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



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BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 28th June, 8.10am



Looking to the future hopefully with John Bell of the Iona Community. To listen via the BBC website later click [here](#).

Sunday 28th June (Third after Trinity)

Readings

Romans 6:12-end & Matthew 10:40-end

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

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

Collect

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Re-opening of Wells Cathedral

A short video of the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells and the Dean of Wells, the Very Reverend Dr John Davies, entering the cathedral and meeting members of the Cathedral Chapter to pray for those affected by the virus, and for the needs of the world at this time. To view on the cathedral website click [here](#).

Rector's Note

We intend to begin services in the churches in the benefice on Sunday 5th July as follows:

St John the Baptist Carhampton – 9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas Withycombe – 9.30am Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's Rodhuish – no service until 12th July

St Petrock's Timberscombe – no service, still completing building works

St George's Dunster – 11am Holy Communion

All Saints Wootton Courtenay – 11am (note change of time) Holy Communion

Unfortunately, we will not be able to sing hymns, but we are hoping to have organists to play at the beginning and end. We cannot provide refreshments at present and if possible, you should provide yourself with a face mask. There will be hand sanitiser. We will invite you to sit where you please, but at least one metre from your neighbours.

We will give you a service book and hymn book (all COVID free at present) to take away and be used week to week by you only.

The collection will be at the door. Holy communion will be in one kind only and you will have to queue 1m apart to receive standing (not at the altar rail).

If you wish to attend, you are most welcome. We think we will be able to accommodate everyone safely, but if not, please be understanding if we have to turn you away.

The 29th June is the feast of Peter and Paul, always special to clergy because ordinations take place at Petertide. This year, things are very different, they are added to the long list of things not being "normal".

We are talking a lot about things going back to "Normal" and "normalising" even though that is not what is going to happen. There is a real fear that what we used to take for granted has gone for ever, which is not the case. Cricket will return to the village greens. Nail bars will re-open. There will be a time when the taped squares will go and the restaurants will be the noisy, cramped spaces we used to complain about. Perhaps we have emerged, if not from hibernation, like Peter from the despair and misery of Easter Saturday, that inbetween place, to see what God has in store for us. It will be different, it might be extraordinary.

Caroline
