

# The Dunster Benefice

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## Newsletter

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### Prayers

We would love to include some prayers **written by you** in our newsletters. If you would like to send us a prayer for inclusion please email it to Tracey at [dunsterbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:dunsterbenefice@gmail.com).

**Bath Abbey** is offering daily and weekly worship online including *Anthem for the Day*. Click [here](#) to go to the page on their website.

### Sunday 7th June (Trinity Sunday) Readings

**2 Corinthians 13:11-end**  
**Matthew 28:16-20**

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

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

### Collect

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of  
your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery  
of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

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### An Act of Commemoration from Somerset NHS Chaplains

This video takes you through an Act of Commemoration remembering all who have died or been bereaved in Somerset during the current pandemic. It is based on the four elements of fire, air, earth and water and lasts just over 10 minutes. If you have an electric, or real candle, a shawl, blanket or coat, a flower (paper or real), or a pot plant and a container of water you can pour from; you will be able to use them during this commemoration. To watch on YouTube click [here](#).

### Rector's Note

#### MATTHEW 28:16-20

The gospel reading is not one that I can always manage. Going out and making disciples of all nations seems a big ask, when I cannot even reach everyone in the six villages of the benefice. On the other hand, I am reminded by friends that “should” and “ought” are really quite big words and sometimes cannot be managed either. This is a great comfort when I look at my garden. Still full of teasels and nettles, despite onslaughts of weeding. While I know they are good for the birds, I am tired of being stung and stabbed.

The account says “when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.” I wonder what happened to the doubters? Did they fall away? Were their doubts answered? Jesus reminds us elsewhere in the gospel that those who have seen are blessed, but those who believe and have not seen are even more blessed. I think that we show we are disciples by loving others and in the way we live. In our present times that might mean sticking to guidelines and being patient about churches re-opening. Unfortunately, I don't often manage that either.

Jesus never asked for perfection, he simply said, “follow me”. In the same way that we come out of lockdown, by taking baby steps, we can follow by taking baby steps. Each one a little further into new life and new opportunities. We can look back and see how far we have come.

Caroline

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