

The Dunster Benefice
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Advent Carol Services

Sunday 28th November

3pm, St John's College, Cambridge:

Live on BBC Radio 3. Click [here](#) for the Order of Service on the BBC's website.

5.30pm, Merton College, Oxford:

Live-stream on YouTube, Click [here](#) for the Order of Service and [here](#) for the YouTube link.

5.30pm, York Minster:

Live-stream on YouTube, Click [here](#) for the YouTube link. This service includes the world premiere of the winning entry from the Grand Organ Composers' Competition (19 and over category) to celebrate the completion of the instrument's once-in-a-century refurbishment.

Musical Advent Calendar

Online performances from the **Choir of Exeter Cathedral** to countdown to Christmas. Every day from 1st December. Click [here](#) to go to the calendar on the Cathedral's website.

Sunday 28th November (First of Advent)

Readings & Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Common Worship Collect taken from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England © The Archbishops' Council 2000

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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