

The Dunster Benefice
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
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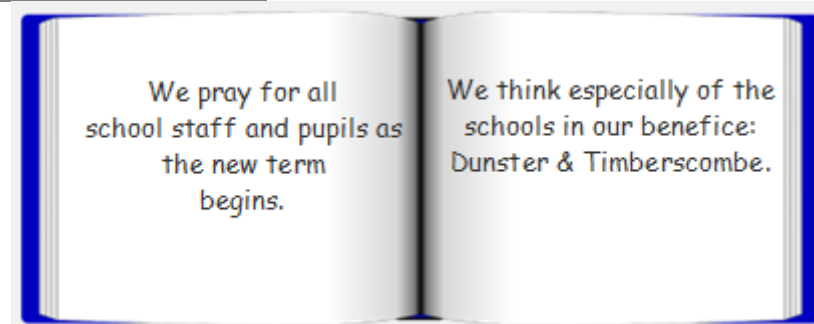
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Pet Service

Calling all pet owners!

There will be a pet service at **St Andrew's, Old Cleeve**, on **Sunday 17th September at 11am**.

A time to give thanks to God for all things, big and small, two legs or four!



Readings & Collect

Sunday 3rd September (Thirteenth After Trinity)

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Romans 12. 9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16. 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

&

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

Code: HC = Holy Communion CFW = Church Family Worship

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

Associate Priest: Revd Nicola Butt

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