

The Dunster Benefice
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay
Newsletter 16th September 2022



**In this issue: Her Majesty the Late Queen Elizabeth II
Readings & Collect for Sunday 18th September & Services this Week**

A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen

Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Online Resources

The Archbishop of Canterbury has led a service of Prayer, Remembrance and Hope. Click [here](#) for video or audio versions on the Church of England's website.

Sign the Church of England's online book of condolence by clicking [here](#).
Messages and Reflections from Bishop Michael and Bishop Ruth are available on the diocesan YouTube channel by clicking [here](#).

Sunday 18th September (Fourteenth of Trinity) Readings & Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jeremiah 8.18–9.1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:
'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?'
(‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’)
'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.'
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?
O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Luke 16.1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."
Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be services at

**Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (HC, CW) and Withycombe (HC, CW) at 9.30am &
Timberscombe (HC, CW) and Wootton Courtenay (HC, BCP) at 11am.**

**Code: HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer
BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship**

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Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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