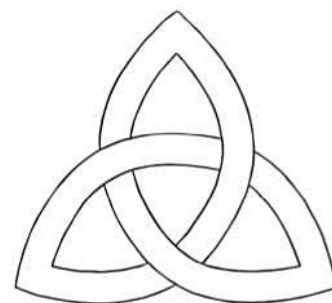


# Upper Nadder Benefice

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**Trinity Sunday**



## Today's Service

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Fonthill Gifford

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

On this fifth Sunday of the month, all the churches of the Upper Nadder Benefice join the congregation at Fonthill Gifford for their Feast of Title. This is the only service in the Upper Nadder Benefice on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

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

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Priest: The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiple

9.30am Pet Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

*An informal service held in the churchyard. All welcome, with or without a pet!*

11.15am All-Age Communion

Priest: The Revd Michael Camp

11.15am Mattins

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

## The First Sunday after Trinity

Fonthill Gifford

Tisbury

Chilmark

Swallowcliffe

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

4.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness Tisbury

Do come to this benefice service, held in the stillness of St Andrew's Chapel, at the east end of St John's Church, bringing with you anything you wish to pray for that is near to your heart and praying for healing for a world troubled by war. All welcome!

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month that the ongoing discussions to discern a new Bishop may be fruitful and that those who are currently leading our partners in Cueibet may be filled with the Holy Spirit and be supported by all.

We continue to pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them. Give to them all a desire to work for international unity which seeks to halt the threat of war and terrorism. We pray too for those whose lives and hopes have been crushed by the ravages of war and the destruction of their homes, towns and cities.

Here in the Upper Nadder Benefice, we give thanks for our churches and for all who worship in them.



## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

7.30pm Concert in aid of Ukraine St John's Church, Tisbury

Norton Camerata (a group of professionally trained and experienced amateur musicians) will be playing an exciting programme of lively and tuneful wind music - Beethoven's Octet and Dvorak's Serenade. Entry is free but there will be a collection for Christian Aid's humanitarian work in Ukraine.

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St James, Ansty St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark  
St John the Baptist, Hindon; All Saints, Chicklade

All Saints, Fonthill Bishop  
St Peter, Swallowcliffe

Holy Trinity, Fonthill Gifford  
St John the Baptist, Tisbury

## The Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

## For the Epistle: Revelation 4

After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne: and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold: and out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.

## The Gospel: St. John 3.1-15

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not; how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.



## Vacancy

We are delighted that there has been an application for the post of Rector of the Upper Nadder Benefice. The interview will take place towards the end of June.