

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 10th September 2021**



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**Statement on Climate Change**

Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Archbishop of Canterbury join together for the first time in an urgent appeal for the future of the planet. To read the statement on the Archbishop of Canterbury's website click [here](#).



**Online Public Meeting About Our New Bishop**

As part of the process to identify the next Bishop of Bath & Wells, the diocese will be holding a public meeting and webinar on Zoom on Monday 20th September at 7pm. For more information and to register for the Zoom link, click [here](#) to go to the diocesan website.

Anyone who cannot be present but would like their views to be fed in to the Archbishops' Appointments & Vocations Adviser and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary should email [brad.cook@churchofengland.org](mailto:brad.cook@churchofengland.org) by 23rd September.

**Skydive** A reminder that churchwarden, Marion Jeffrey is doing her sponsored skydive in aid of St Petrock's Church, Timberscombe, and Somerset Churches Trust **tomorrow**. To sponsor Marion click [here](#) to go to her Virgin Money Giving page or sign the sponsorship sheet in Timberscombe Post Office.

**Sunday 12th September (Fifteenth after Trinity)**

**Readings & Collect**

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Psalm 19.1-6**

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

**Mark 8.27-end**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**This Sunday there will be Common Worship Holy Communion services at  
Carhampton at 9.30am and at Dunster and Timberscombe at 11am.**

**There will be a Songs of Praise service at Wootton Courtenay at 11am and  
a short service followed by lunch at Rodhuish at 12 noon.**

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