

**The Dunster Benefice**  
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**Sunday 25th July (Eighth After Trinity)**  
**Readings & Collect**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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**New Bishop Questionnaire**

This is your chance to give your views about your hopes for a new bishop. The questionnaire may be completed online or downloaded and printed to complete and return to the Diocese of Bath and Wells. You may also request a copy to be sent to you by calling 01749 670777. For more information and links to the questionnaire on the Diocese of Bath and Wells website click [here](#).

*God of love,  
lead us through this time of vacancy.  
Guide all those involved in the  
appointment process.  
Give us all ears to listen,  
eyes to see,  
hearts to pray and minds to think,  
placing the needs of others before  
ourselves,  
always seeking your will and your  
kingdom.  
Amen.*

**Ephesians 3.14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

**John 6.1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

***This Sunday there will be Holy Communion services at Carhampton (CW) and Wootton Courtenay (BCP) at 9.30am and Morning Prayer at Dunster (CW) and Timberscombe (CW) 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.***

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