Please note: this week's newsletter covers 2 weeks

Remembrance Sunday
3rd Before Advent

Lower Nadder Benefice - Newsletter
6th November 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

November 8th - Remembrance Sunday - Service of Remembrance
1050 -Compton Chamberlayne
1050 – Dinton
1050 – Fovant
1050 -Teffont Magna

November 15th
1000 Benefice Communion service – Barford St Martin

On Sunday 15 November, in Barford St Martin Church, after the Benefice Service at 10.00am, Rowena Fairbairn will offer opportunity to purchase items created by local photographer, Chris Lock, delightful local seasonal Calendars focussing on Nadder, Wylye and Chalke Valleys, together with blank cards and Christmas cards of local scenes.
Chris very generously forwards his proceeds from these sales to Hope & Homes for Children and Salisbury Hospice - two well-known local charities.
Cash is the preferred monetary exchange (regrettably no card machine), so I give below costs to enable attendees to think ahead, albeit I will have plenty of change too.

- Lovely local scenic Calendars for Nadder Valley, Chalke Valley or Wylye Valley at £12.00 each
- Local scene Christmas cards are packs of 10, same picture, for £7.50.
  Local scene Greetings cards £2.50 each or three cards for £6.00.

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Verse of the week

John 15:12-13

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this:, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

For your prayers

- Pray for our serving armed forces and for those who find Remembrance difficult and painful.
- Following the move of Bishop Andrew to St Albans this summer, the Church of England’s Dioceses Commission has agreed to the appointment of a new Bishop of Ramsbury, pray for those who may be discerning a call to this ministry and for wisdom for those involved in the appointment.
- Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo as they continue to be affected by Ebola.
- Pray for us all for wisdom to make sustainable choices and the courage to protect God's creation for future generations



We live in uncertain and unprecedented times That's the truism we hear very often from media commentators and politicians. The deeper truth is that times have never been certain and much of what has filled our news feed for the last six years; demagog leaders making plans for war, a pandemic, new technology causing disruption… would have been familiar issues to people through the ages.

What is different in our age is the globalised nature of the world in which we live. Due to transport, communications and modern weaponry, what was local and unknowable is more likely to be worldwide in impact and livestreamed for all to see. We have a burden of knowledge (filtered as it is through algorithms and agendas) that previous generations didn't, and we have to decide what to do about that.

Here are my suggestions for you to consider

1. **Reject fear and embrace hope**: The way we live should show where we place our ultimate trust. This is an opportunity to submit our deepest fears to God and live in peace regardless of events. (Psalm 46: 1-3)
2. **Reject anger and pursue love**: Do not be sucked in to hating others, let Christ's love for all pervade your thinking and response to events. (James 1:20)
3. **Reject apathy and pray earnestly**: Prayer changes things, it's your strongest weapon to prevent evil and promote righteousness. (Romans 12:12)
4. **Reject silence and preach boldly**: Our words and way of life should proclaim Christ to a lost world. We cannot stay silent as people perish. (Matthew 5:16)
5. **Reject speculation and focus on God's word**: Every generation has mapped individuals and events onto the Book of Revelation and end times narratives, it's unprofitable and unknowable. Christians should act as if Christ might return tomorrow regardless, and be found living according to His word. (Matthew 24:36-44)
6. **Reject doomscrolling and be wisely informed**: Don't get sucked into a nihilistic and endless submersion in all that's bad in the world, but do seek out wise and trusted sources of information so you can pray and act with understanding. (1 Chronicles 12:32)
7. **Reject selfishness and prepare prudentl**y: As a nation and as individuals we should prudently prepare as Government and wisdom direct. However, we should do so considering those who don't have the resources or security for gathering long term supplies. (1 John 3:17)

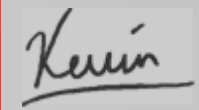
As Christians we are not immune from the consequences of living in a broken world, however with the Kingdom of Heaven within us, we should be a distinctive presence in this broken world. Living at peace, bringing healing and operating from a sure and certain hope, not fear.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." —Psalm 46: 1-3

This time of shaking is an opportunity for all of us to sharpen our faith and confront the areas in which we've become comfortable or had our thinking formed by the world rather than the Word.

My prayer for you and me is that God will deliver us from every fear, grant us His peace that passes all understanding, and enable us to shine brightly as a light in the darkness of our world.

God Bless,



Kevin Bennett Chief Executive

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7.00pm for one hour (doors open at 6.15)

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Payment to PCC Spire Restoration Fund
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HEAD TEACHER'S

QUIZ NIGHT

DINTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURS 19 NOV

7pm Start

Pit your wits against Mr Howard, as our head teacher turns quiz master for the night. Teams of up to 6, £5 per person, snacks provided, bring your own drinks. Please email fodsw@dinton.wilts.sch.uk to book your table.

All proceeds to Friends of Dinton CE Primary School



All Age Christingle

December 6th 4pm

All Saints
Sutton Mandeville

All Welcome

But please let me know if you are coming so that I can ensure I have enough supplies to make the Christingles

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Lower Nadder Benefice Worship

November 22nd

0930 Barford St Martin – Parish Communion BCP

0930 Dinton - Morning Prayer

0930 Fovant – Parish Communion

1115 Teffont Evias - All Age Communion

November 29th

1000 Benefice Communion service – Dinton

December 6th

0800 Fovant - Holy Communion
0930 Dinton - All Age Communion
0930 – Compton Chamberlayne – Parish Communion
1115 Barford St Martin – All Age Communion
1600 Sutton Mandeville - All Age Service - Christingle

December 13th

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

December 18th

1800 Baverstock – Carol Service

December 19th

1800 Teffont Magna – Carol Service

December 20th

1600 Barford St Martin – Carol Service
1600 Compton Chamberlayne – Carol Service
1800 Dinton - Carol Service
1800 Fovant – Carol Service

December 24th

1600 Dinton - Crib Service
1730 Sutton Mandeville – Carol Service
2200 Barford St Martin – 1st Communion of Christmas
2200 Compton Chamberlayne – 1st Communion of Christmas

December 25th

0930 Baverstock – All Age Communion
0930 Dinton – All Age Communion
0930 Fovant – All Age Communion
1115 Teffont Magna - All Age Communion

December 28th

0930 Dinton - Benefice Communion

Benefice Services 2026
All Benefice Services are at 10am

November 29th St Mary - Dinton

Benefice Services 2027

January 17th St Michael - Compton Chamberlayne

January 31st St Michael and All Angels - Teffont Evias

February 21st St Editha - Baverstock

March 21st Palm Sunday - St George Fovant

April 18th All Saints - Sutton Mandeville

May 16th Pentecost - St Martin - Barford St Martin with Burcombe

May 30th St Mary Dinton

June 20th St Michael - Compton Chamberlayne Father's Day

July 18th St Editha - Baverstock

August 15th St Michael and All Angels - Teffont Evias

August 29th St George - Fovant

September 19th All Saints - Sutton Mandeville

October 17th St Martin - Barford st Martin with Burcombe

October 31st St Mary Dinton

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