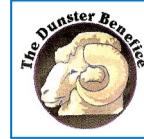


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Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay

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Readings & Collect
Sunday 19th March (Mothering Sunday)

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mothering Sunday at Wootton Courtenay

The Revd Nicola Butt will be making posies in Wootton Courtenay Church on **Saturday 18th March** to hand out at the Mothering Sunday service. Please come and help her at **11am**. All help appreciated, and any greenery! The service at All Saints' Church at **11am on Sunday 19th March** will be a special service for Mothering Sunday. It will be a service of morning prayer and will include poetry and prose honouring all mothers.



Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be services at

Carhampton (HC, CW) and Withycombe (HC, CW) at 9.30am

&

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

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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