

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 17th February 2023**



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**Lent Course** at St Michael the Archangel, Alcombe, 6-7pm, Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March. Counter-intuitive ways to live in challenging times. A Lent Course consisting of 5 one hour long periods of reflections, prayer and practice. All welcome, no need to sign up. For more information, contact: [angelinalcombe@gmail.com](mailto:angelinalcombe@gmail.com) 01643 709491 or 07708 925800



**Readings & Collect**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February (Next before Lent)**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**2 Peter 1.16-end**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**Matthew 17.1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

**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*

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

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

Associate Priest: Revd Nicola Butt

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