

The Dunster Benefice
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay
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Advent Offerings from the Church of England Online:

1. **An Advent Calendar** which may be found by clicking [here](#). It appears to have a reading and activity for each day.
2. **Baking with Martha Collison** Martha was a contestant on the Great British Bake Off and works with charities to prevent human trafficking. To read more about her work on her website click [here](#). To see the film she has made with the C of E, teaching children to make **stained glass gingerbread baubles**, and to view the recipe, click [here](#).
3. Online **Christingle Service**. Available from **9am on 5th December** on the C of E website and YouTube Channel. To watch on YouTube click [here](#).
4. **Heart of Christmas App** Reflections and activities via the app which you may download from the C of E website by clicking [here](#).

Sunday 5th December (Second of Advent)

Readings & Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

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Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

SERVICES THIS WEEK

***This Sunday there will be services at Carhampton (CFW),
Withycombe (HC, CW) and Wootton Courtenay (HC, CW) at 9.30am
Dunster (HC, CW) and Timberscombe (HC, CW) at 11am and
a Carol Service at Rodhuish at 6pm.***

***Code: HC = Holy Communion CFW = Church Family Worship
CW = Common Worship***

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