

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 27th August 2021**



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**Skydive** On 11th September this year Churchwarden, Marion Jeffrey, is to do a sponsored Skydive in aid of St Petrock's Church, Timberscombe, and Somerset Churches Trust. To sponsor Marion click [here](#) to go to her Virgin Money Giving page or sign the sponsorship sheet in Timberscombe Post Office. For more information on Somerset Churches Trust click [here](#) to go to their website.

**BENEFICE TEA**

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

**If you would like to come to the Benefice Tea please tell your churchwarden or email Tracey on [dunsterbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:dunsterbenefice@gmail.com) by 5pm on Monday 30th August. If we do not get enough people signed up we will have to cancel.**

**BRING AND SHARE  
BENEFICE TEA**

**(cake and scones)**

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**3.30-5pm**

**DUNSTER TITHE BARN**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Sunday 29th August (Thirteenth after Trinity)**

**Readings & Collect**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us;  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Song of Solomon 2. 8-13**

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.  
My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.  
My beloved speaks and says to  
me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtle-dove  
is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

**Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

***This Sunday there will be a***

***Benefice Holy Communion (Common Worship) Service at Carhampton at 11am.***

***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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