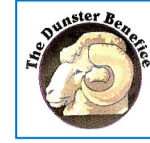


**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 5th May 2023**



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**West Somerset Food Cupboard**

Treasurer Trustee needed. For more information on this voluntary role click [here](#) to go to the WSFC website.

WSFC continues to seek new surplus food sources for the Tuesday Pantry. If you grow your own veg, or your hens lay any extra eggs that you don't need, they'd love to hear from you on 07795 080637, via the website contact page by clicking [here](#) or by email [info@wsfoodcupboard.org.uk](mailto:info@wsfoodcupboard.org.uk)

**Coronation News**

On the Church of England's website you may now download the Authorised Coronation Liturgy which will be used at Westminster Abbey on Saturday for the Coronation of King Charles III. A version with Commentary commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, which explains the Christian meaning and symbolism of the key elements of the service is also available. Alternatively, you can read in plain text on the webpage. Click [here](#) to access all of the above.



**Readings & Collect Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Fifth Sunday of Easter)**

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**Acts 7.55-end**

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

**John 14.1-14**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**This Sunday there will be services at  
Dunster (HC, CW), Timberscombe (HC, CW)  
and Wootton Courtenay (CSoP) at 11am  
Code: HC = Holy Communion CW = Common Worship  
CSoP = Coronation Songs of Praise**

**Carhampton, Rodhuish and Withycombe will be joining the congregation at  
Leighland for a joint Songs of Praise at 10.30am.**

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

Associate Priest: Revd Nicola Butt

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