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



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RSCM Sunday Self Service

The Royal School of Church Music's Sunday Self Services will be ending on Sunday 5th July with a Service of Consolation and Hope.



To listen to the service and download a service sheet click [here](#) to visit their website.

Sunday 5th July (Fourth after Trinity)

Readings

Romans 7:15-25a & Matthew 11:16-19, 25-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

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Anniversary of the NHS

- Prayers and readings can be found on the Diocese of Bath and Wells website. Click [here](#) to view.
- **Celebrating Florence Nightingale and the NHS.** Songs of Praise on BBC One, Sunday 5th July, 1.15pm.



Rector's Note

A slight revision to the list of services published last week:

Sunday 5th July

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 – open for private prayer on Sundays, but there will be no services for the time being.

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

Most churches will be open for private prayer on a Sunday or some other day of the week, please keep an eye on the notice boards.

Matthew 11: 25-28

In our gospel reading this week, Jesus identifies himself with Wisdom, and earlier in the chapter also takes it to himself to represent in himself the law in the Torah. God is revealed in the Bible and Jesus, as we know from John, is the *logos*, the word, that comes from God, in the flesh. So when Jesus talks about no-one knowing the Son except the Father and no-one knowing the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him, he is talking about the intimate relationship not only between the Father and the Son, but also between those who believe and God. It is within this framework that we can look again at the burden we carry when we come to God. The physical burdens of life, what brings us down, are healed in the presence of Jesus and the Father. The knowledge that we gain in the identification of ourselves with him is, in comparison, light and an easy burden to bear. It gives rest.

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