

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February (Third before Lent)**  
**Readings & Collect**

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are  
transformed into the image of Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

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**1 Corinthians 15. 12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**Luke 6. 17-26**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

**Racial Justice Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**

*A Prayer from the Church of England:*

God of freedom, we pray for our nation,  
and all the nations of the world:  
for peace and unity across barriers of  
language, colour, and creed, and for  
elected and appointed leaders, that they  
would work to free the oppressed and  
serve the common good. Inspire all  
people to speak out against hatred and  
actively to resist evil. Unite the human  
family in bonds of love. Amen.

The theme for this week's BBC Radio 4  
Sunday Worship programme (8.10am) is  
***Racial Justice Is Everyone's Business.***

A date for your diaries:

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** is the **World Day of Prayer**. Our local service will be at St Andrew's, Wellington Square, Minehead at 3pm. All welcome. This year the service has been prepared by Christian women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

***This Sunday there will be services at***  
***Carhampton (HC, CW), and Rodhuish (MP, CW) at 9.30am and***  
***Dunster (HC, CW), Timberscombe (HC, BCP, said)***  
***and Wootton Courtenay (SoP) at 11am***

***Code: HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer***  
***CW = Common Worship SoP = Songs of Praise***

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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