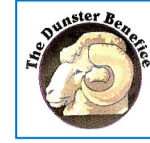


**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
Newsletter 7th April 2023



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**Good Friday**

**In the Dunster Benefice:**  
**Timberscombe 9.30am**

Short Meditation followed by breakfast

**Carhampton 10.30am**

Easter Garden followed by hot cross buns

**Dunster 2pm**

The Last Hour, Good Friday reflection

**BBC Radio 4 live at 3 pm or later on BBC Sounds**

Rev Lore Chumbley, Priest in charge Christ Church, Bath, will be doing the Good Friday reflection, The Wounded Surgeon. Lore who was a hand surgeon before her ordination to the priesthood, will talk about the imagery of God's hand in the Bible. She talks with Dave Bell, a hand surgeon and former colleague, about the appeal of working with the hand, and the creative and saving hands of God.

**Readings & Collect Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Day)**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Matthew 28.1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**This Sunday there will be Easter Communion services at  
Carhampton and Rodhuish at 9.30am**

**&**

**Dunster, Timberscombe and Wootton Courtenay at 11am.**

**HAPPY EASTER**

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

Associate Priest: Revd Nicola Butt

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