

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
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**LIVE  
LENT  
Embracing  
JUSTICE**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** is the **World Day of Prayer**. Our local service is 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. For more information on the World Day of Prayer click [here](#) to go to their website.

**Live Lent: Embracing Justice** is the Church of England's theme for Lent this year. If you would like a copy of the booklet please contact the Revd Caroline Ralph (csralph249@gmail.com or 01643 821812). For each day of Lent, this booklet for adults offers a daily Bible reading, a short reflection and a prayer, as well as a practical challenge. Each week follows a different thread through the many stories of justice in the Bible to explore how God works with humanity to bring justice, wholeness and salvation to all.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February (Next before Lent)**

**Readings & Collect**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**2 Corinthians 3.12—4.2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

**Luke 9. 28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

***This Sunday there will be services at***

***Carhampton (HC, CW) and Wootton Courtenay (HC, BCP, said) at 9.30am  
& Dunster (MP, CW) and Timberscombe (MP, CW) at 11am.***

***Code: HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer  
BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship***

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