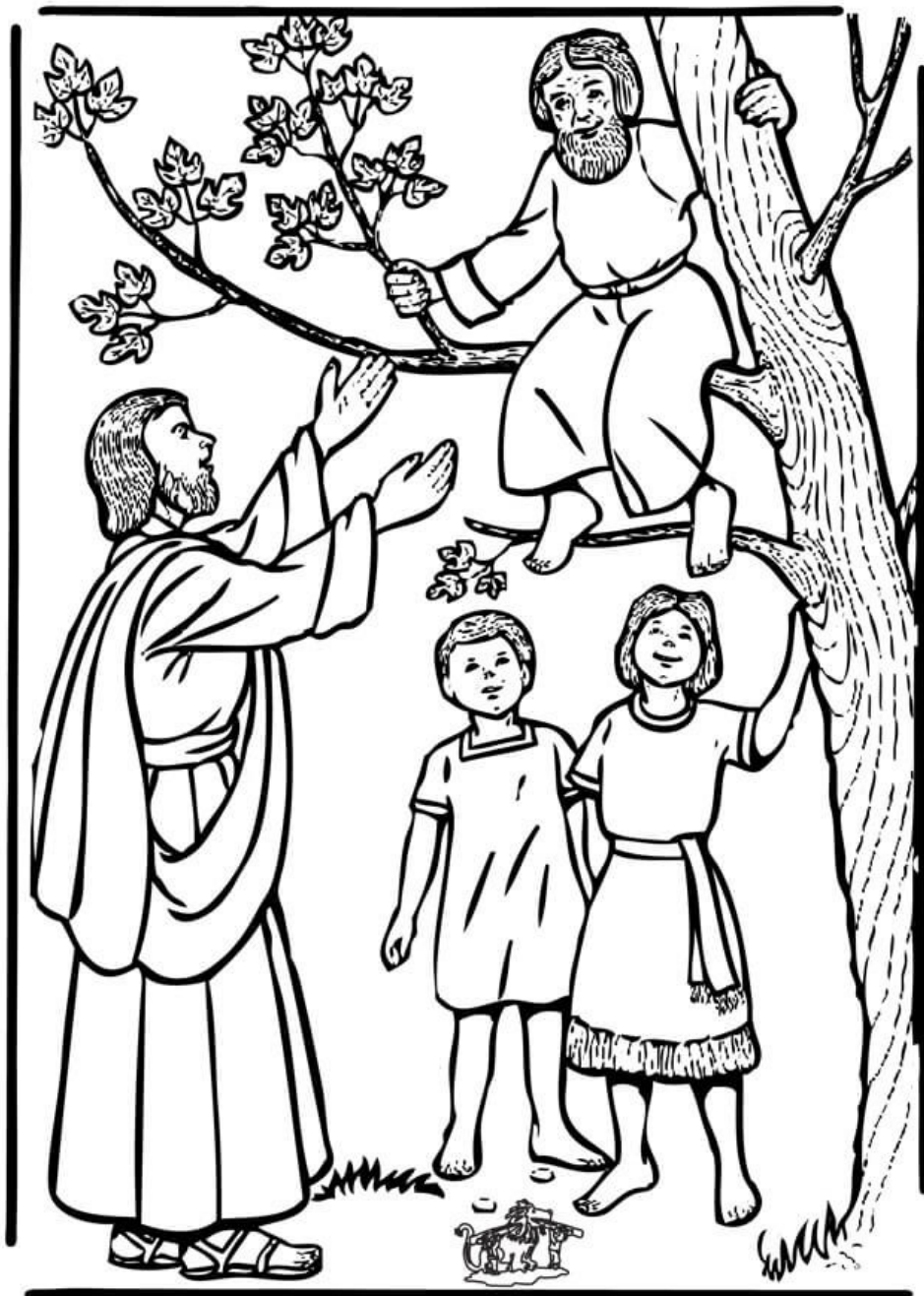
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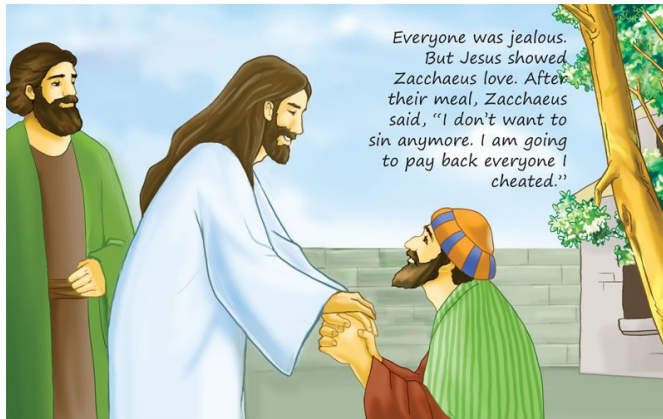
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**JESUS GREETS ZACCHAEUS IN THE SYCAMORE TREE**



## THE STORY OF ZACCHAEUS



Even though Zacchaeus and other tax collectors were Jews, they cheated their fellow Jews by charging more taxes than necessary. Then they kept the extra, which made them very rich. Because of this, the people despised tax collectors.

One day, Zacchaeus was excited to hear that Jesus was visiting the town. He wanted to see who Jesus was, and he decided to join the crowd of people who were also gathering to see him. The town was very busy, and Zacchaeus was too short to be able to see Jesus over the top of all the people.

Zacchaeus had the idea to run ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore tree to get a better view of Jesus. As Jesus passed by, he looked up and called out to Zacchaeus. "Zacchaeus, hurry down. I am coming to your house for tea."

Zacchaeus was delighted that Jesus was visiting his home, but the people in the town were surprised and angry with Jesus for spending time with a sinful man.

Having Jesus as his guest made Zacchaeus think about his greedy ways, and he had a change of heart. He declared, "Look, Lord. I will give half of my wealth to the poor people. I will also pay back four times the amount of money to people I have cheated."

Jesus was pleased that he had helped Zacchaeus to change his ways. From that day on, Zacchaeus led his life as a kind person that was popular with his neighbours.

*You can read this short bible story in Luke 19: 1—10*

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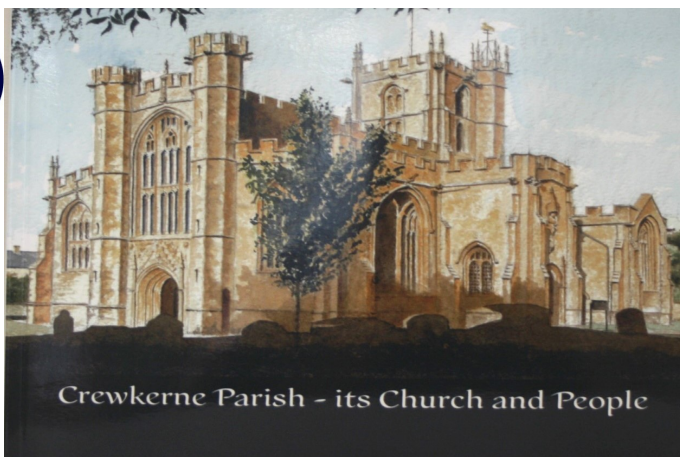
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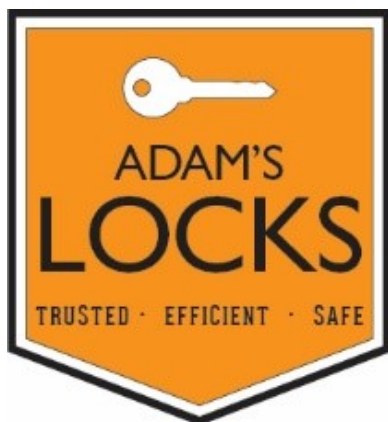
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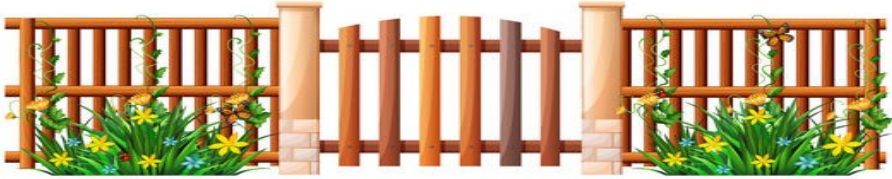
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