

# **The Lower Nadder Benefice Newsletter**

**Lent 2**

**27th February 2026**

Parishes of: St Martin - Barford St Martin with Burcombe, St Editha - Baverstock, St Michael - Compton Chamberlayne, St Mary – Dinton, St George - Fovant, All Saints - Sutton Mandeville, St Michael and all Angels Teffont Evias with St Edward of Wessex Teffont Magna

## **Worship in the Benefice**

**1<sup>st</sup> March**

**0800 Fovant Holy Communion**

**0930 Compton Chamberlayne Parish Communion**

**0930 Dinton All Age Communion**

**1115 am Barford st Martin All Age Communion**

**1600 Sutton Mandeville All Age Service**

The first week of Lent is already behind us, and I wonder how you have chosen to begin this sacred season. Perhaps you decided to give up a favourite treat, a daily habit, or something that distracts you from prayer. Maybe instead you have taken on a new challenge—spending more time in bible reading and prayer, serving someone in need, or practicing intentional gratitude. Whatever your choice, Lent invites us to be mindful, to slow down, and to make space for God. These forty days are not simply about sacrifice, but about renewal. When we give something up, we create room in our hearts. When we take something on, we grow in faith and discipline. As we continue this journey together, may we encourage one another, remain steadfast in our commitments, and remember that each small step prepares us for the joy and hope of Easter morning.

During Holy week which begins on Palm Sunday there will be some extra events to help us prepare for Easter Sunday. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 6:30pm there will be a short service of Compline at Barford St Martin. On Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm in Teffont Magna village hall there will be an AGAPE Meal, a simple meal of soup, bread, and cheese as we remember how Jesus instituted what we know as Holy Communion this will include with informal service where we will share bread and wine together. Good Friday at Fovant at 2pm there will be a reflective service for about 1 hour as we remember the events of the first Good Friday. More details of all these will follow.

**Pray for Mexico.**

**As the US – Iran peace talks end with ‘significant progress’ but no deal reached pray for all involved in the peace talks that they would continue and an agreement reached without the use of force.**

**Continue to pray for Ukraine amid the ongoing conflict with Russia. Pray for protection of civilians, comfort for those grieving, and meaningful steps toward lasting peace.**

**Pray for families facing financial pressure. Pray for provision, employment opportunities, and for the Church to be a light and support to those in need.**

**Continue to pray for the Upper Nadder Benefice as they seek a Rector.**



### **Collect**

**Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of  
Lent, may we enter into the  
mystery of Christ’s sufferings,  
and by following in his Way come  
to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

### **Verse of the week**

**John 3:16-17**

**For God so loved the world that  
he gave his only Son, so that  
everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have  
eternal life. Indeed, God did not  
send the Son into the world to  
condemn the world, but in order  
that the world might be saved  
through him.**



**Chalke Cueibet Partnership**

**March 2026**

**Prayer for Lent in Cueibet**

**Almighty God help us to support the work of the Christian leaders in South Sudan with prayer. Give strength in humility to Archbishops Justin Badi and Alapayo Kuctiel and that they will soon send a new Bishop to guide your flock in Cueibet Diocese. We thank you Lord for the work of the Mathetes trust, in training new Sunday school teachers- and for the Mothers Union: may they grow in love for your people and during these forty days they may follow in Jesus’ footsteps and know his power to save. Amen**

# Dates for your Diary

**15<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday**

**19th March - 2-4pm Tea and Chat Barford St Martin**

**29<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday**

**5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday**

**14th May - Ascension Day**

**17th May 2-5 pm Hydes House Dinton open Gardens**

**24<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost**

**14th June 12-5pm St Mary's Dinton, Open Gardens & Summer Teas**

**20-21 June Benefice Flower Festival**

**18th July 12-4 The Badges Fete**

**12<sup>th</sup> September (t.b.c.) Ride and Stride**



## **National Garden Scheme**

**Hydes House  
Open Garden  
(next to St Mary's Church)**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
2-5pm**

**Adults : £8.00  
Children : Free  
Cashless payments  
available**

**Refreshments in aid of  
St Mary's Church  
Home-made teas at  
Thatched Old School Room  
with outside tea tables.**

**Tuesday**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**Saturday 18 July 2026**

**A 'POP-UP' ILLUSTRATED HISTORICAL TALK  
BY PAUL CORDLE IN SUPPORT OF  
THE BADGES FÊTE**



**Charles I being taken from St James's Palace to Whitehall for his execution, 30th January 1649**

Paul Cordle will tell the gripping story of the King's execution and what followed until his son's return to England 11 years later.

Little did the King know, as he was being taken to Whitehall, that Parliament was even then voting to abolish the monarchy on his death; there would be no throne for his son Charles, then Prince of Wales, to occupy. The Monarchy and its royal treasures appeared to have no future in England.

This richly illustrated and fast moving talk will bring to life one of the most turbulent and romantic periods in our island's history. It will include little known artworks and insights into the execution and Charles II's escape to France, his nine year exile on the Continent, the Restoration of the Monarchy, his return to London in triumph and his Coronation (1661). It will touch on the repossession of royal treasures dispersed or sold by Parliament during the Commonwealth.

**TUESDAY 3 MARCH**  
**6.30pm for 6.45pm start**

**Compton Chamberlayne Village Hall**

**Tickets: £12 cash/card**  
**from [anna.poole@btinternet.com](mailto:anna.poole@btinternet.com)**

(PROFITS DONATED TO THE BADGES FÊTE)

Cash bar available

**LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS SO DON'T DELAY!**

**Others have said of Paul's talks:**

*'I recommend Paul as a speaker without reservation'* MM

*'A fascinating and compelling tale, beautifully told'* JD

*'As vivid as if it had happened only a few years ago'* WM



Save the date - only four months to go!  
This year we have a major change of date. We are holding The Nadder Valley Flower and Produce Show on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm at Fovant Village Hall.  
Over the last two years, the hot summers, with very little rain, have not been good for gardening. With the earlier date, we are hoping that there will be more flowers and vegetables to exhibit. Look out for the Show Schedule and Entry Forms on Sutton Mandeville and Fovant websites from early March.



St Martin  
Barford St Martin

**Tea and Chat**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2-4pm**

Brian Percey will talk about  
the work of the  
Salisbury Street Pastors

There is no charge but donations  
welcome for the ongoing work of  
the church

# Lower Nadder Benefice Worship

8<sup>th</sup> March

0930 Barford St Martin Morning Prayer  
0930 Sutton Mandeville Morning Prayer  
1115 Teffont Evias All Age Communion

15<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday

1000 Benefice Communion service St Michael Compton Chamberlayne

22<sup>nd</sup> March

0930 Barford st Martin BCP Parish Communion  
0930 Dinton Morning Prayer  
0930 Fovant Parish Communion  
1115 Teffont Magna All Age Communion

29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

1000 Benefice Communion Service ST Michael and All Angels Teffont Evias



# **Benefice Services 2026**

**10am**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday**

**St Michael - Compton Chamberlayne**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

**St Michael and All Angels - Teffont Evias**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St George - Fovant**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> Rogation Sunday**

**All Saints - Sutton Mandeville**

**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**St Martin - Barford St Martin with Burcombe**

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St Mary - Dinton**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St Editha - Baverstock**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**St Michael - Compton Chamberlayne**

**August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**St Michael and All Angels - Teffont Evias**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**St George -Fovant**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**All Saints - Sutton Mandeville**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**St Martin- Barford st Martin with Burcombe**