

The Dunster Benefice
Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,
Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay
Newsletter 2nd December 2022



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	Sunday 4th December 9.30am, Withycombe-Patronal Festival with Carols Sunday 11th December 6pm, Rodhuish Sunday 18th December 3pm, Dunster 3pm, Timberscombe Tuesday 20th December 6pm, Carhampton Village Hall Friday 23rd December 6pm, Wootton Courtenay

The **West Somerset Food Cupboard** is running low on the following items:
Small jars of coffee • Hot chocolate • Small bottles of squash • Savoury biscuits •
Crisps • Rice • Tinned cold meat. *All donations gratefully received, thank you.*

Sunday 4th December (Second of Advent)
Readings & Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen.



Isaiah 11.1-10

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be services at
Carhampton VILLAGE HALL (CFW),
Withycombe (Patronal Festival with Carols) and
Wootton Courtenay (HC, CW, said) at 9.30am
&
Dunster (HC, CW) and Timberscombe (HC, CW) at 11am.
Code: CW = Common Worship
CFW = Church Family Worship HC = Holy Communion

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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