

The Dunster Benefice

Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe, Withycombe
with Rodhuish and Wootton Courtenay



Newsletter

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Prayer for those who are ill

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Readings

Acts 2:42-end
John 10:1-10

If you do not have a Bible to hand you can find the readings on this website:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/?version=nrsv>

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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0330 229 1700
8am-11pm
7 days a week

The Listening Chaplaincy

is a service from the Faith Communities Major Emergencies Team for Avon and Somerset. For more information from the Diocese of Bath and Wells on this service please click [here](#).



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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The Daily Hope Phone Line has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind and is available 24 hours a day. For more information on **Daily Hope** from the Church of England please click [here](#).

If you know of anyone who has no internet access and may like to use either of these phone lines please share the information with them by phone.

Rector's Note

The reading from Luke for last week was the classic encounter of two disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They did not recognise him and when he asked what they were talking about, they stood still their faces downcast and explained it all. We might imagine we are walking on our daily exercise, safely distancing, when we are joined by a stranger who asks us the same question. What might we say? What would be the first thing we would come out with?

I will leave you to read Jesus' response for yourselves. To paraphrase, he said that things were changing. It was going to be different from now on. Life would have a change of focus.

When the disciples reached their destination, they invited Jesus into their home. When he broke the bread at the meal, they saw their guest for who he was.

I don't expect everything changed for those disciples on the spot. But they were sufficiently joyous to run all the way back to Jerusalem and say what had happened.

When our restrictions on life ease, perhaps we might indeed hope that some of the things we value more than we knew we did, will stay. There is unexpected joy ahead. We must look out for it.

Caroline
