

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 12th May 2023**



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**Benefice Prayer Meeting** If you would like to pray for the future of our world and our churches, this month's meeting is at St George's, Dunster, on **Wednesday 17th May**, 10am with coffee. All welcome.

**Coffee Morning Friday 19th May**, 10am - 12.30pm, St George's, Dunster. Tea, coffee, homemade cakes, sausage rolls, cake stall, handmade cards, book stall. In aid of Church Fabric Fund. Everyone welcome.

**Bell Sunday** will be celebrated at Timberscombe **this Sunday 14th May**.

All welcome to the 11am service at St Petrock's with readings, hand bells and a history of the bells at Timberscombe.



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**Readings & Collect Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**  
Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Acts 17.22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

**John 14.15-21**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

**Exodus 28:31-35 (Timberscombe only)**

You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. It shall have an opening for the head in the middle of it, with a woven binding round the opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it may not be torn. On its lower hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, all round the lower hem, with bells of gold between them all round— a golden bell and a pomegranate alternating all round the lower hem of the robe. Aaron shall wear it when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the holy place before the Lord, and when he comes out, so that he may not die.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

This Sunday there will be services at  
Carhampton (HC, CW) and Rodhuish (MP, CW) at 9.30am

&

Dunster (HC, CW), Timberscombe (MP celebrating Bell Sunday) and  
Wootton Courtenay (HC, BCP) at 11am

**Code: HC=Holy Communion MP=Morning Prayer CW=Common Worship**  
**BCP = Book of Common Prayer**

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Associate Priest: Revd Nicola Butt

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