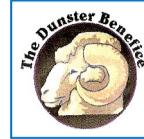


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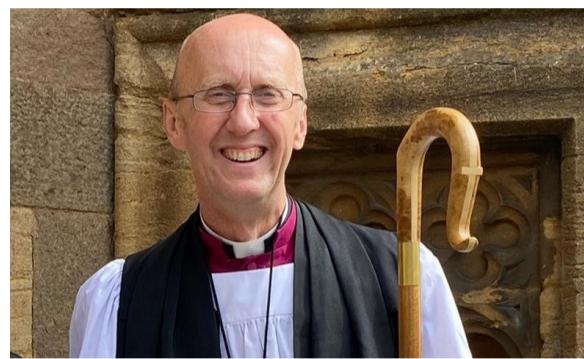
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Sunday 20th November is **Safeguarding Sunday** and we have been invited to use this prayer:

Dear God,  
Help us to be a church that:  
Loves, welcomes, protects.  
Listens, learns, serves.  
Repents, restores, transforms.  
Values, cares, believes.  
God of justice and compassion,  
hear our prayer.  
Help us, heal us, guide us,  
we pray.  
In Jesus name. Amen.

**The Installation of Rt Revd Michael Beasley, the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells** took place at Wells Cathedral on 12<sup>th</sup> November. He travelled from Bath to Wells using various modes of transport on the morning of the service and gave hazel saplings to those attending the Installation. To watch or read Bishop Michael's sermon and to see photos and read about the service and his morning travels click [here](#) to go to the Bath and Wells website.



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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November (Christ the King) Readings & Collect**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. Amen.

**Jeremiah 23.1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

**Luke 23.33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**This Sunday there will be services at**  
**Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (HC, CW) and Withycombe (HC, CW with baptism)**  
**at 9.30am**

**&**

**Timberscombe (HC, CW) and Wootton Courtenay (HC, BCP) at 11am.**

**Code: HC = Holy Communion**

**BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship**

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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