

The Dunster Benefice
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay
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Songs of Praise, BBC 2, 1.15pm This week *'Faith and Fatherhood'*. Aled Jones meets inspirational fathers who are trying to show their paternal love to their children, whatever it takes.

Summer Healing Forum—advance notice: 7th July, 7.30-9pm on Zoom, **booking required.** This is the third in a series but attendance at previous sessions is not required. This session will have a special guest, Revd Dr Gillian Straine, Chief Executive Officer, Guild of Health. For more information and to book a place click [here](#) to go to the diocesan website page. **Faith and Football:** The Church of England's website has an interview with Matt Baker, Sports Chaplaincy UK National Director for England & Pastoral Support Director in English Football. To read the interview click [here](#).

Sunday 20th June (Third After Trinity)
Readings & 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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2 Corinthians 6.1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4.35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

***This Sunday there will be Holy Communion services at
Carhampton (CW) and Withycombe (CW) at 9.30am and at
Timberscombe (CW) and Wootton Courtenay (BCP) at 11am.
Code: CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer
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.***

Rector's Note

The question I am asked most often at present about church life is: *can we sing?* I feel like a killjoy stating what has been the CofE policy for some months. Only a choir can sing unless we are outside. But an amateur choir can perform or rehearse under the rules provided all the safe distancing etc is observed, which means 2metres from each other and the congregation. So, things more or less continue for the time being. I don't think we will be returning any time soon to a communal chalice and I hope the church is looking at ways of making it easier to intinct (put a drop or small amount of wine on a wafer). People may have noticed that the damp wafers tend to stick together and it's not really feasible for more than about twenty, but we are managing so far.

I don't know how much difference will really be made when the restrictions lift again. People are quite tired and apart from the problems over summer holidays, it may all feel just the same. The uncertainty and anxiety is taking its toll on people, but this is to be expected and will pass.

Tough though it might be, this is a time for being thankful in all circumstances, as the Apostle Paul puts it. We don't have to be thankful *for* all circumstances.

Caroline

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