

Voice



St Bartholomew's
Crewkerne

The *Heavens*
declare the glory of
God;
the *Skies* proclaim the
work
of his *Hands*

Psalm 19:1



See God in All Things

Parish Magazine for
Crewkerne, Hewish,
Wayford and Clapton

June 2021



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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		

Revd David Newman writes

The process for appointing our new Rector, like the process for moving out of the Covid-19 restrictions, is moving forwards, but slowly. In both cases we are hopeful, but the end is not in sight!

The weather isn't helping much at the moment either – rain, thunder and lightning, hailstorms, more rain! It's all rather depressing.

Couldn't we just all go to sleep until it's all over?!

Since last December the Church's calendar has moved us through the events of Christ's life – Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension to Pentecost. Those six months ended with Trinity Sunday, a day of praise and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for those events which made it possible for us to have eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Now, as June begins, we enter what someone described as “the interminable green of the Sundays after Trinity”. The Church uses a system of colour-coding to mark the seasons of the year, with various colours for such things as the frontals on the altar and the vestments worn by the clergy. Green is used to mean “nothing special”.

But as I said in a sermon earlier in the year, when we had two “green” Sundays between Epiphany and Lent, green in the natural world is the colour of growth, and on traffic lights it means “Go”. “Nothing special happening” doesn't mean “nothing happening”. It means it's a time to **go** and **grow**.

So, no, we can't go to sleep. It's time to be awake, time to be going, time to be growing.

When it stops raining and the sun comes out, we can see how wonderfully green the world around us is. As we gradually emerge from lockdown, we can learn to enjoy the new “normal”. As we offer each new day to God, he will bless us, renew us, encourage us, so that we may go and grow for his glory.

Revd David Newman



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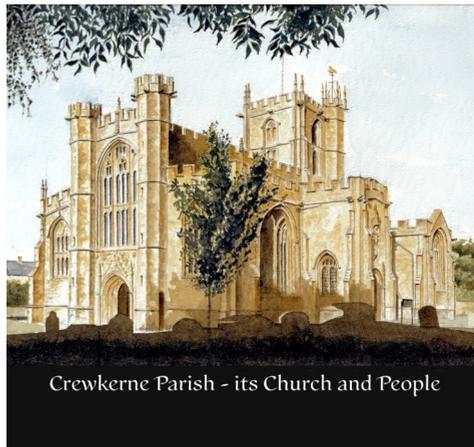
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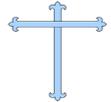
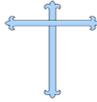
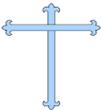
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in these challenging times.
God is faithful.**

**‘For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his
faithfulness continues through all generations ‘ Psalm 100:5**

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Plans are being made to re-open the hall on Monday 21st June. This will be for groups and clubs etc who had already been using the hall prior to the pandemic. Unfortunately, we won't be taking new bookings or bookings for private parties to start with.

The Trustees hope that as many as possible of the usual groups and activities will be able to resume during the summer or, if not, then in September. All of our user groups have been contacted by our bookings secretary, and several have indicated their wish to return.

Please note that hall re-opening and events resuming are entirely dependent on the government not changing the conditions again. 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.

Mary Wilson (hall secretary)



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 churchwarden, Pippa Smith for more information.

INFORMATION



St Bartholomew's Sunday Service

Holy Communion at 10 am
Seats must be booked due to Covid restrictions.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

Seats must be booked for all Services, as numbers are limited due to Covid 19 restrictions.

If you wish to book please contact the church wardens;

Christine Newman on 01460 271496

christinelnewman@btinternet.com

Pippa Smith on 01460 77342

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RAFT

Please note that to make donations of clothes etc, or for tickets for Music in the Meadow the contact number for RAFT is Geraldine Downey on 01460 271358

Wilder Churches

This is the eye-catching title of a new joint initiative between the Diocese of Bath & Wells and the Somerset Wildlife Trust to protect biodiversity and increase the value of churchyards for wildlife.



At St Bartholomew's this mission has already been underway for some time in areas of the churchyard that are designated "wild". Working with those who look after the churchyard, these areas are kept under the watchful eye of Crewkerne in Bloom volunteers.

Allowing nature to flourish by monitoring and managing is the idea behind the initiative which started at our church eighteen months ago when it was agreed that parts of the grass would be left unmown, then cut and removed as hay at the end of Summer. Wooden stakes topped with a blue heart signify some of these areas while showing we've joined in the popular nationwide no-mow campaign.

Crewkerne in Bloom is fortunate to have benefited from expert advice on establishing and maintenance from Kathy Crouch, BBC Gardener of the Decade who lives locally

It's certainly not a simple case of scattering seeds and letting the grass grow! Kathy reminded us that this area is remarkable, the land being virtually untouched for 400 years. A quick survey last year revealed no less than 33 flowers and 6 grass species while butterflies were obviously enjoying the long grass.

Wild daffodils and beautiful Purple4Polio crocus bulbs planted by volunteers last Autumn have rewarded us with a remarkable show and will delight every spring. The crocus purchase has also benefitted Rotary's fundraising for the global End Polio Now campaign. Snakehead fritillaries, yellow rattle and camassia quamash are other plantings to boost the native species. Otherwise, little intervention is planned.

There'll be more news after a visit from a member of the Somerset Botany Group, to be arranged soon by Wilder Churches.

Next time you stroll through the churchyard do take special notice of these areas. If you spot anything interesting - maybe take a photo – do let Crewkerne in Bloom know on

01460 72665 or hello@crewkerneinbloom.org New volunteers, ideas and general observations are always welcome too.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

A time to learn

'I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught,' wrote Winston Churchill. I think many of us would echo that thought!

A huge 'thank you' to our teachers and all who support our schools! There has been a tremendous effort across our diocese to ensure our children have been able to continue their education during lockdowns and the need to restrict normal practice. Not only have the children been learning but teaching staff have also been going 'back to school' in



order to find new means of communication. Governors, church communities and individual volunteers have gone the extra mile too, to encourage our teachers through gifts and cards and prayer. The whole school team deserves our gratitude.

Learning online is a challenge. Those of us who are spending many hours in Zoom rooms online these days can vouch for that. It's tiring! And it is not just our children who have found it so. At the end of this month we shall be celebrating the ordinations of our new priests. Last year they were ordained as deacons in September following three months as lay curates as a result of the pandemic restrictions.

What a year to be a deacon! They've had a very different learning experience than would normally be expected. Not so much opportunity of the 'hands-on' experience yet perhaps an even more profound learning possibility. I'm looking forward to hearing their stories!

We shall be repeating the new pattern of ordinations with our incoming deacons being licensed as lay curates initially this June. For them, colleges and courses have taken place principally online and they've had experience of digital worship on top of regular lectures and seminars. How might that prepare them for our 'new normal' of blended worship, with live-streaming of services in person?

As the Church emerges into this 'new normal' we have the opportunity together to learn and discover new things, new gifts, new ways of being the people of God. It is the same good God, the same story of His love to share with others, but there's a new landscape. How might you and your community respond to that? What have you learnt in this time? And how might that learning change you and the way you do things? Do share your stories with us!

"One learns from books and example only that certain things can be done. Actual learning requires that you do those things." (Frank Herbert)

Every blessing

*The Right Revd Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton*

2 VIEWS FROM THE TOWER and ONE FROM ON HIGH!



Aerial Photo by Alastair Purcell



Tower photos by Jeff Hutson

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

In the course of time Cain brought some fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord

Genesis 4:3



STRAWBERRY CLAFOUTIS

Serves 8

150ml fresh milk, full-fat

150ml single cream

1 vanilla pod, halved and seeds
scraped out

Icing sugar, to sprinkle

2 large free-range eggs

100g caster sugar

25g cornflour

250g fresh strawberries, hulled and cut
in half

1 Pre-heat oven to 200C/400F/Gas Mark 6. Grease a large gratin dish or 8 small ramekins with a little butter.

2 Place the milk, cream, vanilla pod and the seeds into a saucepan; bring to the boil and then take off the heat and allow to infuse (2 hours is a good time).

3 Beat the eggs and sugar together in a large mixing bowl until thick and frothy; then add the corn flour and continue to beat until smooth.

4 Remove the vanilla pod from the milk and cream infusion and pour into the egg mixture, whisking all the time.

5 Arrange the fresh strawberries in the buttered gratin dish or ramekin dishes and then pour the custard over them. Place the dish into the oven and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the custard bake is golden brown and set in the middle.

6 Sprinkle icing sugar over the top and serve just warm or at room temperature with cream and fresh strawberries.



Dentist's Favourite Hymn
'Crown Him with many Crowns'

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

*I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and for you,
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world.*

*I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day,
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world.*

*The colours of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people passing by,
I see friends shaking hands
Saying how do you do, They're really saying
I love you.*

*I hear babies cry I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll ever know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world*

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may
be enlightened
in order that you may know the hope to
which he has called you, the riches of his
glorious inheritance
in his holy people., and his
incomparably great power for us who
believe.'*

Ephesians 1: 18

MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

Gardener God, we delight in the abundance and beauty of your creation. Remind us always to establish and form habits that will protect and honour the earth for our own sake and for those who will come after us.

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



THE FIG TREE

‘The family tree’

Biblical references to the fig establish it as one of the plants in the Garden of Eden and, indeed, the earliest form of clothing. It is a fig tree that sheltered Romulus and Remus— the legendary founders of Rome, when they were rescued and protected by a mother wolf.

Tradition also has it that a fig tree should be planted in a Gladstone bag. The theory behind this bizarre idea is actually very sound, as fig trees will produce more fruit if they have a restricted root run. During winter the fig tree is dormant and leafless, but is hardy and should not be kept indoors.

Pliny of Rome (62-113 A.D.) stated

“They increase the strength of the young, preserve the elderly in better health and make them look younger with fewer wrinkles”

Roast figs with pomegranate molasses, cardamom and honey

From the top, cut a cross half way down your figs and pinch the base of each one to open it up.

Nestle them together in a roasting dish.

Crush the fragrant seeds of 6 cardamom pods and sprinkle them over the figs.

Mix 2 tbsp of pomegranate molasses and 2 tbsp of honey together with a squeeze of lemon juice, and pour over the figs.

Roast in a hot oven for half an hour until the fruit has collapsed into unctuous, ruby-red muddle.

Serve with a dollop of mascarpone in the middle of each fig.



ORIENTAL FIG-TREE.

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THESE

There are some very special, and fondly loved, people who with their personal example and dedication come to exemplify the best in our Church communities. Over the many years of service they seem to be as permanent as the stone arches and pillars that we rely upon to provide a safe structure for us in which to worship each Sunday in our own adopted church buildings.

In April we suffered the loss of two such people, Sharon Ryden from St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne, and Andrew Hutchings from our daughter church of the Good Shepherd, Hewish.

Sharon died unexpectedly at the age of 67 on 23 April. She must have achieved the record for being the longest serving Church chorister in the area, serving for nearly sixty years. Her singing started at Christ Church, in South Street, before transferring to St Bartholomew's when Christ Church was closed in the sixties.

The choir gave Sharon a firm foundation as a young woman upon which she built her loving family around her as a mother and grandmother. Her daughter, Michelle, and granddaughters, Courtney and Georgia were encouraged to join the choir, bringing a lovely family presence to our services, week by week.

Sharon was a no nonsense person who would speak her mind whether you liked it or not, but on many occasions, after the service with our coffee in hand, we would chat about all manner of subjects and we learned what a caring person she was and with so much common sense. She often came armed with photos either from an old newspaper or one she had obtained somehow, those photos were usually of her granddaughter, Courtney, together with our granddaughter Lily and she would remember the dates and occasions of each photo. We will indeed miss those chats.



Carol Service with Sharon and granddaughter, Courtney.



Andrew with local scruff on his shoulders.

As a new recruit to the “1st Crewkerne Church Army Scout Troop” at the age of 10 in 1959 I first met an “Oak Tree” of a lad and already a Patrol Leader, Andrew Hutchings. (There were three Scout Troops in Crewkerne then). Our summer camp, at Brixham, that year was a scorcher. Andrew helped us new boys to learn Canoeing, Life Saving, First Aid and so many other character building qualities that have lasted a lifetime. Being such an accomplished “Backwoodsman” combined with such generous and friendly leadership skills he made it exciting for us to learn from him as we grew older - how to carry an axe and fell a tree, to build a Rope Bridge over a stream, to build an Aerial Runway out of a tall tree. Always prioritising safety, for ourselves and those we were working with, he had such a very wise head on such very young shoulders.

Further maturity saw him become a leading light in the town’s new Crewkerne Youth Club, again bringing many of us young people to enjoy travel and adventure, boating and diving, camping and hiking etc etc. Alongside, what appeared to be a very carefree lifestyle, Andrew took on very demanding positions in the community as Wadham School Governor, where he served conscientiously for over 50 years, plus as Warden at Hewish Church where he served for 40 years. He cared lovingly for a younger, handicapped, brother who we often saw accompanying Andrew out and about in the countryside as he performed his Tree Surgeons work.

So, we say farewell to Sharon and Andrew, two of the finest people it was ever possible for us to meet in our lifetime and to be able to have known them as friends.

God bless you both and thank you for all that you gave to us.

Peter and Lindi

ST PAUL'S SHIPWRECK ,MALTA



Paul was being taken to Rome to be tried as a political rebel, but the ship carrying him and some 274 others was **caught in a violent storm** only to be wrecked two weeks later on the Maltese coast. All aboard swam safely to land. The site of the wreck is traditionally known as **St. Paul's Island**, and is marked by a statue commemorating the event. The welcome given to the survivors is described in the **Acts of the Apostles 28:1-10** by St. Luke:

As a fire was lit, Paul was **bitten by a poisonous snake** but he suffered no ill effects. The islanders took this as a sign that he was a special man. This scene is depicted in many religious works of art on the Islands. Since then there have been no poisonous snakes on Malta.

According to tradition, the Apostle **took refuge in a cave**, now known as St. Paul's Grotto in Rabat, Malta. During his winter stay, he was invited to the house of Publius, the Romans' chief man on the Islands. It was here, according to tradition, that **Paul cured Publius' father of a serious fever**. Publius is then said to have converted to Christianity and was made the first Bishop of Malta. The **Cathedral of Mdina** is said to stand on the site of Publius' house. Archaeological evidence seems to support this tradition. Malta was one of the first **Roman colonies** to convert.



The Basilica of St Paul Rabat, Malta, beneath which, is the Grotto of St Paul where it is said he took refuge , is held as sacred and has been visited by two Popes in recent years. Today it is a pilgrimage site for the devout from around the world

NEWS FROM ST BARTHOLOMEW'S C of E FIRST SCHOOL CREWKERNE

Life at St Bartholomew's has been as full and exciting as ever over the last few weeks. Since we last wrote, our school has been involved in some really important celebrations. We are very proud to be affiliated with the Crewkerne Branch of the Royal British Legion and one of our commitments to them is that we will always support The Poppy Appeal. As part of our celebrations of the 100 Years of the Royal British Legion our children took part in a competition to raise money for The Poppy Appeal. They also spent an afternoon celebrating the 100 years by doing activities based around 100. This was done in such creative ways as the photos show.



Our children also took part in the Somerset Day celebrations. They were welcomed into school with the Somerset Flag flying high, bunting decorating the outside of school and country music floating all around them. It was an absolute joy to see our children celebrating our local culture and the things that are important to them about the wonderful county we live in. Our parents and carers and local businesses donated local cheese, apple juice and apples for our children to taste and they found out all about Morris Dancing too. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop our values of respect and aspiration.

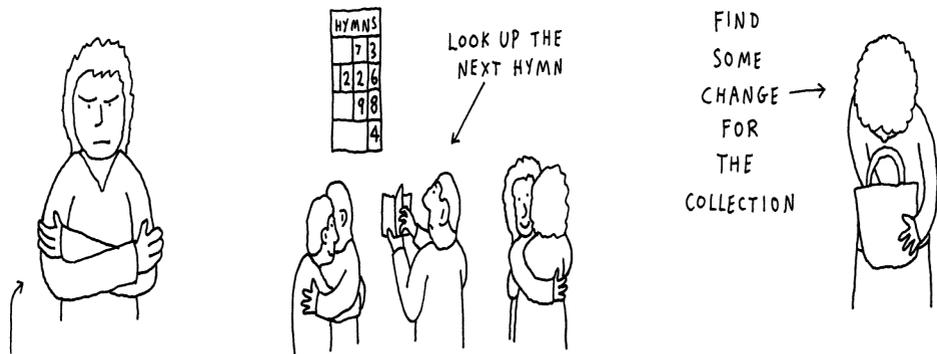


I was delighted to work alongside Mrs Ann Cossins at a diocese of Bath and Wells training session to see how we can work more closely together as Church and School. It was wonderful to discuss new ideas and, as a school, we look forward to doing even more with St Bartholomew's Church in the future to the benefit of all in our community.

Gemma Coward
Head Teacher

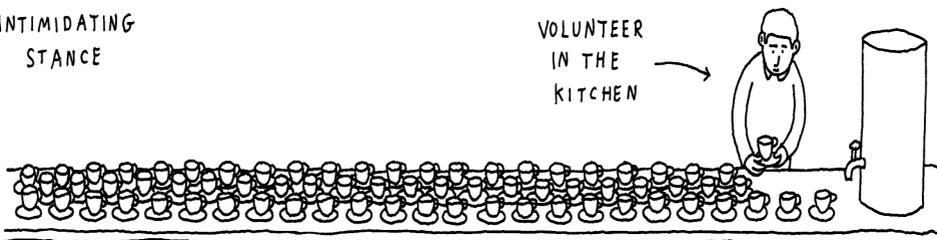
THE PEACE

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VOLUNTEER IN THE KITCHEN



HIDE

FEIGN AN INJURY



ASHLANDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Ashlands Day of Learning for a Sustainable Life

Inspiring our children to develop a love and respect for the world around them is an important area of learning at Ashlands. Our school vision of 'love of learning, love of life, love of one another' embeds this on a daily basis.

Miss Wines, our Federation Science Lead is a strong advocate for developing and building on this knowledge every year. Never deterred by Covid obstacles, Miss Wines organised for Ashlands to have a virtual visit from Carymoor Environmental Trust.

The whole school enjoyed a shared virtual 'Talking Rubbish' assembly; the session was practical and fun, giving our children a better understanding of waste and recycling issues. Monkey Puzzle Class enjoyed a Recycle More workshop and Holly Class had a Wigglebert Worm workshop. It was great to see the children thinking about waste and hearing them discuss how they can recycle more!

As part of the day the children learnt about the new 'Recycle More' service, which will encourage people across Somerset to recycle more from their kerbside every week. They are going to be on the lookout for great recycling in our community from now on!

Nicola Ball
Executive Head Teacher



It is our vision to build a school community dedicated to providing optimum learning for each child in a happy atmosphere.

'Love of learning, love of life, love of one another'





The Creation



In the beginning there was no earth or sky or sea or animals. And then God spoke in the darkness: "Let there be light!" And right away there was light, scattering the darkness and showing the infinite space. "That's good!" said God. "From now on, when it's dark it will be 'night' and when it's light, it will be 'day'." The evening came and the night passed and then the light returned. That was the **first day**.

On the second day, God made the earth and over it He carefully hung a vast blue sky. He stood back and admired His creation. "That's good too!" said God and the **second day** was over.

The next morning God looked around and thought, "The earth needs to be a bit more organized." So, He put all the water in one place and all the dry land in another. When He had finished that, God made plants to cover the land. Dandelions and daffodils appeared. All sorts of trees and grasses began to grow. "It's looking great," said God and that was the end of the **third day**.

On the **fourth day**, God looked around and thought, "The daylight still needs a bit more work and the night is just too dark." So, He made the sun to light the sky during the day and the moon and stars to add a bit of sparkle to the night. He hung them in the sky and stepped back to look at his work. "This is coming along very well," said God.

The next day, God turned his attention to the water he had collected in the oceans. "I want these waters teeming with life!" As soon as He said it, it was so. In no time, there were millions of small fish darting through the shallow water and huge fish swimming in the ocean. God made birds, too. He sent them soaring through the air. "Ahh, that IS good!" said God. The dusk fell over the water and the sky grew dark and that was the end of the **fifth day**.

On the **sixth day**, God added creatures to the land. He made lions and tigers and bears. He made rabbits and sheep and cows. He added everything from ants to zebras to the land. But He still felt something was missing. So God added Mankind to enjoy and take care of all that He had created. God looked around and was happy with all He had made.

After six days, the whole universe was completed. **On the seventh day God had a nice long rest and enjoyed looking at all He had made.**



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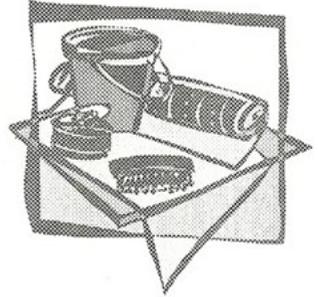
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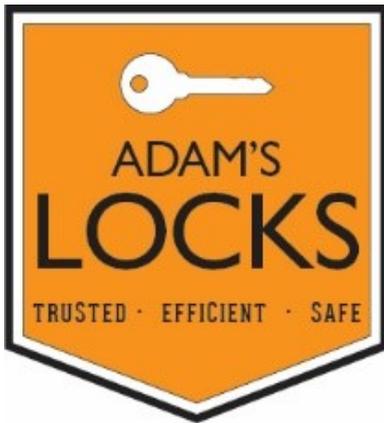


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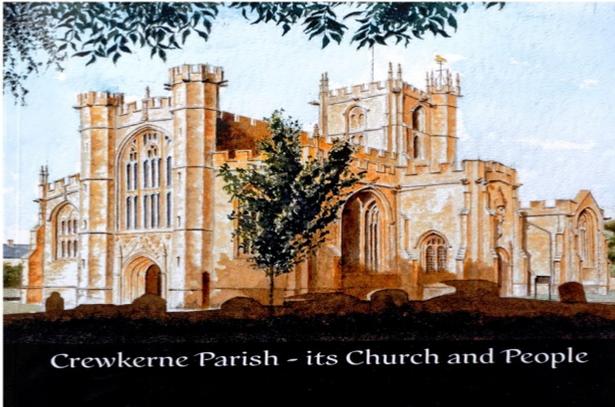
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