

**The Dunster Benefice**  
**Carhampton, Dunster, Timberscombe,**  
**Withycombe with Rodhuish, Wootton Courtenay**  
**Newsletter 28th July 2023**



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A reminder that **Dunster's Flower Festival** is now on!

**St George's Church Dunster**

**Friday 28th, Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July**

**Diary Dates**

*Some events coming up that you may like to put in your diaries...*

**Sunday 6th August:** Messy Church & Picnic  
11am at Timberscombe.

**Tuesday 8th August:** Choral Evensong, 4pm,  
and Compline, 9pm, at Dunster  
Sung by members of Selwyn College Choir.

**Wednesday 9th August:** Benefice Prayer meeting  
10am at Dunster

**Friday 11th August:** Coffee Morning  
10am at Dunster

**Friday 25th - Monday 28th August:** Flower Festival  
at Carhampton

**Sunday 27th August:** Pimms & Praise  
6pm at Timberscombe

**Readings & Collect Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July (Eighth After Trinity)**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Romans 8. 26-end**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

***This Sunday there will be a Flower Festival  
Benefice Holy Communion (Common Worship) Service at  
Dunster at 11am.***

Rector: Revd Caroline Ralph

Associate Priest: Revd Margaret Jackson

Associate Priest: Revd Nicola Butt

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