

GRABBIST HILL BENEFICE BULLETIN

Alcombe

Dunster

March 2026 Timberscombe Wootton Courtenay

St Michael the Archangel Alcombe

Seeds of Hope March 4 2-3.30pm

Chance Encounter March 15 at 3.30

Souper Thursdays March 12 and 26 following the Thursday 11 am Eucharist

St Petrock's Timberscombe

Warm Welcome - Timberscombe 10-12 every Thursday

Lent soup lunches 10 March and 24 March 12 noon everyone welcome

Holy Week Meditation 1, 2, 3 April 9.30 am

Lent Reflections in March

3 12 noon Timberscombe
 4 7 pm Alcombe: The mystery of Prayer
 11 7 pm Wootton Courtenay: The Mystery of Prayer
 18 7 pm Timberscombe: The mystery of Prayer
 31 12 noon Timberscombe

St George's Dunster

No service at Dunster on March 8th instead the Eucharist will be on March 13th

The choir will sing on Palm Sunday Mar 29th and for the Good Friday service Apr 3, 2pm

Mothing Sunday March 15th. Palm Sunday March 29. Easter Day April 5

GRABBIST HILL BENEFICE SERVICE ROTA: MARCH 2026

Service Leaders	Date:	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
KC=Rector Revd Kenneth Cross	Sunday:	LENT 2	LENT 3	MOTHERING SUNDAY	LENT 5 <i>Passiontide begins</i>	PALM SUNDAY
NB=Revd Nicola Butcher	Liturgical Colour:	PURPLE/LENT ARRAY	PURPLE/LENT ARRAY	PURPLE/LENT ARRAY	PURPLE/LENT ARRAY	RED
NMB=Revd Nicola Butt	Readings:	<i>Please check readings with the service leader</i>				
	0930	WOOTTON COURTENAY HC (BCP) said KC				
LC=Revd Lore Chumbley	1000	ALCOMBE All-Age HC (CW) NB	ALCOMBE HC (CW) NB	ALCOMBE HC (CW) KC	ALCOMBE HC (CW) NB	ALCOMBE HC (CW) NB
EC=The Venerable Elwin Cockett	1100	DUNSTER HC (CW) NMB	TIMBERSCOMBE HC (BCP) NMB	DUNSTER HC (CW) NB	DUNSTER MP (CW) KL	DUNSTER HC (CW) LC
KL=Revd Canon Ken Lindop		TIMBERSCOMBE HC (CW) KC	WOOTTON COURTENAY HC (BCP) said EC	TIMBERSCOMBE HC (CW) NMB	TIMBERSCOMBE MP (CW) KC	TIMBERSCOMBE Messy Church NMB
	1530			WOOTTON COURTENAY Songs of Praise Local	WOOTTON COURTENAY HC (CW) NMB	WOOTTON COURTENAY HC (CW) KC
				ALCOMBE Chance Encounters Local		
Local= arranged locally	1700	ALCOMBE Evensong Local	ALCOMBE Evensong Local		ALCOMBE Evensong Local	

OTHER EVENTS

Tuesday 3rd	12 noon	TIMBERSCOMBE	Lent Reflection	NMB		
Wednesday 4th	7pm	ALCOMBE	Lent Reflection	NB		
Wednesday 11th	7pm	WOOTTON COURTENAY	Lent Reflection	KC		Code
Wednesday 18th	7pm	TIMBERSCOMBE	Lent Reflection	NMB		HC =Holy Communion
Tuesday 31st	12 noon	TIMBERSCOMBE	Lent Reflection	NMB		MP =Morning Prayer
Every Wednesday	9am	ALCOMBE	Eucharist			BCP =Book of Common Prayer
Every Thursday	10am	TIMBERSCOMBE	Warm Welcome			CW =Common Worship
Every Thursday	11am	ALCOMBE	Eucharist			

View from Grabbist, March 26

Dear all

I came across this quote recently, from over a century ago:

As for me, my bed is made : I am against bigness and greatness in all their forms, and with the invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual, stealing in through the crannies of the world like so many soft rootlets, or like the capillary oozing of water, and yet rending the hardest monuments of man's pride, if you give them time. I am against all big organizations as such, national ones first and foremost; against all big successes and big results; and in favour of the eternal forces of truth which always work in the individual and immediately unsuccessful way, under-dogs always, till history comes, after they are long dead, and puts them on the top.

William James, in a letter

The way of Lent radically subverts how we tend to act when the way of 'greatness' is being glorified all around. The danger for us is to think that an even greater, opposing 'force for good' is the only hope for overcoming the mighty forces of evil we see writ large across the world, wreaking so much havoc and heartache. We simply collude with the delusion that 'might is right' if we continue believing the subliminal lie that 'righter is mightier'. Recall that Jesus said to his friends 'You want to be great? Be servant of all!' The manifestations of diabolical 'making great' that run rampant across our world aren't new. They're ancient, recurring routinely - as do the temptations to fight in kind, to try to overcome wickedness with an almighty victory for righteousness. That way, chaos and fiery disappointments lie. If we read history deeply, we see this again and again.

Let's instead find ourselves in the flow, in James' words, 'through the crannies of the world like so many soft rootlets'. Let's be mycelium of light and life, of indiscriminate kindness, goodness and peace, content to straddle invisibly through the humus without fanfare, without judgement, knowing that to sow the seeds of heaven on earth is long term work. Once in a while we may be visible publicly, absurd and foolish in the eyes of those who are still playing the games of might, right and greatness. But, like fleeting fungi fruiting in the forests, no sooner do we appear than we disappear in a puff, recklessly, with no concern for our reputation, sowing the seeds of life far and wide as we go....



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