## **The Dunster Benefice**

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

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**Diocesan Week of Prayer for Children and Young People 2nd-9th July.** For more information and to download the Prayer Guide from the website click **here**.

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Readings & Collect Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>July (Fourth After Trinity)
Gracious Father,

by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

## Romans 6. 12-end

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Matthew 10. 40-end

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

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

Code: BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

CFW = Church Family Worship HC = Holy Communion

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Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson
Associate Priest: Revd Nicola Buff

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