

The Dunster Benefice
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay
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A Prayer for Ukraine written by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down
of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for
tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw
near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or
peace,
for wisdom, discernment and
compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious
children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.
Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Mothering Sunday is the theme for BBC
Songs of Praise this week featuring
mothers across generations. (BBC One,
Sunday, 1.15pm). BBC Radio 4's
Sunday Worship (8.10am) also marks
Mothering Sunday and continues its
Lent Series: *A Passion for Hospitality*.
Lent resources for individuals and groups
complementing Radio 4's Sunday Worship
and Daily Service are available on the
Sunday Worship website by clicking [here](#).

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday from the Church of England

Loving God,
Thank you for mums and children
and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because
they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling
because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad because
they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home,
And help your church to have eyes to
see and ears to hear the needs of all
who come.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.



Sunday 27th March (Mothering Sunday)

Readings & Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Psalms 34.11-20

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?
Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.
He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.

Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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