

The Dunster Benefice
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
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Part-time Job Opportunity as Operations Assistant at the **West Somerset Food Cupboard**. Minimum 6 hours per. week. The purpose of this post is to support and liaise with the Food Cupboard Manager and the Board of Trustees in implementing the objects of the WSFC, which is committed to providing emergency food for those in need without prejudice, and to developing and promoting projects and activities that promote food resilience with kindness and compassion. Click [here](#) for more information on the WSFC website. Closing date for applications 7th March, interviews 15th March.

Fairtrade Fortnight begins on Monday 27th February. This year, the Fairtrade Foundation is encouraging us to join them in spreading a simple message:
making the small switch to Fairtrade supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.

For more information on the Fairtrade Foundation's website click [here](#).

Readings & Collect
Sunday 26th February (First of Lent)

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' 'Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' 'Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be services at
Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (HC, CW) at 9.30am
&

Dunster (MP, CW), Timberscombe (MP, CW) and
Wootton Courtenay (HC, CW, said) at 11am.

All Services will have Imposition of Ashes

Code: HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer

CW = Common Worship

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

Associate Priest: Revd Nicola Butt

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