

# Upper Nadder Benefice

*The parishes of Ansty, Chilmark, Fonthill Bishop with Berwick St Leonard,  
Fonthill Gifford, Hindon with Chicklade and Pertwood, Swallowcliffe, Tisbury*

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

## The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Benefice Communion St John the Baptist, Tisbury

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter, Rural Dean

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

427 O praise ye the Lord

265 Lord of beauty

483 The church of God a kingdom is

305 (During Communion) Soul of my saviour, sanctify my breast

272 All for Jesus

Organ Voluntary: Trumpet Tune (King Arthur) *Henry Purcell*

## Next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

## The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Fonthill Gifford

Priest: The Revd Mark Hayter

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Hindon

Priest: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30am All-Age Service

Tisbury

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

11.15am All-Age Communion

Chilmark

Priest: The Revd Joanna Naish

11.15am Parish Communion (CW<sub>T</sub>)

Swallowcliffe

Priest: The Revd Mark Hayter

5.00pm Evensong (BCP)

Fonthill Bishop

Minister: The Revd Mark Hayter

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am-4.30pm Hatch House Open Garden

Do support this annual event, in aid of Salisbury Hospice. Enjoy exploring the stunning gardens and browsing a range of stalls, including Lady Rumbold and Mrs Vernon's vintage and pre-loved clothing marquee. Trish Liddiard of Tisbury will again be running the cakes & preserves stall, and she would love to hear from anyone who could contribute to this – you can contact her on 07765 226705.

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September Ride & Stride

This annual sponsored event, in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and local churches, takes place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. This year, we are offered the opportunity to walk together as a Benefice, led by the Revd Joanna Naish. The timetable is available in church – do please join us for all or part of the walk, whether or not you are sponsored. If you are not able to walk, you are invited to contribute by sponsoring a walker – proceeds will be divided between the Trust and your parish church.

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## The Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Epistle: Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## The Gospel: Luke 14. 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, we are asked to pray this month that clean water be available for all and for an end to water-borne disease in the Diocese. We also pray for all Church and civil leaders in Cueibet and Lakes State, that they will follow in the way of Christ.

As Creationtide begins, a Thanksgiving for the beauty of the earth:

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers.

We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honour and glory of your name.

