

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



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE DUNSTER BENEFICE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24th December

4pm, Carhampton Village Hall, Crib Service

10pm, Wootton Courtenay, Christmas Mass

11.30pm, Dunster, Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25th December

10am, Carhampton, Christmas Mass

10am, Timberscombe, Christmas Mass

11am, Rodhuish, Christmas Mass



Sunday 18th December (Fourth of Advent)
Readings & Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Matthew 1.18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be services at

Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (HC, CW) and Withycombe (HC, CW) at 9.30am

&

Wootton Courtenay (HC, BCP) at 11am

&

Carols Services at Dunster and Timberscombe at 3pm.

Code: HC = Holy Communion

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

WEEKDAY CAROL SERVICES

Tuesday 20th December 6pm Carhampton Village Hall

We will meet at St John's Church porch at 5.45pm and process to the Village Hall.

Friday 23rd December 6pm Wootton Courtenay

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph 01643 821812

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson 01643 822501

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