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The Lower Nadder Benefice Newsletter 17th April 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
19th April
1000 Benefice Communion service -
St George Fovant**

Rt Revd Karen Gorham announced as acting Bishop of Salisbury

The Rt Revd Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne, is to be acting Bishop of Salisbury for a temporary period, it has been announced.

This follows the news that the Rt Revd Stephen Lake has voluntarily and temporarily stepped back as diocesan bishop while a financial audit of two funds is underway. He has also resigned from his role as Church Commissioner.

A spokesperson from national Church, which is leading the process, confirmed that the financial audit is being undertaken following allegations of potential financial irregularities in relation to two separate funds, both of which relate to the office of the Bishop of Salisbury. These funds are separate from parish share and other funds controlled by the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Under Bishop's Karen's guidance and leadership, support to parishes and clergy will continue as normal.

For your prayers

Pray that the ceasefires in the Middle East will last and lead to peace.

Pray for Turkey as they transition to a new government.

Pray for our local MP, John Glen, and all members of parliament.

Continue to pray for a rector to be appointed in the Upper Nadder Benefice.

Collect

**Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples
with boldness and fresh
hope:
strengthen us to proclaim
your risen life and fill us
with your peace, to the
glory of God the Father.
Amen**

Luke 24:21

**But we had hoped that
he was the one to
redeem Israel. Yes, and
besides all this, it is now
the third day since
these things took place**

Each year on Anzac Day, New Zealanders and Australians mark the anniversary of the Gallipoli landings of 25 April 1915. On that day, thousands of young men, far from their homes, stormed the beaches on the Gallipoli Peninsula in what is now Turkey.

This is remembered every year at
St Editha Baverstock

Join us on April 26th at 6pm

Followed by refreshments



**Lower Nadder Benefice Worship
April**

26th April

0930 Barford St Martin BCP Parish Communion

0930 Dinton Morning Prayer

0930 Fovant Parish Communion

1115 Teffont Evias All Age Communion

1800 Baverstock ANZAC Commemoration

May

3rd May

0800 Fovant - Holy Communion

0930 Compton Chamberlayne - Parish Communion

0930 Dinton - All Age Communion

1115 Barford st Martin - All Age Communion followed by APCM

1600 Sutton Mandeville - All Age Service

1800 Sutton Mandeville - Evensong

10th May

0930 Barford St Martin - Morning Prayer

0930 Sutton Mandeville - Morning Prayer

1115 Teffont Magna - All Age Communion

17th May

1000 Benefice Communion service – Sutton Mandeville

24th May – Pentecost

0930 Barford St Martin BCP Parish Communion

0930 Dinton Morning Prayer

0930 Fovant Parish Communion

1115 Teffont Evias All Age Communion

31st May

1000 Benefice Communion Service – Barford St Martin

Dates for your Diary

12th May 2-4pm Tea and Chat St Martin Barford St Martin

14th May - Ascension Day

17th May 2-5 pm Hydes House Dinton open Garden

24th 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

12th September (t.b.c.) Ride and Stride



National Garden Scheme

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

17th 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.



Plant Sale

23rd May
10-12 Noon

Orchard Surgery
Car Park
High Street
Fovant

All Welcome



Benefice Services 2026
10am

May 17th Rogation Sunday

All Saints - Sutton Mandeville

May 31st

St Martin - Barford St Martin with Burcombe

June 21st

St Mary - Dinton

July 19th

St Editha - Baverstock

August 16th

St Michael - Compton Chamberlayne

August 30th

St Michael and All Angels - Teffont Evias

September 20th

St George -Fovant

October 18th

All Saints - Sutton Mandeville

November 15th

St Martin- Barford st Martin with Burcombe