

The Dunster Benefice
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay
Newsletter 17th December 2021



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FACE COVERINGS

Please remember that face coverings are now mandatory in places of worship unless you are exempt. Thank you.

Kenneth's Sabbatical Story Revd Kenneth Cross, Vicar of Alcombe, has made a short film about his sabbatical journey to the Hebrides. To watch on YouTube click [here](#).



Sunday 19th December (Fourth of Advent)

Readings & Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Luke 1.39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be a Common Worship Holy Communion service at Carhampton at 9.30am.

There will also be Carol Services at Withycombe at 9.30am,

Timberscombe at 3pm and Wootton Courtenay at 6pm.

On Tuesday, 21st, there will be a Carol Service at Carhampton at 7pm.

Christmas Eve & Day Services

Christmas Eve

Outdoor Crib Service Timberscombe 3pm

Christmas Mass Wootton Courtenay 10pm

Midnight Mass Dunster 11.30pm

Christmas Day Mass

Carhampton 10am

Timberscombe 10am

Rodhuish 11am

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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