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Sunday 30th August (Twelfth after Trinity)
Readings & Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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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 on Sunday 30th August

St John the Baptist Carhampton – 9.30am Holy Communion

St Petrock Timberscombe – 11am Morning Prayer

All Saints Wootton Courtenay – 11am Holy Communion

St George's Dunster – open for private prayer

Most churches will be open for private prayer on a Sunday or some other day of the week, please keep an eye on the notice boards.

Rector's Note

The rain it raineth every day, loude sing Cuccu. I think I am misquoting and the cuckoos are long gone. Pity the poor holiday makers.

Reasons to be cheerful: I am spared from watering the pots and the (newly planted) leeks, although I fear the latter will be washed away. I continue in my attempts to murder the tomatoes, which are in the greenhouse and actually would probably do better outside but the hibiscus has turned from a woody stump into a proper plant with flowers.

More reasons to be cheerful: So far, there has been no second wave or spike in COVID19. Keep on with those prayers.

And another: children are going back to school and choirs can sing!

The latest thing is to treat mental health like physical health and do workouts. This is probably a good thing. In fact, having faith on a religion has long been held up as a model for producing positive thoughts, it encourages selflessness, kindness and thinking of others. Prayer is a good thing too. Everyone thinks they are not very good at it, but God always takes the intentions of the heart as what is meant. Persistence works too.

Caroline
