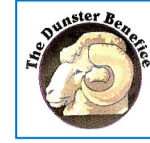


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If anyone fancies a trip to Wells Cathedral the **Festival of the Moon** is taking place from 12th October - 3rd November. The *Museum of the Moon* is a touring artwork by Luke Jerram which will be presented in the cathedral (click [here](#) to see a video about it on YouTube). Other events include a talk by *Helen Sharman* and a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. For more information on the cathedral website click [here](#).



There will be a Benefice **All Soul's Service** at St John's, Carhampton, on Sunday 31st October at 6pm. If you would like the name of a loved one who has died read out at this service please email Tracey by Wednesday 27th October (dunsterbenefice@gmail.com). If you are unable to email please give names to your churchwardens to pass on to Tracey.

Sunday 3rd October (Eighteenth after Trinity)

Readings & Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Job 1.1 & 2.1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the LORD, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' Then Satan answered the LORD, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Mark 10. 2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

**This Sunday there will be a
Benefice Holy Communion (Common Worship) Service at
Timberscombe with Bishop Ruth at 11am
and Harvest Festival at Carhampton at 6pm.**

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.

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