

Voice



St Bartholomew's
Crewkerne

*The grass withers, the flower
fades, but the word of our God
will stand forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

Parish Magazine for
**Crewkerne, Hewish,
Wayford and Clapton**

**October
2021**



Wulfric
Benefice

Parish	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday Benefice Service moveable feast
Crewkerne	10.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion	
Haselbury		8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service	11.00 Holy Communion	
Hewish	11.45 Holy Communion	9.00 Morning Prayer	11.45 Holy Communion	9.00 Morning Prayer	
Misterton		11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion	
North Perrott		9.30 Holy Communion		9.30 Holy Communion	
Wayford	10.00 Holy Communion		10.00 Holy Communion		

THE DEANS DISPATCH

Change and decay?

The line from the hymn “Abide with me” has made its way into the English language. Originally written by the Vicar of Brixham, Devon, Henry Francis Lyte after he had preached his final sermon to his congregation. He was dying from tuberculosis and was leaving England for a warmer climate to try to prolong his life. He had been a hardworking Minister and when friends told him he worked too hard was fond of replying “It is better to wear out than rust out.”



Sadly the trip to Europe didn't extend his life for long and the hymn was first sung at his memorial service. It is a hymn of Christian triumph, starting with the quote from Luke's Gospel and the story of the Easter Sunday walk to Emmaus when Jesus draws near to two sad disciples and when they reach home they invite him to “Abide with us” so the hymn “Abide with me” found its beginning in the story of the Resurrection of Jesus. It ends with the wonderful words “Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee. In life, in death O Lord, abide with me.” Lyte's final words as he pointed upwards were “Peace, joy!”

So how can a wonderful hymn, full of hope and life have a line in it which has often been used in a way that seems to be afraid of change? Lyte wrote the line about his changing body as it got frailer with age.....perhaps some of us can relate to that. There are changes we don't like, both in ourselves and, greatest sadness of all, in the loss of friends or loved ones. Those changes are “Change and decay.” Other changes however are positive and life-enhancing: the new glasses that enable us to see better, the new neighbour who is becoming a new friend, the new hip which means pain-free walking is possible.

Constant change is here to stay

Every morning I go into the study and change the desk calendar to the new day's date. I notice that I'm a day older, thank God for the new day, and remember His word “I am the Lord and I do not change.” It's from Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament and it is a great promise of God's certainty and stability.

When we are anchored in Him then we can face the trials, conquer the challenges and embrace the changes that come to us. The God who says He doesn't change also promises “I am making everything new”, that's from Revelation, the last book in the New Testament. I hope that will be our confident expectation as we wait to welcome the Revd Christopher Davis and his wife Mary as they move from Tooting, South London, to join and lead us here in Crewkerne.

Will they bring changes? I do hope so! As I write this the smell of fresh paint is drifting into the house because the painter has been here all day doing the exterior woodwork. It looks great. How crazy we would have been to have thought “But I like the old paint, it might have been peeling and there might have been patches of bare wood but I had got used to it, felt comfortable with it.” It is just the same in the Church. I don't exactly know what Christopher Davis will do but I know he will love us in God's name, minister to us with God's Word and lead us in God's mission.

The greatest change Making us more like Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of every Christian. That's the greatest change and that changes everything else.

God bless you with his joy and peace

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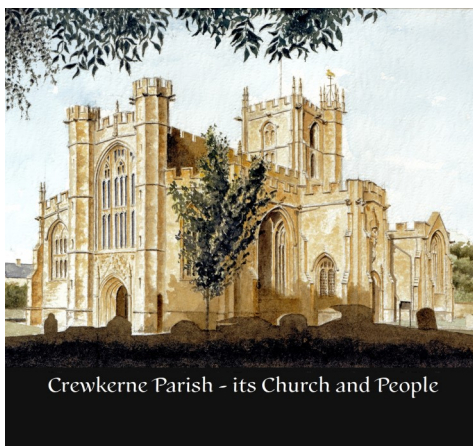
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Knitting Group on Tuesday afternoons a chance to knit and natter.

Bingo every Wednesday afternoon.

Keep Fit for the over 50s every Friday morning.

We are open to everyone as a Community Centre between 9am and 4pm weekdays. Anyone is welcome to come in for tea, coffee or lunch. We serve freshly prepared hot meals every weekday just phone by 10.30 to book your place. Look out for our monthly special lunches and Saturday morning Breakfast/Brunch.

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FROM OUR REGISTERS

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We welcomed into the family of the church

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Pharrell Spencer Box

Ada Malaíka Box

Weddings

Michael Pattermore and Pamella Shotton

Funerals

We extend our sincere condolences to the

Family and friends of

Patricia Mavis Davies



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS WAYFORD



The visit by the Archdeacon of Taunton to take our service last month was very enjoyable.

We are going to hold our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 3rd October at 5pm instead of the usual morning service. This will be followed on the following evening by the Harvest Supper and Sale of Produce in Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7pm (see Village Hall entry for further details). In November, our Remembrance Day Service will be at 10.45am on the 14th and there will be no service the following week.

We were very sorry to hear of the retirement of Jonathan Morris and wish him and his family all the best for the future. Jonathan has been a regular visitor to Wayford over the years, particularly in the present interregnum, notably at the open air Carol Service and Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist last December.

We are looking forward to welcoming the new Rector in the New Year and hope he will soon visit Wayford.

Mike Kimber





**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
SERVICE TIMES
Sunday Morning
Holy Communion Service at 10am**

Wednesday Communion Service 10.30am

**It is no longer necessary to book seats
but we ask those attending to wear masks.**

Thursday Prayer Meeting

**Our prayer meetings continue on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm to 7.30pm
A Zoom link to join the meeting is sent by email on Wednesday. Everyone is
welcome to join us.**

**WE ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND VISITORS
ON SUNDAYS 11.00AM UNTIL 5.00PM
AND**

WEDNESDAYS 9.00AM UNTIL 5.00PM

(Unless there is a funeral)

**Please observe social distancing rules and use the hand gel.
as you enter.**

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.



HARVEST LUNCH

**On Sunday, the 3rd of October,
following the Harvest Thanksgiving Service,
there will be a Harvest Lunch
in the Church Hall from 12.00 for 12.30.**

**It will be a Bring and Share lunch, so please will
everybody bring an item of food which will be placed
on the buffet tables for everyone to share. Please
bring something you like —either sweet or savoury.**

**Please bring your own plates and cutlery and
anything you would like to drink
Tea and coffee will be provided.**



ALL SOULS SERVICE



**St BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
Monday November 1st at 5pm**

There will be the lighting of candles for your loved ones .

**Please put the name of the person/persons
you wish to remember on the list at the back of the
church.**

THE BISHOP'S LETTER



Made for a purpose

Whenever I listen to one of Jesus' searching questions to his listeners I find myself thinking "What would I do in these circumstances?"

If I were casting my nets, and Jesus said "follow me", would I do it? I imagine many of us would be hoping that we never have to find out.

All too often it's assumed that being called is just about the religious life to a particular ministry, lay or ordained in the life of the Church. Of course, it is about that for some of us, and thank God for that, but in the New Testament, vocation or calling has a much wider understanding.

St Paul talks to the Corinthians about this more general call when he writes "Now there are varieties of gifts but the same spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

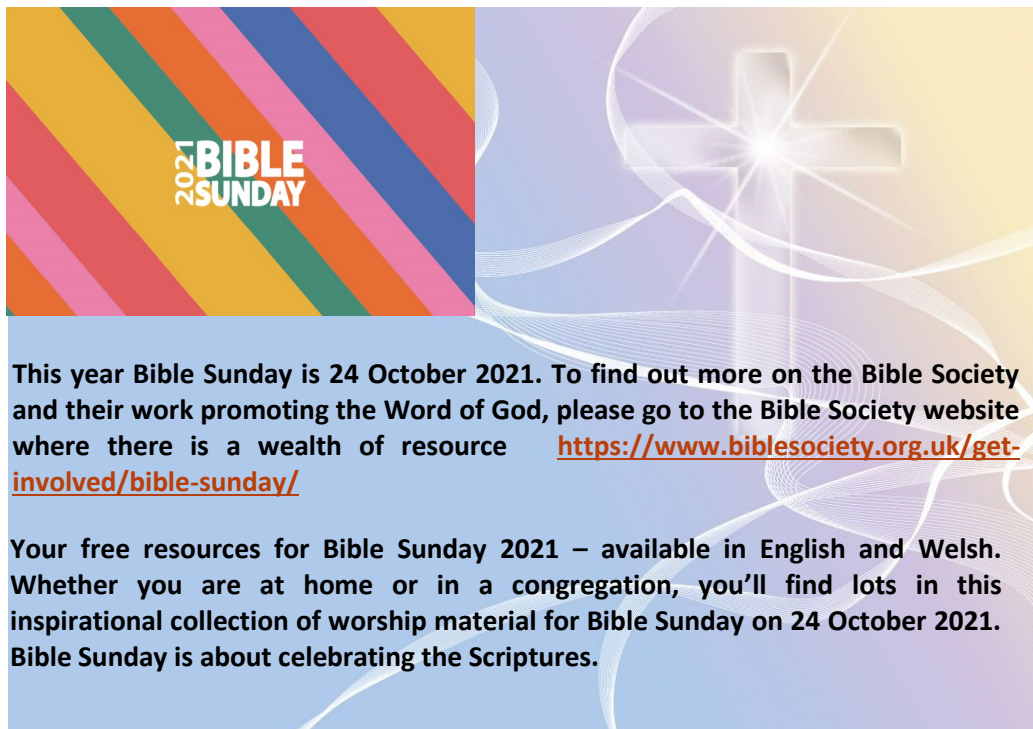
Every one of us is called to use the gift or gifts we've been given to help build up the body of Christ. That "building up" can never be confined to what we do on Sunday. Building up is about using the whole of life, including Monday to Saturday. The very act of working or being at home, school, work, leisure is vocational. Our daily behaviour becomes a sacrament and an offering.

The realisation that we are being called comes in many different ways. For some, it's like a sudden flash of light as came to St. Paul on the Damascus road. But for others, it's just not that clear. In my earlier work as a Director of Ordinands and Vocation, I listened to many people who described their sense of calling as a feeling of discomfort. "Like having a toothache" someone said -their "yes" a moving towards a sense of peace and clarity.

Perhaps, as you read this, you know what God is calling you to do. Perhaps you're still searching. But remember, God has made you for a purpose. And God will work that out, but in his own time, not yours. This month's Manna is focused on our forthcoming Archdeaconry Days which will take place early next year, February 6 to 12, with the theme of "God calls... everyone, everywhere". One thing I can guarantee: if you book in, you won't be alone and you'll have a great day.

With my prayers and blessing,

Trevor Wilmott, Assistant Bishop, Bath and Wells Diocese



2021 BIBLE SUNDAY

This year Bible Sunday is 24 October 2021. To find out more on the Bible Society and their work promoting the Word of God, please go to the Bible Society website where there is a wealth of resource <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/bible-sunday/>

Your free resources for Bible Sunday 2021 – available in English and Welsh. Whether you are at home or in a congregation, you'll find lots in this inspirational collection of worship material for Bible Sunday on 24 October 2021. Bible Sunday is about celebrating the Scriptures.

**THE FIRST JOINT SOUTH SOMERSET DEANERY SYNOD on OCTOBER 20TH
7pm at
ST MARY'S CHURCH CHARD**

The first meeting of the new synod, where there will be a time of special worship to celebrate the formal uniting of the deaneries and the recognition of this by the Archdeacon who will attend.

Hope to see you there.

Diana Brown

MOTHERS' UNION

On August 24th the Mothers' Union held their first meeting since March 2020. It was lovely to meet friends and chat over a cup of tea.

On September 21st Rose Silk reminisced about her life in the entertainment world as a professional pianist and performing at Wormwood Scrubs.

The next meeting will be on **October 19th** at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.



JC

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

‘Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love’.

Song of Songs 2:5



APPLE PUDDING CAKE WITH CIDER CRUNCH TOPPING

For the cake

175g mixed dried fruit

75g sultanas

225g plain flour

1 tbs baking powder

3 medium eggs, beaten, at room temperature

3 crisp eating apples (e.g. English Cox’s or Braeburn)

100ml dry cider

Vegetable oil for oiling

2 teaspoons mixed spice

175g soft light brown sugar

175g cooking margarine

For the crunch topping

25g demerara sugar and 2 teaspoons dry cider

Place the dried fruit in a bowl and pour the cider over. Set aside for 2 hours to macerate.

Preheat oven to 180C/gas mark 4. Oil a 20cm round loose-based cake tin and line the base with baking parchment. Sift the flour, baking powder and spice. Using a hand-held electric mixer, cream the margarine and sugar together until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs along with 2 tablespoons of the flour mixture.

Grate one of the apples, including the skin, into the mixture. Chop the second apple into small chunks and fold into the cake batter along with the rest of the flour mixture. Add the soaked dried fruit and its liquid and combine the mixture evenly. Slice the remaining apple and reserve the slices to put on top. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin and press the apple slices on the top of the cake. Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons of the demerara sugar and bake for approx. 1 hour or until well risen and a skewer comes out clean

Cool in the tin for 30 minutes then turn out on to a wire rack to cool completely. Make the cider crunch just before serving: Mix the cider and demerara sugar to make a wet paste. Dot the crunchy paste over the cake.

A West Country recipe, a bit like old fashioned bread pudding, delicious served with clotted cream.

Lot’s wife



A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. ‘The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.’

His son looked up concerned, and asked ‘What happened to the flea?’

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
**HARVEST FAMILY
 COMMUNION**
 SUNDAY 3RD
 OCTOBER 2021
at 10.00am

A time to thank God for all of life's blessings.

*Harvest gifts will be donated to
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House Group



Now that circumstances seem to be improving I am happy to restart the meetings we used to have at my house on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, starting on 14th October and taking any necessary precautions about masks and distancing etc. We shall meet for coffee at 11.0 a.m. and have time for chat, prayer and usually look at a bible passage. We aim to finish about noon. Please let me know if you would like to join us and if you would be willing to give anyone a lift. Not everyone is so mobile after the lockdown.

Margaret Barton tel 01460 72536

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

*We bless you,
God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other
That the beauty of this world
And the love that created it
Might be expressed through our
lives
And be a blessing to others
Now and always
AMEN*

Dear Lord,

As we look around our part of the world help us to see where kindness and goodness would make a difference. Help us, in the power of your Spirit, to lead the way in acts of kindness that are needed so that the people they touch will know your love.

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 SPECIAL DAY

Sunday, 31st October, will be a special occasion for three reasons.

Firstly, we shall be keeping it as All Saints' Day, which is one of the most important festivals in the Church's calendar.

Secondly, as it is the 5th Sunday of the month, our 10.00am service of Holy Communion will be a Benefice Service, and we look forward to welcoming the congregations of the village churches to join us.

Thirdly, it will be our opportunity to say "Goodbye and Thank You" to Jonathan Morris. As Associate Vicar in the benefice, Jonathan has mainly been responsible for the village parishes, but his ministry has been much appreciated also at St Bartholomew's. He has been invaluable in maintaining the links with the schools of the town and villages. During the current vacancy he has conducted almost all the weddings and funerals. His last Sunday before his retirement will actually be 21st November, but that will be a day of farewell for the villages. So 31st October will be St Bart's day for thanking Jonathan for his ministry among us.

And don't forget to put your clocks back on Saturday evening, 30th October, so that you arrive at the right time on Sunday!

David Newman



Jeanette McKenna

Older members of the church will remember Jeanette who lived at Richmond House and then at De Combe House and was very involved in church and Friends' activities, regularly reading the lesson at Sunday services. About twelve years ago she returned to South Africa where she was born, educated and served in many government and embassy posts. After a long fight with cancer she sadly died in hospital in August. She leaves many friends but no family.

Margaret Barton

A LOCAL WEDDING



After three cancellations due to lockdown, two of our parishioners, Michael Pattermore and Pamela Shotton, tied the knot on Sunday September 12th at St Bart's. The photo shows them emerging from the beautifully decorated west door

Thanks to Jeff Hutson for the photograph

Live Sunday Afternoon Music returns to St Bart's

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By Request

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Sunday 17th October 2021, 3pm

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Sunday 17th October at 3pm

We welcome back pianist Jonathan Delbridge.

By Request features classical pieces asked for by the audiences of his weekly concerts streamed live during lockdown. Tickets cost £10 and are on sale now at *Grand Interiors* in The George Shopping Centre and at the door on the day.

Save these dates...

Saturday 27th November The return of our popular *Come & Sing* event for keen choral singers. You rehearse during the day, before performing to friends and family in the evening at a free concert in the glorious setting of the church.

Saturday 11th December An evening Christmas concert including the World Premiere of *Christmas Bells*, a new carol with words written in 1895.

Friday 17th December A Crewkerne Christmas tradition: *The Midwinter Concert* with local singer/songwriter Reg Mueross and Phil Beer from Show of Hands. Wonderful music in a magical atmosphere.

For more information and updates, search on Facebook for **crewkerneevents** or check our noticeboard on the Church Hall.

A MESSAGE FROM ST BART'S SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school after the summer break to a more 'normal' way of school life with children being able to play together and go to clubs again. As usual, our children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning.

Our new Reception children have started school and have settled in so quickly and with such confidence. It was a delight to see their smiling faces, shiny shoes and hands clutching their 'golden tickets' on the first day! We are all loving getting to know their individual personalities and interests.

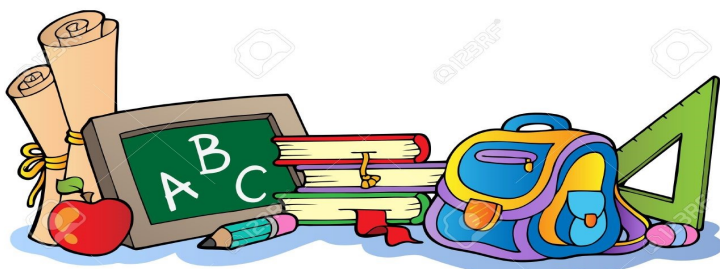
It has also been super to welcome back our volunteers to support reading across the school. We are so grateful for their support and generosity with their time to share their passion for reading and nurture it in our children too.

We have been delighted to start yoga lessons in school this year. They follow a story through a range of yoga poses and Starling class are absolutely loving this as the first class to take part. All classes will have yoga lessons across the year to support their physical and mental health. After school we have football, book, reporter, science, lego and recorder clubs taking place as further curriculum enrichment.

It has been so special to be able come together in the hall again, as a whole school, to worship and celebrate achievements. We are also looking forward to being able to return to the church again to worship. This is something we have really missed as a school community over the last 18 months.

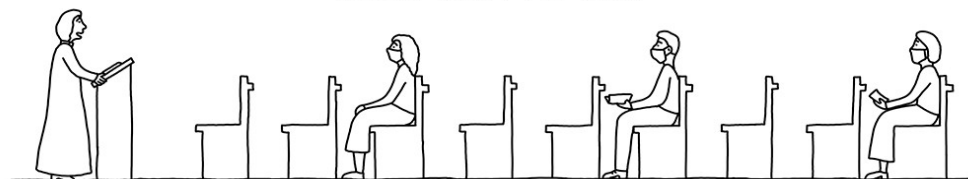
Warmest wishes to all the St Bartholomew's Church family

Gemma Coward
Headteacher

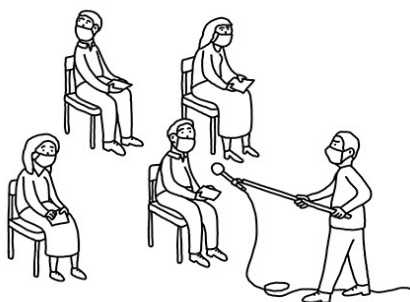


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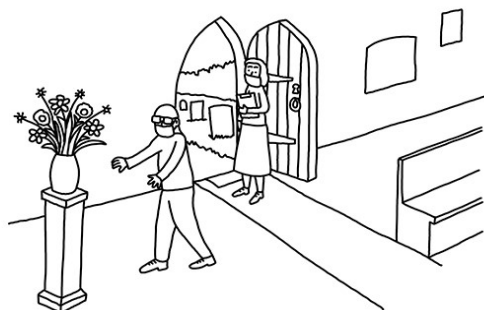
SCENES FROM THE 10AM



ASCERTAINING WHETHER ANY OF THE HUMOROUS ASIDES ARE ELICITING A SMILE



ESTABLISHING WHICH MEMBER
OF THE CONGREGATION
IS SINGING ILLEGALLY



FINDING A PEW THROUGH
MISTED-UP SPECTACLES

The Diocese of Bath and Wells is one of 41 Church of England dioceses in the country. The diocese stretches from Portishead in the north to Crewkerne in the south, Minehead in the west to Frome in the east. The diocese loves and serves the 940,000 people who live here through its family of 466 parishes and 181 church schools. This family works for the good of local communities in a range of practical as well as pastoral ways; caring for the vulnerable in our societies, supporting local families and encouraging children and young people. Everything the diocese does is underpinned by prayer and worship and is driven by its vision that:

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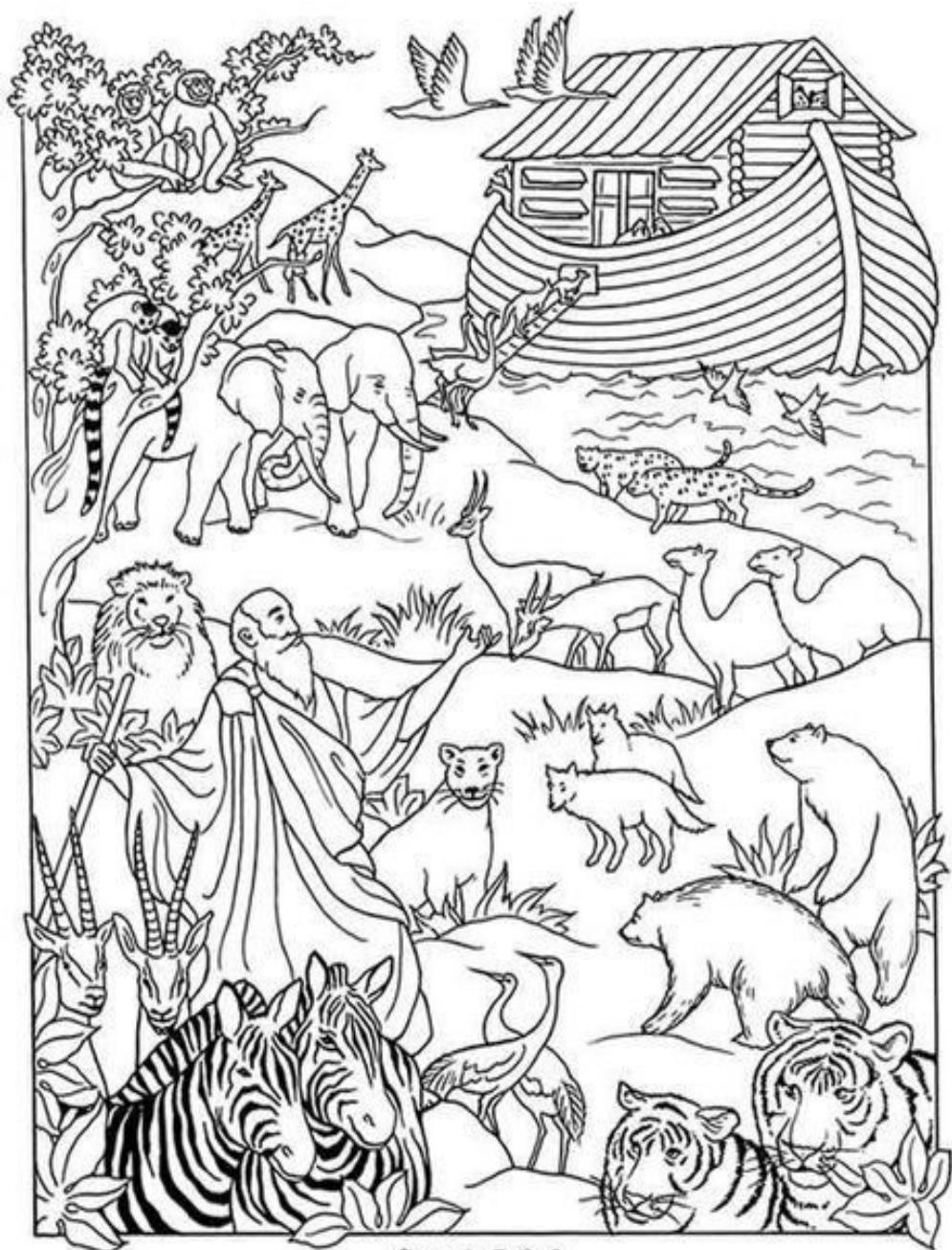
Noah's Ark - Genesis 5:32-10:1

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Genesis 7: 8-9

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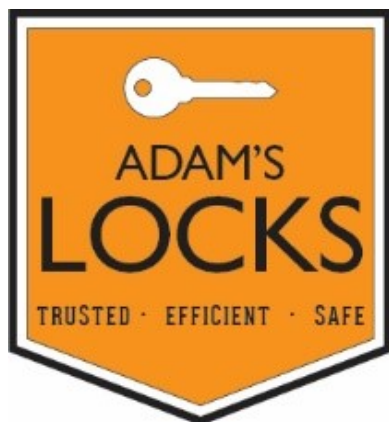


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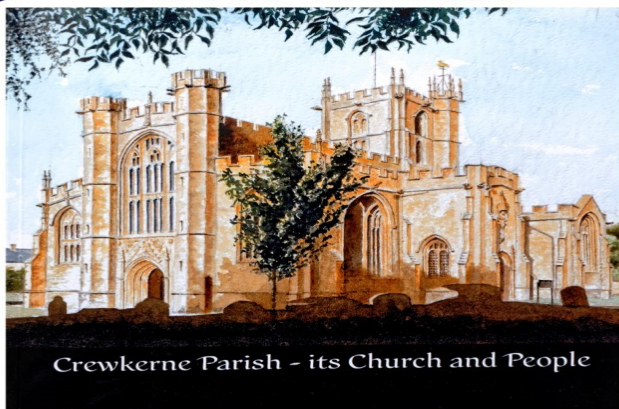
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