

Lower Nadder Benefice - Newsletter

2nd October 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

4th October 2026

0800 Fovant - Holy Communion

0930 Dinton - All Age Communion – Harvest Festival

1115 Barford St Martin – All Age Communion – Harvest Festival

1600 Sutton Mandeville – All Age Service

1800 Sutton Mandeville – Evensong - Harvest Festival

Update on Bishop Stephen Lake

Lambeth Palace has today issued the following statement regarding Bishop Stephen Lake:

“The [two complaints](#) brought against the Bishop of Salisbury, Stephen Lake, under the Clergy Discipline Measure, will now proceed to the next stage and Bishop Stephen has been asked to respond to the allegations. He has been suspended from ministry by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Suspension is a neutral act while the allegations are progressed under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003.

“The complaints were brought following allegations of financial misconduct and concerns raised with the National Safeguarding Team relating to his conduct.”

Bishop Karen remains Acting Bishop of Salisbury.

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your
truth and to trust in your
love, that we may live each
day with confidence in the
salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Verse of the week

Luke 12:24

Consider the ravens: they
neither sow nor reap, they
have neither storehouse nor
barn, and yet God feeds
them. Of how much more
value are you than the birds!



Chalke Cueibet Partnership

Pray for the whole community in Cueibet as South Sudan embarks on an election called by the President who has blocked opposition leaders from participating.

Continue to pray for those tasked with discerning a new a Bishop for Cueibet



Harvest Celebrations
in the Lower Nadder Benefice

October 4th 09:30 Dinton
October 4th 11:15 Barford St Martin
October 4th 18:00 Sutton Mandeville
October 11th 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

Small Changes Can Make a Big Difference

The church season of creation ended on 30th September even though we still have some of our Harvest Festivals in October. However caring for creation is always ongoing.

We hear a great deal about climate change and the impact human activity is having on our planet. Rising temperatures, rising sea levels and more frequent extreme weather are reminders that we all have a part to play in caring for God's creation.

But what can we do in our everyday lives? Environmental bloggers suggest that the answer lies not in trying to be perfect, but in making small, practical changes which can become lasting habits.

Here are some simple ways to make a difference:

- **Use less plastic:** Take reusable shopping bags, water bottles and coffee cups when you can.
- **Buy less:** Think carefully before purchasing new clothes or household items. Consider second-hand and charity shops, and repair things rather than replacing them.
- **Think about food:** Eat more locally produced and seasonal food, reduce meat consumption and avoid unnecessary food waste.
- **Reduce packaging:** Choose unpackaged fruit and vegetables and products with recyclable packaging.
- **Reuse and recycle:** Look for ways to give everyday items a second life.

The important thing is not to achieve perfection. Every small change matters, especially when we make them together. By being thoughtful about the choices we make, we can all play a part in protecting the wonderful world entrusted to our care.

A Talk

In aid of the restoration of Chicklade Church

David Hempleman-Adams

Polar explorer, climber of the highest peaks in all seven continents, the first person to fly to the North Pole in a balloon, and to make a crossing of the Atlantic in an open basket



“An Adventurous Life”

Thursday 8th October 2026

St John's Church, Hindon, Salisbury SP3 6DJ - Limited wheelchair access

6.30pm wine & canapés

Talk commences 7pm

Tickets £17.50 in advance / £20 at the door (if still available) from
Tor Beer (BACS, cheque, or cash)
Chickladelectures@gmail.com 07810-278249
Cheques should be made payable to The Friends of Chicklade Church



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 Chorale

Doors open at 7pm

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



Autumn 2026
Roadshow

Hope, resilience
and action:
**Stories
from South
Sudan**

Wednesday 14 October – 7pm
St Francis Church – Salisbury SP1 3PN

Hear directly from our partners as they
share stories of change from the
communities in which they work.

Join us to meet others from churches near
you, and discover that hope and change is
possible.

Entry is free, but please book online



Sign up here:
caid.org.uk/Roadshow

Lower Nadder Benefice Worship

11th October

0930 Barford St Martin - Morning Prayer

1115 Teffont Evias - All Age Communion

1800 Baverstock – Evensong – Harvest Festival

18th October

1000 Benefice Communion service – Sutton Mandeville

25th October

0930 Dinton - Morning Prayer

0930 Barford St Martin – Parish Communion BCP

0930 Fovant – Parish Communion

1115 Teffont Magna – All Age Communion

Benefice Services 2026

November 15th St Martin - Barford st Martin with Burcombe

November 29th S t Mary - Dinton