

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 6th August 2021**



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**Collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord celebrated today:**

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was  
wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the  
holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would  
accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice  
and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see  
him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

**New Chaplain**

Steven Wort from Milverton has been commissioned **Chaplain to hedgerows, and those who wander them, and to pilgrims and pilgrimage**. The idea for Steven's new role came about after so many people began walking during lockdown. Steven says there have been similar things undertaken in the past. "Once upon a time, probably the 17th or 18th century, there used to be hedgerow pastors and their function was to go from church to church, they weren't associated with any particular church. Their services were looked on as another service the church could offer. Where there wasn't a building they would preach and offer a service outside." To listen to a radio interview and read more on the diocesan website click [here](#).



**Sunday 8th August (Tenth After Trinity)**

**Readings & Collect**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Ephesians 4. 25 – 5. 2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**John 6. 35, 41-51**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

***This Sunday there will be Common Worship Holy Communion services at Carhampton and Rodhuish at 9.30am and at Dunster and Timberscombe at 11am.***  
***There will be a Songs of Praise service at Wootton Courtenay at 11am.***

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