

# 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 Colour: Readings:	GREEN	RED (Holy Cross) GREEN (T13)	RED (St M) GREEN (T14)	WHITE (St M) GREEN (T15)	
NMB=Revd Nicola Butt		<i>Please check readings with the service leader</i>				
BC=Rt Revd Dr Brian Castle	0930	WOOTTON COURtenay HC (BCP) said <b>+BC</b>				
EC=The Venerable Elwin Cockett	1000	ALCOMBE All-age HC (CW) <b>NB</b>	ALCOMBE HC (CW) <b>NB</b>	ALCOMBE HC (CW) <b>KC</b>	ALCOMBE HC (CW) <b>RP</b>	
RP=Revd Rik Peckham	1100	DUNSTER HC (CW) <b>LC</b> TIMBERSCOMBE HC (CW) <b>EC</b>	DUNSTER HC (CW) <b>KC</b> TIMBERSCOMBE HC (BCP) <b>EC</b>	TIMBERSCOMBE HC (CW) <b>EC</b> WOOTTON COURtenay HC (BCP) said <b>NB</b>	DUNSTER MP (CW) <b>LC</b>	
Local= arranged locally	1400		WOOTTON COURtenay Songs of Praise <b>Local</b>		WOOTTON COURtenay HC (CW) <b>KC</b>	
	1530			ALCOMBE Chance Encounters <b>Local</b>	TIMBERSCOMBE Baptism <b>NMB</b>	
	1700	ALCOMBE Evensong <b>Local</b>	ALCOMBE Evensong <b>Local</b>		ALCOMBE Michaelmas Evensong with Minehead at SMA <b>KC</b>	
	1800				TIMBERSCOMBE Harvest Festival <b>NMB</b>	

## 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

**Incumbent:** Rev'd Kenneth Cross 07708 925800, kennethjcross@gmail.com, usual days off: Monday & Tuesday  
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