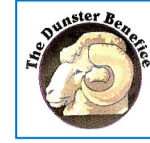


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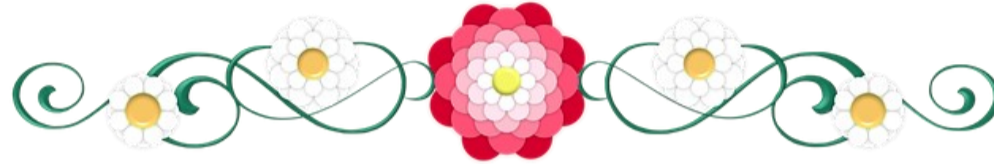


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Goodbye to the Austins

There will be a chance to say goodbye to Revd Sue and Ralph Austin after this Sunday's 9.30am service at St John's, Carhampton over coffee and cake. We wish them both well.



Readings & Collect Sunday 9th July (Fifth After Trinity)

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-end

'But to what will I compare this generation?

It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This Sunday there will be services at

Carhampton (HC, CW) and Rodhuish (MP, CW) at 9.30am

&

Dunster (HC, CW) and Timberscombe (HC, BCP) at 11am

&

Evensong at Wootton Courtenay at 6pm.

Code: HC=Holy Communion MP=Morning Prayer

CW=Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

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