

GRABBIST HILL BENEFICE

Alcombe

Dunster

Timberscombe

Wootton Courtenay

Newsletter 29th November 2024

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AWAKENING
Being Light in Darkening Times
led by Kenneth Cross
7PM, WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024
THE NARTHEX, ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, ALCOMBE.
*The world can feel scary, and threatening clouds seem to gather.
How are we to live?*

In this evening together we will turn our attention to the light that every single one of us already is. We will ponder how this light shines brighter while skies ominously darken. Drawing on the wisdom of the ages and the great spiritual traditions, we will not look for easy answers but seek deeper humility, learning to embrace our unknowing in order that we may also learn to embody peace, justice, compassion and joy - come what may. Refreshments will be provided.

It will be best to attend in person, but the evening will be recorded and may be live streamed. Just turn up, or for more details contact Kenneth on: kennethjcross@gmail.com 07708 925800

Christmas
Fair
for Church Funds
at
St. Michael the Archangel
on
Saturday 7th December
10.30-12.30
Free admission
Cake stall Produce stall Craft stall
Gift stall
Raffles and other competitions
Cafe area for refreshment

Christmas Messy Church
Sunday 8th December
11am
St Petrock's Timberscombe
Chocolate Nativity



Christmas crafts followed by food.
Children to be accompanied by an adult please.
For catering purposes, please let us to know if you intend to come either by letting Laura know at Timberscombe School or call Marion on 01643841500.

REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT IN WOOTTON COURTENAY

Bishop Brian Castle will lead a discussion about the 'Song of Songs' from the Old Testament (also known as the 'Song of Solomon') at 6.30pm for 7 til 8pm continuing on

Monday 2nd December Tuesday 10th December

The discussion will focus on this most enigmatic book which is an anthology of love poetry as well as the most ecological book in the Bible.

In the Villagers' Stores, Wootton Courtenay, with appropriate cake and an open bar, everyone is warmly invited to join us.

Sunday 1st December First of Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This week's Bible readings may be viewed on Bible Gateway by clicking on the links below.

[Jeremiah 33.14-16](#)

[Psalm 25.1-9](#)

[1 Thessalonians 3.9-end](#)

[Luke 21.25-36](#)

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

Wootton Courtenay (Holy Communion, BCP) at 9.30am

Alcombe (All Age Parish Eucharist, CW) at 10am

Dunster (Holy Communion, CW) at 11am

Alcombe (Evensong) & Timberscombe (Advent Praise) at 5pm

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (8th DECEMBER SECOND OF ADVENT)

Alcombe (Parish Eucharist, CW) at 10am

Dunster (Holy Communion, CW), Timberscombe (Mussy Church) &

Wootton Courtenay (Songs of Praise) at 11am

Alcombe (Evensong) at 5pm

There is a midweek Eucharist at Alcombe every Wednesday at 9am and every Thursday at 11am

Code: CW=Common Worship BCP=Book of Common Prayer

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Usual hours: Mondays (1.30pm-5pm) and Wednesdays (11.30am-1.30pm)

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