

Easter 7 Rogation

Lower Nadder Benefice Newsletter 15th May 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

17th May

1000 Benefice Rogation Communion service –
Sutton Mandeville

Having had several enquiries over the past few weeks about Bishop Stephen please read below a message from Bishop Karen issued this week.

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude for your continued prayers regarding the ongoing situation within our diocese, which I know remains unsettling for us all. As you are aware, Bishop Stephen has stepped back from active ministry. While the necessary official processes are still progressing and will take a little more time to conclude, please be assured that we are navigating this period carefully whilst continuing to focus on our vision to Make Jesus Known.



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.

For your Prayers

- Pray for the year 6 children who have just sat their SATS (statutory assessment tests) and for young people taking GCSE and A Levels.
- May 18th 24^t is dementia awareness week. Pray for those living with dementia and those who support the and care for them.
- Prayer for our government
- From a reliable source in Ukraine; Ukraine- May 14
Currently, 16 people are known to have died as a result of the Russian strike on the capital on the night of May 14, including 2 children. Rescuers continue to clear the rubble and search for people. Pray they recover victims in the rubble and for God to show His comfort and peace to survivors and families.

Collect for Rogationtide

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season: bless the labours of those who work on land and sea, grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Verse of the week

Mark 4:26-29

Jesus also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.

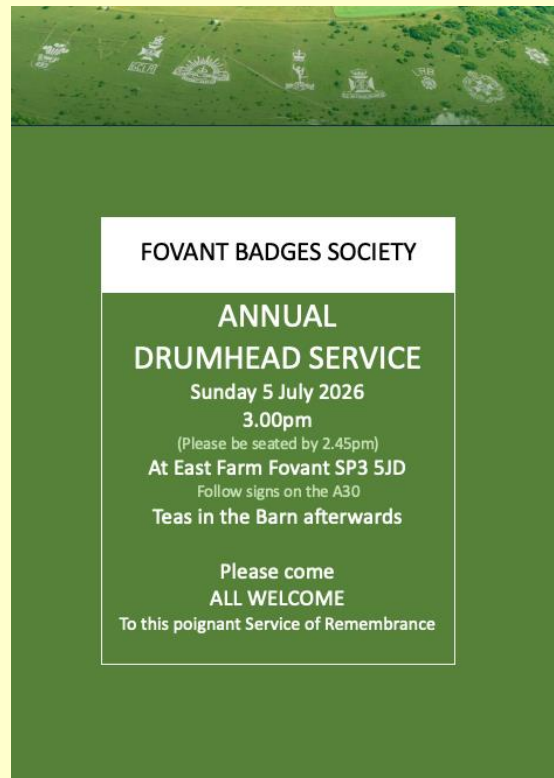


Plant Sale

23rd May
10-12 Noon

Fovant Youth
Club
High Street
Fovant

All Welcome



CURRY, CHAOS AND CLEVER CLOGS

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026

@ 7PM

TEFFONT VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE GATHER YOUR CLEVEREST AND HUNGRIEST FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF NAAN STOP QUESTIONS!!



VEGETARIAN OR CHICKEN CURRY WITH RICE AND POPPADUMS WILL BE SERVED TOGETHER WITH OUR USUAL CASH/TAP BAR OF BEER, WINE AND NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

£15 per head

TO CATER ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE CAN YOU PRE-ORDER YOUR TICKETS

[and state your food preference - veg or chicken] from

emmarixonbrown@gmail.com

Thereafter you will be sent bank details for payment.

SAVE THE DATE

Under the Covers

with Jack Deverell and Nicholas Shakespeare

**Friday 19th June 2026, 6pm for 6.30pm,
All Saints' Church, Sutton Mandeville**

**Come and help Sir Jack grill novelist
Nicholas Shakespeare on his new thriller: Frame 37,
and uncover the secrets behind
Ian Fleming: The Complete Man
Winston Churchill: 6 Minutes in May**

Tickets

**£15 includes light refreshments and entry into the prize
draw for signed copies of Nicholas' books**

enquiries: kate.whyte@saltmarshhall.com / 07974 085734

Parking in the village, WC available

In aid of the All Saints' Churchyard Wall Appeal

INVITATION TO LAUNCH EVENT



Please come to the Village Hall on Saturday 30 May at 5pm

The recently formed Project Group “The Friends of St Michael and All Angels” will be launching their campaign to restore the church. We want to keep the church looking good for the sake of the whole of the village.

There are a range of problems, notably with the ceiling to the main part of the church and with the stonework – particularly in the tower. There are also problems with the windows and with the various internal features of the church. The work is not simple and requires the use of specialist conservators.

The Project Group have been working on this for some weeks and have a solution which will enable us to put the church back into good condition and allow us to hand it on to the next generation in good shape. The project is likely to take several years. Come and hear all about it.

We are pleased to announce that Desmond Shawe-Taylor will be presenting his research into the history of the church which has revealed a few surprises and some rather startling images contained within the stained-glass windows.

We start at 5pm with a break at 5.45pm for drinks and then an open discussion for another 30 minutes or so.



Save the Teffont Spire

Dates for your Diary

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 Ride and Stride

Benefice Services 2026

All Benefice Services are at 10am

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

flower festival

20/21
june

Lower Nadder Benefice churches

Barford St Martin with Burcombe, Baverstock, Compton
Chamberlayne, Dinton, Fovant, Sutton Mandeville, Telfont
Evias, Telfont Magna



Sat 20 & Sun 21 June 10am-4pm

**For more details click on
the QR code and open
the link**

THE BADGES FÊTE

Saturday 18th July 2026

12-4pm

East Farm, Fovant SP3 5JD

By kind permission of the Williams family

FREE ENTRY

AUSTRALIA



ATTRACTIONS



Climbing Wall



Carousel



Archery (all ages)



Unicorn



Face Painting,
Glitter Bar,
Hair Braiding



Fete Games & Stalls

ARENA EVENTS



Dog Show



Dog Races



Children's Races



Tug of War



Fantastic Raffle



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In support of:

Fovant Playground • Compton Chamberlayne Village Hall
• Sutton Mandeville Rights of Way

Lower Nadder Benefice Worship

24th May – Pentecost

0930 Barford St Martin BCP Parish Communion

0930 Dinton Morning Prayer

0930 Fovant Parish Communion

1115 Teffont Magna All Age Communion

31st May

1000 Benefice Communion Service – Barford St Martin

7th June

0800 Fovant - Holy Communion

0930 Dinton - All Age Communion

1115 Barford st Martin - All Age Communion

1600 Sutton Mandeville - All Age Service

1800 Sutton Mandeville - Evensong

14th June

0930 Barford St Martin - Morning Prayer

0930 Sutton Mandeville - Morning Prayer

1115 Dinton Baptism

1115 Teffont Evas - All Age Communion Refreshments served
from 10:45

21st June

1000 Benefice Communion service – Dinton

28th June

0930 Barford St Martin BCP Parish Communion

0930 Dinton Morning Prayer

0930 Fovant Parish Communion

1115 Teffont Magna All Age Communion