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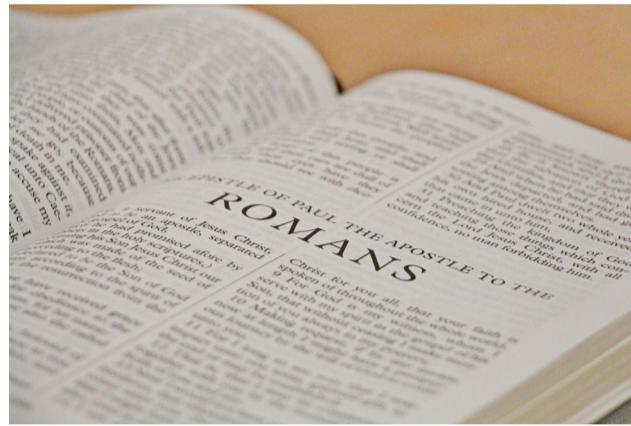
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
(Third of Epiphany)**

**Readings & Collect**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed  
good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the  
oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy  
Spirit and set all your  
people free to praise you  
in Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Dwelling in the Word**

Dwelling in the Word is a simple way of listening to God through scripture and each other. The Diocese of Bath and Wells is running sessions on the third Monday of each month on Zoom. You don't need any qualifications, just a willingness to listen. This year's passage is Romans 12: 6-16a. For more information and to register for the Zoom link, click [here](#) to go to the diocesan website.



**1 Corinthians 1.10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Matthew 4.12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**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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