

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 13th May 2022**



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**Benefice Prayer Meeting**

Everyone is welcome to the Benefice Prayer Meeting with coffee, at **10am on Wednesday 18th May** at St George's, Dunster.



**The New Bishop of Bath and Wells**

will be The Rt Revd Michael Beasley. He is currently the Bishop of Hertford. Prior to taking a fulltime role with the church, Bishop Michael was an epidemiologist, a background he was called on to use as a member of the Church of England's Covid task force. His wife Lizzie is from a farming family from Somerset and prior to Bishop Michael being interviewed for the role of Bishop of Bath and Wells, they both undertook a 60 mile walk around the county. To see Bishop Michael's video message and read a full biography click [here](#) to go to the Bath & Wells website.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May (Fifth of Easter)**  
**Readings & Collect**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Acts 11. 1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

**Psalms 148. 1-6**

Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!  
Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!  
Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.  
He established them for ever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

***This Sunday there will be Common Worship Holy Communion services  
at  
Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (HC, CW) at 9.30am  
&  
Timberscombe (HC, CW) at 11am.  
Please note that services at Withycombe and Wootton Courtenay have  
been cancelled this week.***

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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