



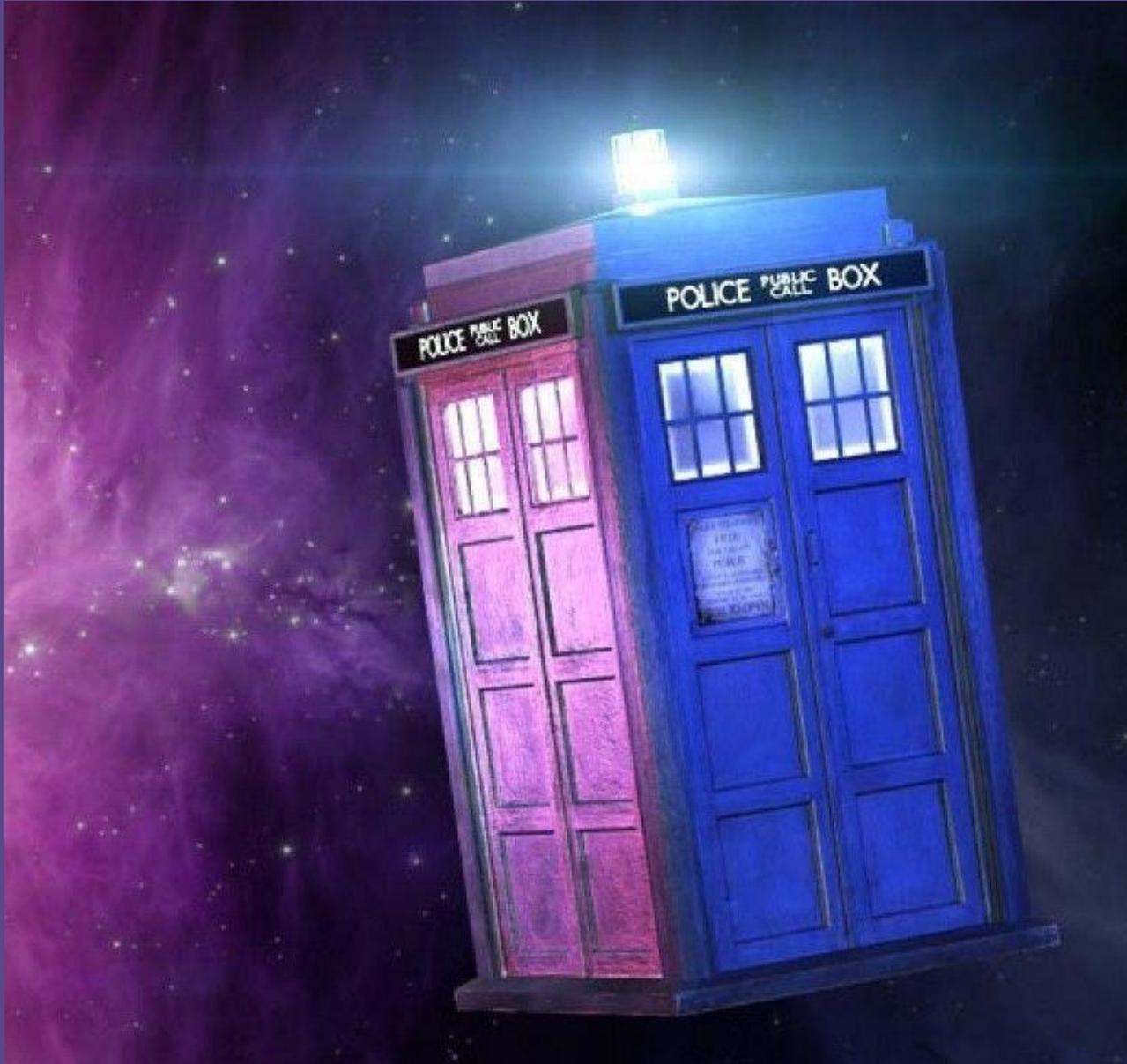
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“The cross opens up the depth of meaning of God’s love, grace and compassion. It offers fresh faith for the doubter, new hope for the despondent, belonging for the lonely, and salvation for the lost. The cross is not just a celebration of death but an invitation to life.”

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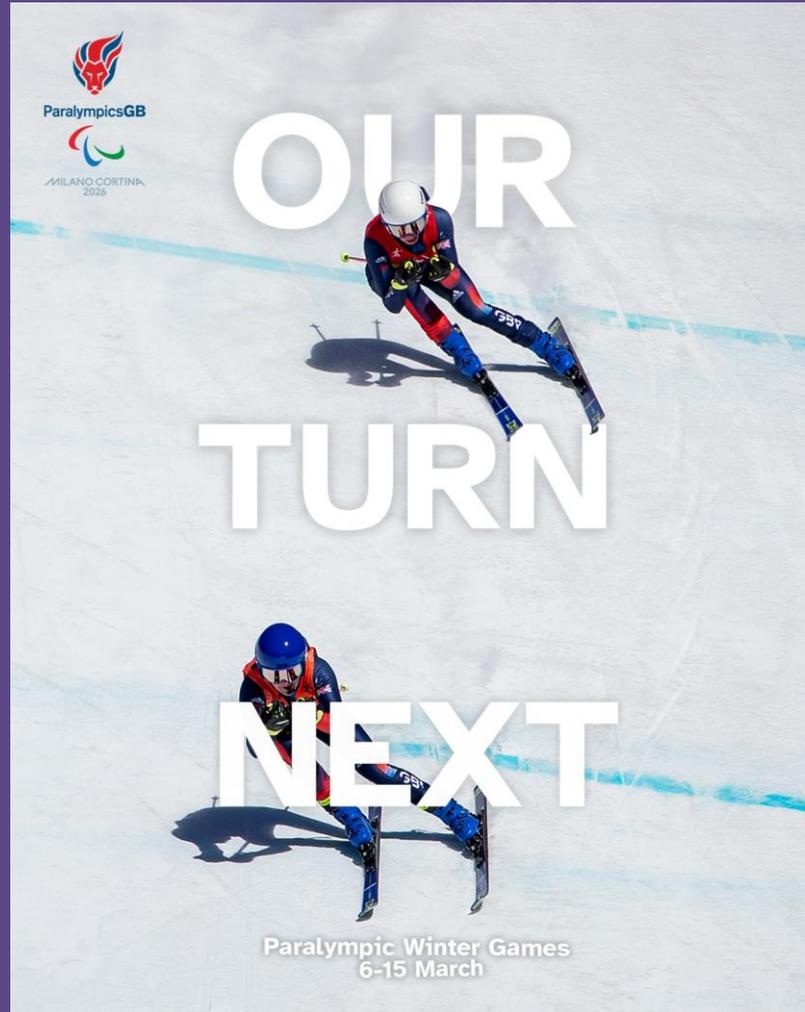


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But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'

Luke 23:40-41 (NIVUK)



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Jesus, remember me when you come into
your kingdom.

Luke 23:42 (NIVUK)



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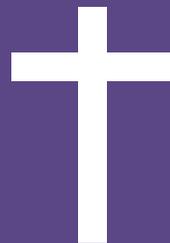
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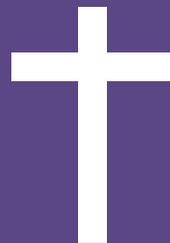
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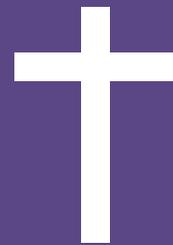
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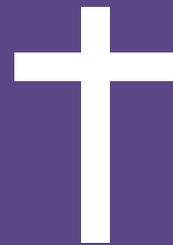
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parádeisos – *'enclosure, park, or garden'*

The Garden of Eden – The Original Paradise



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“At the cross of Christ is a story of incredible grace. At the heart of atonement is divine hospitality, where God invites the undeserving and unexpected to come home with him... Many would have rejected this man as a lost cause, as a worthless criminal, as a nobody - but Jesus singles him out, offering hope not only to him, but to so many others throughout the centuries.”

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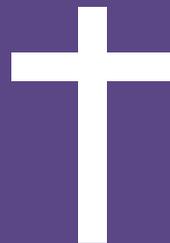
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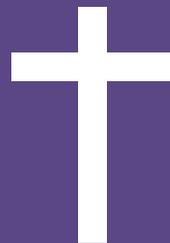
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2 Corinthians 1:3 (NIVUK)



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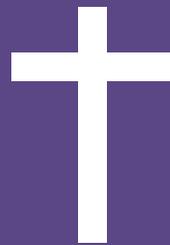
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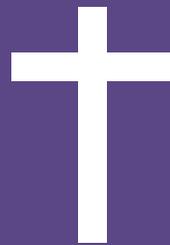
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“We follow a master who was killed for (and while) living and preaching the gospel. Thanks to Jesus, we have been given a hope not only for life but, even more miraculously, for life beyond death... Even in his dying breath, Jesus is inviting others to life and hope, joy and eternity with him... **Will we take every opportunity to invite the world to this hope too, no matter what the cost?**”

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