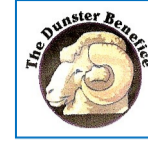


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Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
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Archbishop Justin and the NFU

At the end of November **Archbishop Justin** gave a speech to the **National Farmers Union**. To read the speech on the Archbishop of Canterbury's website click [here](#).



Listen to a **Variety of Carols** on TV and Radio this coming week.

This Sunday, at **8.10am**, **BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship** offers **Jazz Carols** from Cardiff and at **1.15pm**, on **BBC 1**, **Songs of Praise** has **Festive Joy in Lincoln**. On **Monday, BBC 4, 9pm**, **Lucy Worsley's Christmas Carol Odyssey** reveals the history of carols with the help of the Kingdom Choir and Hampton Court Choir.

FACE COVERINGS

From today, we are required to wear face coverings, unless exempt, in places of worship.
For more information on where it is now required for face coverings to be worn, click [here](#) to go to the page on GOV.UK.

Sunday 12th December (Third of Advent)

Readings & Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Philippians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be Holy Communion services at

Carhampton (CW) at 9.30am and at Timberscombe (BCP said) at 11am.

There will also be a Songs of Praise service at

Wootton Courtenay at 11am and a Carol Service at Dunster at 6pm

Code: CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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