

**The Dunster Benefice**  
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,  
Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay  
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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August (Eleventh of Trinity)**  
**Readings & Collect**  
God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking  
your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Psalm 81.1-11**

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.  
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.  
For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.  
He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt.  
I hear a voice I had not known:  
'I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.  
In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of  
thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.  
*Selah*  
Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!  
There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.  
I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.  
'But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

**Luke 14.1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**This Sunday there will be services at**  
**Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (HC, CW) and Wootton Courtenay (HC, BCP, said)**  
**at 9.30am**  
**&**  
**Dunster (MP, CW) and Timberscombe (MP, CW) at 11am.**  
**Code: HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer**  
**BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship**

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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