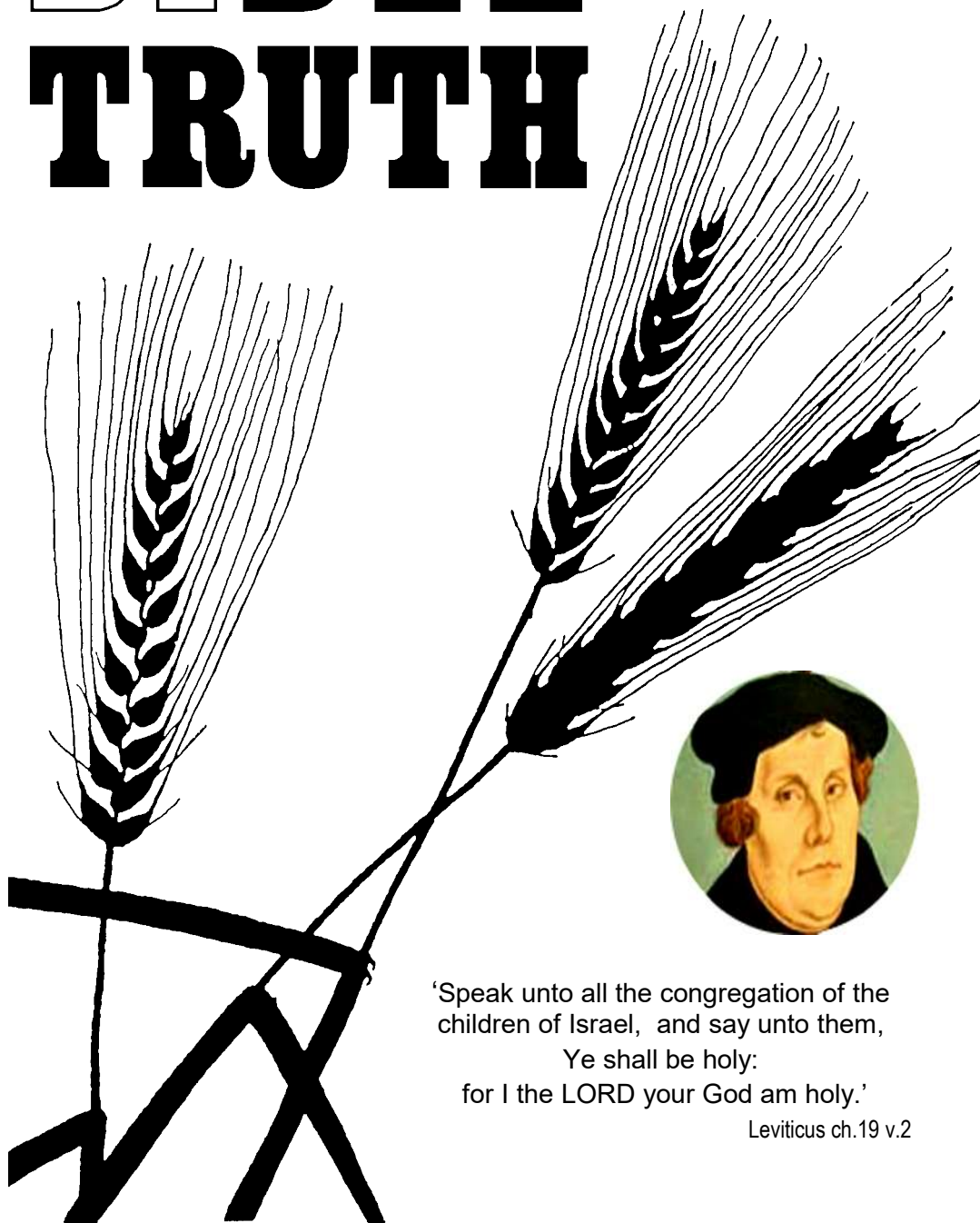


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‘Speak unto all the congregation of the
children of Israel, and say unto them,
Ye shall be holy:
for I the LORD your God am holy.’

Leviticus ch.19 v.2

Holidaying in Somerset - Priddy - Places to visit

High in the Mendip Hills overlooking the Somerset levels with the town of Glastonbury in the distance, can be found the hamlet of Priddy. Here the phrase may often be heard -

‘... as sure as the Lord was at Priddy ...’

hinting at the coming of Jesus to this place when He was a child, perhaps accompanying his uncle, Joseph of Arimathea whilst trading lead that was mined nearby. The annual Sheep Fair has been held on the village green since before the 14th century and is notable because it reminds one of Jesus being ‘the shepherd of the sheep’.



"These hurdles are a symbolic reconstruction of the original collection. They were stored here to form the Pens for the Sheep Fair which moved from Wells to Priddy in 1348 at the outbreak of the Black Death.

The fair is now held annually on the nearest Wednesday to the original date of the 21st August.

The hurdle stack was destroyed by fire on 28th April 2013 and rebuilt by volunteers from the Parish in July 2013."

Whilst there, the ancient church of St Laurence is worth a visit. Nearby are a variety of hostelries providing food and refreshment.

Priddy can be reached by a variety of routes; the most direct probably being via the ancient city of Wells but there are also roads from Cheddar Gorge or Burrington Combe, all interesting and historic places. For the adventurous a narrow lane leads up from near Westbury-Sub-Mendip via 'Ebbor' Gorge. One might note that Eber (Heber, Ebor) in Hebrew means a 'passageway', very fitting for this narrow gorge.