

GRABBIST HILL BENEFICE BULLETIN

Alcombe

Dunster

September Timberscombe Wootton Courtenay

For your diary: Harvest Festival evensong in the Luttrell Chapel, Dunster 6 pm Oct 19 with choir.

St Michael the Archangel Alcombe
Souper Thursday 4th and 18th
September when we will share soup and
fellowship after the Thursday 11 am
Eucharist

St Petrock's Timberscombe- come along to
Warm Welcome every Thursday
10am - 12 noon. Hot drinks, refreshments,
chat and company. No charge!

St Michael the Archangel Alcombe
Chance Encounter 21 September
An all age afternoon of board games, a

St George's Dunster
Coffee Morning Friday 19 September
10- 12.30
Tea, coffee, sweet & savoury treats & raffle

Festive Evensong for St Michael the Archangel: 5 pm Sunday Sept 28 at St Michael 's Alcombe.
Harvest Festival Harvest Sept 28: 6pm in St Petroc's church Timberscombe followed by a Harvest
Supper in the Village Hall at 7pm. All welcome. Donations accepted but not required.

GRABBIST HILL BENEFICE SERVICE ROTA: SEPTEMBER 2025

Service Leaders	Date:	7th	14th	21st	28th	NOTES
KC=Rector Revd Kenneth Cross	Sunday:	TWELFTH AFTER TRINITY	HOLY CROSS DAY/ THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY	MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST/ FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY	MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS/ FIFTEENTH AFTER TRINITY	
NB=Revd Nicola Butcher	Liturgical	GREEN	RED (Holy Cross)	RED (St M)	WHITE (St M)	
	Colour:		GREEN (T13)	GREEN (T14)	GREEN (T15)	
	Readings:	Please check readings with the service leader				
NMB=Revd Nicola Butt	0930	WOOTTON COURTENAY HC (BCP) said +BC				
BC=Rt Revd Dr Brian Castle	1000	ALCOMBE All-age HC (CW) NB	ALCOMBE HC (CW) NB	ALCOMBE HC (CW) KC	ALCOMBE HC (CW) RP	
EC=The Venerable Elwin Cockett	1100	DUNSTER HC (CW) LC	DUNSTER HC (CW) KC	TIMBERSCOMBE HC (CW) EC	DUNSTER MP (CW) LC	
		TIMBERSCOMBE HC (CW) EC	TIMBERSCOMBE HC (BCP) EC	WOOTTON COURTENAY HC (BCP) said NB		
RP=Revd Rik Peckham			WOOTTON COURTENAY Songs of Praise Local		WOOTTON COURTENAY HC (CW) KC	
Local= arranged locally	1400				TIMBERSCOMBE Baptism NMB	
	1530			ALCOMBE Chance Encounters Local		
	1700	ALCOMBE Evensong Local	ALCOMBE Evensong Local		ALCOMBE Michaelmas Evensong with Minehead at SMA KC	
	1800				TIMBERSCOMBE Harvest Festival NMB	

OTHER EVENTS

Every Wednesday	9am	ALCOMBE	Eucharist			
Every Thursday	11am	ALCOMBE	Eucharist			

I cursed the brambles...

...for their invasive prickly stems
relentlessly wheedling their way
up from unbeknown beginnings
somewhere among the dark,
scrambling, scrubby, earthy
shrubs and tree trunks
way out of my reach.
I tried to lop them out of sight
because they were marring
the view I wanted to see.
But they came scrambling back
and laughed at me.

Oh, I cursed the brambles!

And guess what?

They rewarded my cursing
with blessing!
Turned karma on its head
with giving!
Abundant, sweet, flavoursome,
deeee-licious **blackberries**!!

The only requirement of me
was to gather
- but be careful of the *thorns*.

And so, I wonder,
what else have I cursed unfairly?
And what other blessings
have I received, freely,
not recalling that
they came to me
out of pain?

No -
comeuppance and consequences
don't work
the way we think
in our shrivelled,
meritorious minds.

Thank goodness.

Nature showers upon us
blessing -
no strings attached,
no terms and conditions apply -
hoping that we will
set aside our complaints,
and allow a song of gratitude
to bubble over,
hoping that we may become

partakers

in turn
pouring out the blessings
of the earth,
given for all
for free.

I bless the brambles!

Kenneth



WHO'S WHO

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