

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 6th January 2023**



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**Diocesan Everyday Faith Event 2023**

**Everyone, Everywhere Growing in Faith  
29<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

There will be an online launch service on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm and in person Archdeacons Gatherings on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Our Archdeacons Gathering will be at Taunton Academy: 10:00 to 11:30 (arrival and refreshments from 09:30).

For more information and to sign up for these events along with daily video content and resources on the Diocese of Bath and Wells website click [here](#).



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January (The Baptism of Christ) Readings & Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

**Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Matthew 3.13-end**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

**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

*Common Worship Collect taken from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*

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