

Christ in Creation

Lower Nadder Benefice - Newsletter

6th September 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

6th September Christ in Creation

0800 Fovant - Holy Communion

0930 Dinton - All Age Communion

0930 Compton Chamberlayne – Parish Communion

1115 Barford St Martin – All Age Communion

For your prayers

- **Pray for peace** in places affected by war and violence, especially Ukraine, the Middle East, South Sudan and other areas of conflict; pray for wisdom and courage for world leaders who are seeking peaceful solutions.
- **Pray for those suffering through natural disasters**, particularly communities affected by devastating flooding and extreme weather, and for all involved in rescue and relief work. Pray that governments and individuals will take seriously the effects of climate change and work together to protect our planet.
- **Pray for our Government and Parliament**, that those in authority may act with wisdom, integrity and compassion, especially at a time of economic uncertainty and difficult decisions.

A simple closing prayer:

Lord of all nations, bring peace where there is conflict, hope where there is despair, healing where there is suffering, and guide us to be your faithful servants in the world. Amen.

Christ in Creation

This is a new Festival, assigned to the first Sunday in September each year, and is a fruit of a growing ecumenical movement across churches worldwide to offer an opportunity for Christians *to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, to reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and to pray for its renewal.*

The title 'Christ in Creation' emphasises that creation is understood through the person and work of Jesus Christ: *created through him, sustained in him destined for renewal in him*

For centuries the Eastern Orthodox churches have celebrated this season as a time to give thanks for God's creation and to pray for its protection. In 1989 the Ecumenical Patriarch invited 'the entire Christian world to offer every year on this day prayers and supplications to the Maker of all, both as thanksgiving for the great gift of Creation and as petitions for its protection and salvation.'

So as churches across the benefice we accept that invitation and we will come together in this joyful, serious and prayerful festival to remember God's creation, to give thanks for the world in which we live, and to consider our responsibility towards it.

Creation Care - What effect has recent weather had on wildlife? Does climate change affect timings in nature? The Woodland Trust is inviting us to record changes from leaf buds bursting to blackberries ripening to help track changes in Nature's Calendar. Start recording at <https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

Collect

O God and Father of all that was,
is and ever shall be,
help us to be thankful for all that
is made at the hands of your Son
and through the wisdom of your
Spirit, that we may care in heart
and in deed for the life of our
world, to the praise and glory of
your holy name. Amen

Verse of the week

Matthew 8:27

The disciples were amazed,
saying, What sort of man is this,
that even the winds and the sea
obey him?



Harvest Celebrations Lower Nadder Benefice

September 13th 11:15 Teffont Magna
 September 27th 09:30 Fovant
 September 27th 11:15 Compton Chamberlayne
 October 4th 09:30 Dinton
 October 4th 11:15 Barford St Martin
 October 4th 18:00 Sutton Mandeville
 October 12th 18:00 Baverstock

Donations of non perishable food
 will go to the Salisbury Foodbank and
 perishable donations will go to
 Alabare in Barford St Martin



**PLEASE
JOIN US**



Explore villages and parish churches by bike or on foot.
 Enjoy exercise, meet new people and raise much
 needed funds for your church

On the second Saturday in September each year, 30
 counties across the UK 'Ride & Stride' to raise money to
 help preserve and improve our historic church buildings.



SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2026



Not so much a Coffee Morning

Tea and Chat

is back after our Summer break

Thursday 24th September

2-4 pm St Martin

Barford St Martin

There will be a raffle in aid of Macmillan so we are asking for prizes which can be dropped off at Burnside Duck Lane and come ready to buy raffle tickets.

There will be our usual tea coffee and cake and plenty of time to chat
All welcome



Friday 9th October

**Tisbury Community Choir
are coming to St George
Church Fovant**

**To sing an exciting
programme of music:
*Calypso to Classical
Contemporary to Choral***

Doors open at 7pm

**Suggested donation
on the door £5
In aid of Salisbury Hospice
Cash Bar - donations to
the church**



'TRIUMPH & TRAGEDY' **1603-1714**

An illustrated talk by Paul Cordle

Friday 2nd October 6.45pm-8.00pm

Dinton Village Hall, SP3 5EB

Doors open 6.15pm, Talk 6.45 - 8.00pm

A richly illustrated talk celebrating the triumphant achievements of the Stuart period and recalling the personal tragedy of the Stuart monarchs on the British throne.

**A colourful potpourri of history, art and architecture –
from kings, queens and courtesans, gardeners to court artists,
from national institutions to the making of Britain's navy,
army and much more.**

*In support of 'Save the Telford Spire' and the
'Sutton Mandeville Churchyard Wall' appeals.*

Ticket £17.50 to include a glass of wine or soft drink

Available 1st August from:

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'All you need to know about the Stuarts'

NOT TO BE MISSED

Lower Nadder Benefice Worship

13th September

0930 Barford St Martin - Morning Prayer

0930 Sutton Mandeville - Morning Prayer

1115 Teffont Magna - All Age Communion Harvest Festival

20th September

1000 Benefice Communion service – Fovant

27th September

0930 Dinton - Morning Prayer

0930 Barford St Martin – Parish Communion BCP

0930 All Age Service – Harvest Festival

1115 All Age Service – Harvest Festival

1800 Teffont Evias - Evensong - Patronal Festival

Benefice Services 2026

September 20th St George - Fovant

October 18th All Saints - Sutton Mandeville

November 15th St Martin - Barford st Martin with Burcombe

November 29th - Dinton