

You'll turn left shortly and head back towards St Andrews church along Church Walk.

As you walk along here, you'll walk across an old path. This used to be for transporting the vegetables from the vegetable garden back to Billing Hall. But what is this path made from Cobble, Gravel or Bricks?

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As you come back to St Andrews church, you've nearly collected all the answers you need to be able to unlock the gate. The villagers will be relieved! But there are just two more questions...

Inside the church, either side of the Communion Table are some rules, known as "Commandments". God gave these to his people many thousands of years ago. Do you think you could live by them? Even the last one about not wanting nice things that other people have?

Jesus taught that we didn't really stand a chance of living by these rules, he taught that if we even thought angrily about someone, then that was still too bad for God.

How many of these Commandments are there?

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If you look really carefully on the white north wall, not too far from the organ, you'll find some secret writing showing through the paintwork. This writing showed through when the church was redecorated in 2011. It is thought to date from the Victorian reorganisation of the church from 1866/67.

The quote is taken from Galatians—which as a whole book is thankful about the fact that we are made right with God through faith in Jesus. We're not made right by trying to keep to rules, laws or commandments. This is the great news of what Jesus has done.

"Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because 'the righteous will live by faith.' - Galatians 3 verse 11

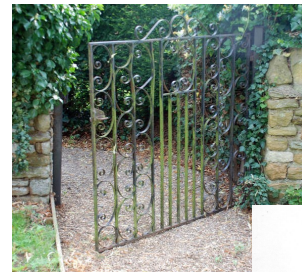
For the final answer though, what is the last letter that is visible on the wall?



Codebreaker Conundrum

(For children who read well)

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Valentine Cary Elwes, Squire at Billing Hall has locked the gate between the church and the village after he converted to Roman Catholicism. The villagers are finding it hard to get to church, can you help work out the combination lock's code?

Answer:

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The church and churchyard have a number of items that used to be part of the Old Billing Hall. The Earl of Thomund once lived there, but it was taken down. The balustrades, some windows and the urns were moved to the church.

How many urns are there left in the churchyard?



1	2	3	4
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Put your answer in the first square on the front.

These items were transported here in 1776, after Lord John Cavendish bought Billing Hall from the descendants of the Earls of Thomund. Billing Hall went through substantial re-building at that time. At the same time the church was going through major repairs following a lightning strike in 1759 that had caused the roof to fall in.

Now leave the churchyard and take a walk through the small car park and down the driveway.

At the end of the drive to the church are some cottages. One of these has a weathervane which remembers the animals that were here as part of the old Billing Estate.

What did they live in?

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Put the letter from the yellow highlighted square into the second square on the front.

Continue out through the gates and turn right. On your left will be the New and then the Old Rectories. The Old Rectory was the first house in Northampton to cost over £1 million!

As you follow the road round to the left, keep looking out for an emblem sculpted into the stonework of the walls. This is the family emblem or insignia of the Elwes family.

This emblem includes an animal, but what is it?

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As you come to the main road turn right and follow the road down. Keep your eyes peeled and try to spot the Old Post Office. On the wall here is a memorial to one of the Elwes family, who owned Billing Hall between 1796 and 1931. This memorial is to the last Elwes to live at Billing Hall, who died in a tragic railway accident in Boston, USA, in 1921.



But what was their first name?

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The Roman Catholic church was built after the conversion of Valentine Cary Elwes to Roman Catholicism some time around 1870. He had ventured to the Vatican in Rome but when he returned life changed substantially following his conversion. Indeed arguments between the villagers and the Squire led to the gate between the Hall and St Andrews church being locked!.

How many windows does the Roman Catholic church have on the wall that is immediately next to the road?

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Continuing up the High Street, you'll come to The Elwes Arms pub on your left. This again picks up on the importance of the Elwes family in Great Billing. They even have their own pub named after them!

But according to the pub sign, what type of inn is it?

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