

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 3rd February 2023**



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**West Somerset Food Cupboard**

WSFC is running low on the following items:

tinned potatoes, tinned sweetcorn, tinned carrots, tinned tomatoes, tinned cold meat, jars of pasta sauce, savoury biscuits, squash or juice & UHT milk.

If you are able to provide any of these items they would really appreciate it. Their latest newsletter is available on their website by clicking [here](#).



**Readings & Collect**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February (Third before Lent)**

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**1 Corinthians Chapter 2**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

**Matthew 5.13-20**

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**This Sunday there will be services at**  
**Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (CFW), Withycombe (HC, CW) and**  
**Wootton Courtenay (HC, CW, said) at 9.30am**

**&**

**Dunster (HC, CW) and Timberscombe (HC, CW) at 11am.**

**Code: CW = Common Worship**

**CFW = Church Family Worship HC = Holy Communion**

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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