The Dunster Benefice

Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe, Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay

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The West Somerset Food Cupboard now has a website. To read about the development of a **Local Pantry** which is a membership scheme that enables local people to access fresh, chilled and non-perishable supermarket surplus food and other produce at very low cost and for other news, click here to go to the website.

Rogation Service

This Sunday (8th May) at 3pm there will be a Rogation Service with Bishop Ruth at Cutcombe Market, Wheddon Cross. All welcome.

Cathedrals at Night

This is a nationwide campaign inviting everyone to experience the historic and sacred spaces of cathedrals in a new light.

On Saturday 14 May between 6.30pm and 8.30pm Exeter Cathedral has free entry. Amongst other things, the evening will include family activities, entertaining special tours, and a chance to see ancient books and artefacts from the Cathedral's Library & Archives. To go to Exeter Cathedral's website click here.

Sunday 8th May (Fourth of Easter) Readings & Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Acts 9. 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be services at

Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (HC, CW) and Rodhuish (MP, CW), at 9.30am

Dunster (HC, CW), Timberscombe (HC, BCP, said) and Wootton Courtenay (SoP) at 11am

Code: HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer

CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer SoP = Songs of Praise

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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