

GRABBIST HILL BENEFICE BULLETIN

Alcombe

Dunster

June 2026 Timberscombe Wootton Courtenay

St Michael the Archangel, Alcombe

Chance Encounters 3.30 - 6.15 June 21st
Board games and tea
Souper Thursday June 11 and 25 -
Soup following the Thursday Eucharist
Evensong on 1st and 4th Sundays in June,
July and August
Cream tea & Quiz 3 pm Sat June 20

St Petrock's Timberscombe

Warm Welcome - Timberscombe
Every Thursday in term time 10am - 12 noon
Hot drinks & refreshment.
5 pm Thursday June 4th. **Patronal Evensong** with
refreshments
12 noon-4pm Sat 13th June **Barbecue**

All Saints Wootton Courtenay

Thanks to the generosity of Ingrid & Nigel
Poplewell, 'The Manor House' **Garden** in
Wootton Courtenay (next to the church) will be
open for tea, cake and a look round on **2nd
June from 3pm.**
Donations for All Saints' Church Roof Fund.

St George's Dunster

Coffee Morning Friday 19 June
10 am - 12 noon Tea, coffee, sweet &
savory treats & raffle
BCP Choral Evensong 4.30 pm Sunday
14th June

Service Leaders	Date:	7th	14th	21st	28th	NOTES
KC=Rector	Sunday	TRINITY 1	TRINITY 2	TRINITY 3	TRINITY 4	
Revd Kenneth Cross						
	Liturgic	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	
NB=Revd Nicola	Colour:					
Butcher	Reading	<i>Please check readings with the service leader</i>				
NMB=Revd Nicola	0930	WOOTTON COURTENAY				
		HC (BCP) said NMB				
LC=Revd Lore	1000	ALCOMBE	ALCOMBE	ALCOMBE	ALCOMBE	
Chumbley		All-Age HC (CW) NB	HC (CW) NB	HC (CW) KC	HC (CW) NB	
	1100	DUNSTER	TIMBERSCOMBE	DUNSTER	DUNSTER	
EC=The Venerable		HC (CW) KC	HC (BCP) KC	HC (CW) NB	MP (CW) LC	
Elwin Cockett		TIMBERSCOMBE	WOOTTON COURTE	TIMBERSCOMBE	TIMBERSCOMBE	
		Morning Prayer with Bag	HC (BCP) NMB	HC (CW) NMB	HC (CW) EC	
					WOOTTON COURTENAY	
					HC (CW) KC	
	1530			ALCOMBE		
			DUNSTER 4.30 Evensong	Chance Encounters Local		
Local= arranged by	1700	ALCOMBE			ALCOMBE	
		Evensong Local			Evensong Local	
	1800			WOOTTON COURTENAY		
				Evensong NMB		

OTHER EVENTS

Thursday 4th Jun	5pm	TIMBERSCOMBE	Patronal Evensong		
Thursday 4th Jun	7pm	DUNSTER	Archdeacon's Deanery Visitation		
Every Wednesday	9am	ALCOMBE	Eucharist		
Every Thursday	10am	TIMBERSCOMBE	Warm Welcome		
Every Thursday	11am	ALCOMBE	Eucharist		

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

View from Grabbist, Personal Developments, May 2026

It is an utter privilege to share the journey with you as incumbent in this benefice as we seek to follow the ways of Christ, a mutually enriching and beautiful thing. I share this ministry with my valued colleagues and friends, Nicola Butcher and Nicola Butt, and they have become such a vital part of our life and ministry.

However, for reasons of my own health, our wanting to offer more care ourselves to Sarah-Jane's mum, Dot, and a sense that we are being led into a new chapter, I have taken the decision that it is time for me to step back from parish ministry. The aim is to relocate with Dot to the south west of Scotland, nearer our grandchildren - her only great grandchildren. While caring for Dot, we will also seek to discover together what else God may have for us to embrace.

We have yet to confirm all the details, but I will give my formal three months notice as Vicar timed for me to leave Grabbist Hill Benefice in the autumn. We are excited about this move, while not being unaware of the challenges - it is a whole new beginning in our lives together! But we are also sad because it is a huge thing to say goodbye to you all.

I am giving as much informal notice as possible to maximise the time available to the benefice and diocese to prayerfully look to the future. Your prayers and support will be hugely appreciated, not just for us as we move, but for one another and for all in our Grabbist Hill Benefice.

It remains for me to say that I look forward to continuing to serve among you for the next little while and thank you for your unstinting support and prayers both recently and throughout our time here.

May God bless us and lead us all as we seek to serve Christ in love, joy and peace.



WHO'S WHO

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