

Voice



St Bartholomew's
Crewkerne



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34

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

**September
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		

Not the Rector's Letter.

Once again this is not the Rector's Letter, but it shouldn't now be too long before the Rector's Letter does appear here.



It is a great pleasure to be able to announce that the new Rector of the Wulfric Benefice is to be the Revd Christopher Davis, who is at present Rector of St Nicholas, Tooting Graveney, in the diocese of Southwark. Christopher is married to Mary, and we hope that they will be with us before Christmas, though at the time of writing no date for his licensing has been fixed.

A longish vacancy has been made to seem even longer because of the Covid restrictions, but we must resist the temptation to say, "Good, now we can get back to normal." I'm not convinced that "normal" means anything more than "what we're used to". I remember when it was "normal" for no one in a cinema to be eating popcorn, but it was "normal" to come home from the cinema with one's clothes reeking of tobacco! It is now "normal" for people to wear face masks in shops; two years ago it would have been unthinkable.

"Normal" changes all the time. It is not something we should want to "get back" to, but rather something we should want to "move forward" towards. We should be looking forward to discovering what the new "normal" is going to be, and doing so with excitement rather than fear, and expecting that new "normal" to keep on changing.

For us as Christians, it's not a question of "what I like", or "what I would want", but of what God wants. Change is inevitable, but let's try to be sure we're changing in the right direction.

With Christopher as our Rector things will be different, at simplest because he is not Stuart Huntley, nor Michael Gallagher nor Peter Curtis. Things will be different because Jonathan Morris will be retiring soon, and it is unlikely that he will be replaced, so relationships within the benefice between St Bartholomew's and the village churches will change.

Please be praying regularly for Christopher and Mary as they prepare to move here. Be ready to welcome them, and look forward to "moving forward" with them towards whatever new "normal" is God's will for us all.

David Newman.

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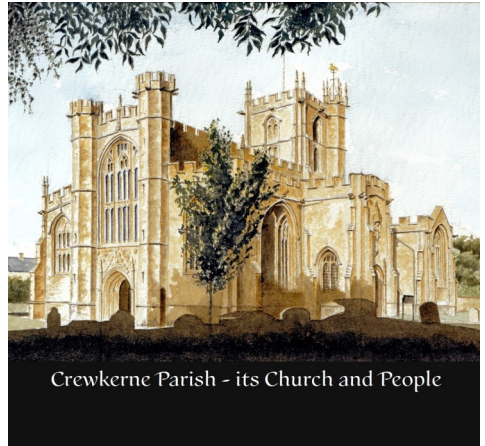
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Knitting Group on Tuesday afternoons a chance to knit and natter.

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

Baptisms

We welcomed into the family of the church

Daisy Jacqueline Johnson

Weddings

July

Stewart Murphy and Sarah Louise Abbott

Robert Glyn Jones and Hayley Newman

George Graham and Jessica Hill

Charles Chambers and Flora Campbell

August

Bradley Bailey and Kate Williams

Thomas Mills and Samantha Gardiner

Huw Edwards and Joanne Stubbins

Funerals

We extend our sincere condolences to the

Family and friends of

Climenta Gireada

Pamela Edith Stoodley

Kathleen Slade

Leslie Ralph Comick

Amelia Irene Tapsell



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS WAYFORD

As I write this, we are looking forward to a visit by the Archdeacon of Taunton to take our service on Sunday 15th August.

With things getting back to some semblance of normality, our services are continuing on their normal pattern. However, we are planning to hold our Harvest Festival on

Sunday, 3rd October at 6pm but please check to confirm time. This will be followed on the following evening by the Harvest Supper and Sale of Produce in Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7pm (subject to prevailing guidance).



Mike Kimber

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HEWISH



We were thrilled to be able to go ahead with the annual walk & tea this year, having missed 2020 due to Covid restrictions.

Although restricted by numbers, and 'in the hands of' the weather, a group of 30 intrepid adults + 4 children and 3 dogs gathered on Saturday 10th July to take a gentle ramble around local lanes, ending with a delicious tea in the garden at 'Woolcott', Woolminstone. With the help of 2 gazebos and an open sided but covered porch, we were able to comfortably enjoy a sit down whilst chatting over our tea at the end of the walk. The rain held off, enabling visitors to stroll around the garden and earmark plants they would like.

The event raised £355.40 for Bible Society Funds. Thanks to all who attended and/or supported the venture with cakes and donations. We are always very pleased to welcome back friends from Crewkerne and Haselbury, and look forward to seeing everyone (+ more) in 2022.

Mary Wilson (Church Secretary)

ST. MARTIN'S NORTH PERROTT

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2.30pm to 5.30pm AFTERNOON TEA in the Wildlife gardens of **THE OLD RECTORY**. The 'RED KYTE' 6 piece band will play music from the 60's and beyond. Activities for children, a few Stalls and a Raffle. Teas on sale. Some gazebos, tables & chairs provided but bring your folding chairs if wished. Book your place early as entries will be



accepted on the day only if space allows. Entry £2 payable on the day. Under 12's free. Cash only please. To book a place or if it rains on the day phone 01460/72883, 76457, 72387 or email georgina222@uwclub.net Proceeds to St Martin's Church.

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**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

We have decided that there will be a Harvest Lunch on the 3rd of October in the church hall following the Harvest service 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 to eat—either sweet or savoury.

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



GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2021 BATH AND WELLS DIOCESE

What is General Synod and why does it matter? General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. Decisions taken at General Synod shape the life, worship, financial health, ministry and mission of our church

Nominations for Church of England - General Synod Elections 2021 - Diocese of Bath & Wells, can be from anyone on a relevant parish electoral roll as long as they are proposed and seconded – deadline 12.00 noon 3 September. Deanery Synod representatives vote on the nominations. The ballot will open on Friday 17th September and close at 12 noon on Friday 8th October. If you would like to shape the direction of the Church of England, for further information please contact, Peter Evans, Presiding Officer, Diocese of Bath and Wells
Presiding.Officer@bathwells.anglican.org Tel 01749 685108

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

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.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER



Looking to the next chapter

Back to school!' perhaps has never sounded so good. For those of us who found last year disrupted in terms of school, college or university, some of our young people and their parents might be really looking forward to the doors re-opening! And perhaps their teachers too!

Of course things will not be the same as they were. A new school year always means change. New classes, new goals, new possibilities. An opportunity to start with a clean sheet, open the next chapter of the book of our lives.

Here in Bath and Wells we are also looking to the next chapter in our story of faith together. This month we will be bringing together all we have learnt from listening to others about where we are as a diocese and what sort of bishop we now need to lead us into the future. If you haven't already done so, please have your say by attending the open consultation Zoom meeting on September 20th. We have already heard the thoughts of almost 1000 of our children across schools in the county, as well as hundreds of adults!

It will be some time before we know who our next Diocesan Bishop will be but now is the time to start praying for him or her so that they might hear from God as we also seek God's wisdom and guidance. And let's pray too for ourselves and all those within our diocese, that each of us will find God's will for the next stage of our journey.

None of us can know what that might hold for certain. The last year or two have shown us how difficult it is to predict anything! Some of us have lost loved ones and livelihoods. It will take time to recover and to renew our hope.

There will be challenges along the way and we have much to face together. However, our hope is in the Lord and we hold to the promises of His word...

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Bishop Ruth

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



The search for a new bishop

Following the retirement of Bishop Peter in May, the diocese is now looking to the future and taking the necessary steps to appoint the next Bishop of Bath and Wells.

As part of the process of finding our new bishop, people across the diocese are being asked to share their views. Hundreds of people completed surveys expressing their hopes for the new bishop in the summer and in September the Archbishops' Appointments Secretary and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary will meet with various groups of people in the diocese and then hold an open public meeting, where all can contribute.

The process is taken forward by the Vacancy in See Committee, a cross-section of people from across the diocese. The Vacancy in See committee has two aims, to consult, discern and prepare a diocesan Statement of Needs, a document which reflects the hopes and challenges for the ministry of the next bishop and to portray what is distinctive about the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The second aim is to elect six representatives to join the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) which is responsible for the actual interviews process.

Chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the CNC, is responsible for interviewing the potential candidates before a recommendation is sent to Her Majesty the Queen. The appointment of a new bishop is then made by the Queen following an established process.

Simon Hill, Archdeacon of Taunton and Chair of the Vacancy in See Committee says, "Everyone, young and old, church going and non-church going, has been invited to share their thoughts through surveys and consultation."

If you have any queries or views you wish to contribute please email: newbishop@bathwells.anglican.org. Find out more about the process at www.bathandwells.org.uk/new-bishop.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

*‘Bring the best of the first fruits
of your soil to the house of the
Lord your God’*

Exodus 23:19



LIGHT FIG TARTS

Makes 8

Ingredients

1kg Puff Pastry

12 Fresh Figs

4 tsp Granulated Sugar

3 tbsp Redcurrant Jelly

Preheat the oven to 220°C/425°F/Gas Mark 7.

Divide the pastry into 8, roll out each piece thinly on a lightly floured surface and cut into a 15 cm (6-inch) disc. Put them well spaced apart on 2 lightly greased baking trays.

Cut each fig across into 4–5 slices and arrange them slightly overlapping on the pastry discs, leaving a 1 cm (½-inch) border. Sprinkle each tart with ½ teaspoon of granulated sugar and bake for about 12 minutes, until the pastry is puffed up and golden and the sugar has lightly caramelised.

Meanwhile, put the redcurrant jelly into a pan with 2 teaspoons of water and leave over a gentle heat until melted. Set aside to cool slightly but do not let it set.

Remove the tarts from the oven and brush the fruit with the redcurrant glaze. Slide each tart on to a warmed plate and serve with the Crème Fraîche.



A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said a small boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know -Our Father, who does art in Heaven."

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MOTHERS' UNION

On August 24th, the Mothers' Union held their first meeting since the beginning of lockdown. After prayers, a pleasant afternoon was spent, catching up over a cup of tea .

The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 21st. at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH



*Lord of the harvest, we thank you
for all who have worked on the land
and sea to provide our daily food.
We remember those in other
countries who have planted the seed
and tended crops, so that we may
enjoy the fruits of their labours in
and out of season.*

A MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER for SCHOOLS

Loving Lord, we pray for all our schools; for the teachers, and staff who work in them and the children who study there. May they be places of discovery, adventure and learning; where children feel accepted and secure

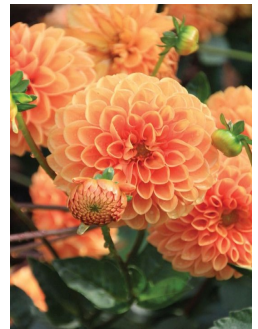


CHURCH FLOWERS

Any donations of flowers however small for our weekly display in the nave or the altar, or just decorative greenery will be gratefully received. **Also for the Harvest Festival at the beginning of October, some Autumn hues will be welcome.**

If you would like to get involved or sponsor a special arrangement please contact Jean Strong for more details on 01460 77632

Thank you



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
Crewkerne Community Church's 'Good Neighbour'
scheme which includes a food bank and the provision of
hot dinners twice a week.*

*Please see the list in the church porch of
items they need.*

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REMEMBERING JOHN AND PAM STOODLEY



Their 60th wedding Anniversary

John was born in Crewkerne to Albert and Marjorie Stoodley in 1922, passing away in 2013 at the age of 91, while Pam, born in 1925, moved to Crewkerne with her parents, Colin and Ethel Woodford, and older sister Mary, when she was a child. She died in June this year at the age of 96 at the Orchards Care Home where she had lived for the past 18 months.

John and Pam met during the war years and married shortly after in 1948 at St. Bartholomew's Church, settling into married life in their home town of Crewkerne where John worked with his father, Bert, as general house furnishers and undertakers. John was also a skilled craftsman, making and restoring traditional furniture and his skill was put to good use in St. Bartholomew's, at times.

These were happy years for John and Pam, welcoming their two children Robert and Marian into the world and finding their feet in the community. They created a happy home where friends were always welcome.

John became a member of many local clubs like the Round Table and the Rotary Club. In later years he was a member of the Probus Club and was a keen supporter of the Crewkerne Museum.

He was proud to be the Royal British Legion Standard Bearer for many years and on one occasion, had the honour of bearing the Standard for the Crewkerne branch at The Royal Albert Hall in London at the Remembrance Service.

He and Pam were staunch supporters of many local events, volunteering their time and efforts to the Hospital fete, Crewkerne carnival and of course, St. Bartholomew's Church, where they worshipped throughout their lives, making many lasting friendships along the way. Pam was, in fact, treasurer for the Church for many years. Towards the end of her life, she became less mobile, being unable to get about easily and then she suddenly lost her sight and was unable to attend church services as she had done. However, she never lost her deep faith.

Pam joined the Ladies Circle, Tangent and The Mothers' Union, which she thoroughly enjoyed until very late in life! She was a keen tennis player in her youth and loved nothing more than the outdoor life, so family walks, nature studies and picnics became the order of the day for the whole family.

Pam was skilled in calligraphy, incorporating many small watercolour illustrations of local scenes and wildlife in what she produced. She loved animals and regularly supported the RSPCA. Her rescue cat, Bella, was a great companion and comfort to her after John's death.

When their children had flown the nest, their holidays were spent exploring Italy, John's interest in Italian culture and hospitality having begun during the traumas of the war years. Pam too came to share his love of Italy, and all things Italian became their lasting passion.

John and Pam loved nothing more than seeing their family grow, having two children, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

We will miss them both enormously.

Marian Montague their daughter

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

The hall trustees have now reached the point where we feel we can safely resume a few hall activities, with the aim of bringing the community back together, particularly helping those who have been seriously isolated for the past eighteen months.

Some regular groups and clubs have already resumed meetings, and two new ones have started up. Phone Adrienne (**01460 75313**) for more details on anything related to hall booking/hiring, contact details for club leaders etc.

Food on Friday – Friday 10th September, mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal, roll & butter, unlimited tea/coffee, £5. Special diets can often be catered for, if requested in advance. All ages welcomed to a very friendly atmosphere; please book your place by phoning Julia (**01460 72769**)

Afternoon Tea – Saturday 18th September, 2 -4pm. All welcome to enjoy a full afternoon tea (sandwiches, cakes, scones with jam & cream, tea/coffee, £5). Relax with friends in a very welcoming hall, while enjoying a lovely view. Phone Adrienne (**01460 75313**) to book a table.

Clapton & Wayford Film Society begins a new season on Thursday 2nd September, showing 'The Rocket Post' (12). This is a compelling comedy drama set in the stunning landscape of the Outer Hebrides, the true story of a German scientist in the 1930s who aimed to develop a rocket to transport mail between the inaccessible islands. If you have not already done so, don't forget to renew your membership ASAP; applications now being taken - £22 for the season of 8 varied films. Contact Mick Wilson (**01460 74849**) or Di Crawley (**01460 30508**) for more information. 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) must be pre-booked. Details from Mick (**01460 74849**) or Di (**01460 30508**)

Advance notice – we are planning to hold the usual harvest supper & auction on Monday 4th October (further details to follow).

Please note that hall re-opening and events resuming are entirely dependent on the government not changing the conditions again. If in doubt, please check with your group organiser, or in the case of hall related activities, with Mary (**01460 74849**) or Julia (**01460 72769**) before setting out to attend an event, activity or group. Look out for further information on local noticeboards.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

On Tuesday 17th August at 7pm a defibrillator training session was held in the church and 10 people attended. Chris Cox came from Taunton to do the demonstration showing us the correct use of our defibrillator in case an emergency should occur. Chris works voluntarily in the Red Cross Centre in Langport and often does first aid training sessions, including defibrillator training demonstrations, in aid of the Red Cross. He travels from Taunton, where he lives, to different locations in the county in order fund raise for the Red Cross centre where he is a valued member of their volunteer work force.

On this occasion he brought three models and after his demonstration and following his instructions we were able to try out the resuscitation procedure for ourselves. It was a very interesting and helpful time during which he was able to reassure us about the safety of the procedure and explain the way in which it could actually save lives.

Our defibrillator is kept in the servery cupboard by the north door and is regularly checked to ensure that it is in working order. There are notices displayed in church in appropriate places so that people know that it is there and is available for use.



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PSALM 65:9-13

*You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.*

*The streams of God are filled with water to
provide the people with corn, for so you have
ordained it.*

*You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.*

*You crown the year with your bounty, and
your carts overflow with abundance.*

*The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.*

*The meadows are covered with flocks and the
valleys are mantled with corn;*

They shout for joy and sing.

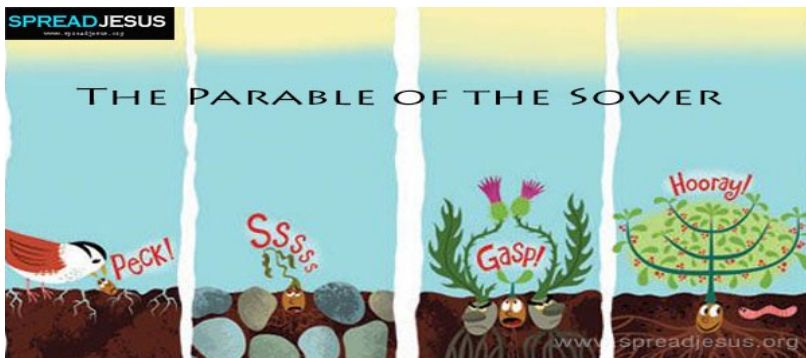
THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Matthew 13:1-23

Mark:4:1-20

Luke:8:-4:-15





A farmer sowed some seeds in his field. As he scattered the seeds, they fell in different areas of the field.

Some seeds fell onto the path and the birds quickly ate them.

Some seeds fell onto rocky ground, where there wasn't much soil. The seeds grew quickly into plants.

But because the roots were not in good, deep soil, the plants couldn't get enough water. When the sun shone down they got too thirsty and the plants died.

Some seeds fell into an area that was full of weeds. As the plants tried to grow, the weeds got in the way, and the plants died.

But some seeds fell onto good ground, so the plants grew well. When they were grown, the farmer harvested lots of plants.

Jesus' interpretation

Jesus explained to the people who had gathered to hear his story what the parable means.

The farmer is like Jesus and the seed is like the message of God. Jesus sows the seed of the good news in different places, and different people react differently to God's message.

When seeds fall on the path and are eaten by the birds, it's like when people who hear the good news pay no attention. They carry on living their lives without Jesus.

The seeds that fall on the rocky ground grow quickly but then die because they can't take root. This teaches us that some people listen to the good news at first, but their interest has no real root. When these people come across problems, they give up on Jesus.

The seeds that fall amid the weeds are choked and the plants die. Some people accept God's message, but they don't fully commit to Jesus. They let other things – like money and worries – get in the way of their faith. Just as the weeds choke the plants, so these people's faith is smothered.

But the seeds that fall on good ground grow into big, healthy plants. The good soil is like the hearts of people who love Jesus, who hear the good news and rejoice. God's word takes root in their lives, and they remain faithful to God. Their faith grows and grows.

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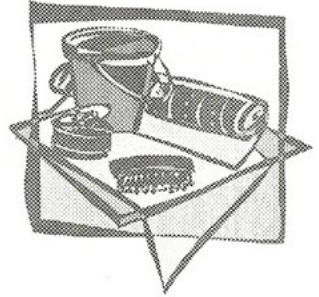
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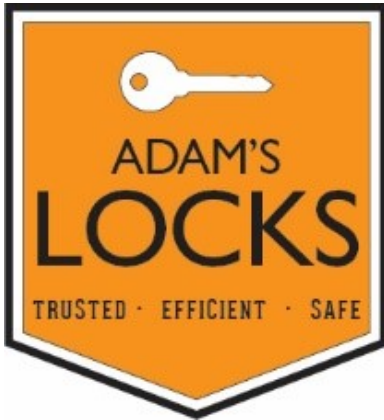


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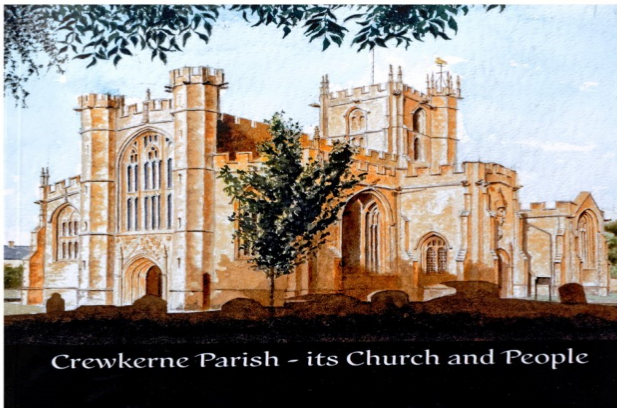
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