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THE CAMELOT PARISHES MAGAZINE

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## EXCALIBUR MAGAZINE

**EDITOR - Rob Sage** *see opposite*

# From the Rectory

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What a difference three weeks makes! Three weeks ago my focus might have been on the services and events marking Easter and perhaps the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

But now all is completely changed. The coronavirus emergency and the 'social distancing' measures that have been introduced have made a massive impact on all of us. For the church this means both that public church services have been suspended and, following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March that all the churches in the Camelot Group have been closed.

Last week it was still possible to hold weddings although these had to be limited to five people. We did have a wedding of this kind at St Michael's on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. As I thought about this the words which we so often hear at weddings went through my mind 'faith, hope, and love abide...and the greatest of these is love.' (1 Corinthians 13: 13). Although the impact of the emergency will be different for each of us, I wondered how these words might help us.

First of all faith. In times like this it is entirely understandable and natural to be afraid. But decisions based on fear tend not to be the best ones. For instance, how wise or loving is it to stockpile provisions?

Faith counters fear. At various critical points in His ministry Jesus tells the disciples not to be afraid. We need to build up our confidence, trust and faith in these times. You can find a selection (by no means exhaustive) of resources for this in the later 'Faith' section.



And then hope. I have been tempted to tell people 'Oh, Easter has been cancelled this year.' And then I realise that this is a silly remark. How could Easter be cancelled when it is based on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ which is beyond the reach of any virus? No, rather we will celebrate Easter in new and different ways. There is a starting suggestion for this in the later 'Hope' section along with many ideas for prayer to draw on the hope God gives us.

Which brings us on to love. I have been truly humbled to come across so many expressions of love and concern in these times. One has been the formation of a new network of community volunteers across the Camelot villages focussed on the delivery of food and medicine to those who cannot shop for themselves. There are further details in the later 'Love' section. But all of us perhaps could consider a simple phone call to someone we know who is isolated and in need. It could make such a difference.

We have been shaken to our foundations. But when we are shaken what is essential remains. Faith, hope, and love abide and the greatest of these is love.

*With my love and prayers,  
Trillian*

## CAMELOT VOLUNTEER NETWORK

It has been so heartening to witness the rapid growth of many neighbourhood volunteer networks in so many of our Camelot villages. Help has been focussed around shopping and delivering food and medical supplies to the elderly and vulnerable, those who are forced to self-isolate and who are unable to shop for themselves. Do please get in touch with the following people who are co-ordinating volunteers for different villages:-

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If your village does not seem to be covered by any of this or if you have queries could you please contact the overall co-ordinator, Keri Montague.

The clerk of North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council, Becky Carter, 240226, [parishclerk@northcadbury.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@northcadbury.org.uk), has also offered to be a hub to co-ordinate any requests for assistance from residents within the Parish Council area.

The above network may not be complete and if others are organising similar networks in their villages it would be really good to hear from them.

## CUTTING EDGE CAMELOT

On Mothering Sunday we launched a new initiative 'Cutting Edge Camelot'. This is a form of electronic magazine which includes scripture passages, a reflection written by one of our Ministry Team, points for prayers, suggestions of new ways of sharing the Christian message in this time and brief news updates.

If you would like to be included in the email list for 'Cutting Edge Camelot' could you

please contact Rob Sage (details top of page 6) and give us your email address so that you can be added to the list.

Because of the current restrictions we cannot guarantee to be able to deliver print copies of this material to those not on email but we will do what we are able to do in this respect. Again if you telephone Rob Sage we will see what we may be able to do.

# USEFUL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

## Sources of information

The following are sources of information which we can consult in order to find out the latest government and church guidance on the coronavirus emergency:-

Government - [www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response](http://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response)

Church of England - [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches)

Diocese of Bath and Wells - [www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/ministry-support-vacancies/coronavirus-guidance-and-resources](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/ministry-support-vacancies/coronavirus-guidance-and-resources)

NHS - [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

Yeovil Hospital - [www.yeovilhospital.co.uk/patients-visitors/visitor-information](http://www.yeovilhospital.co.uk/patients-visitors/visitor-information)

## Weddings, Baptisms/Christenings and Funerals

The churches can no longer be used for any service.

Therefore there can be no weddings as long as these emergency restrictions are in place. There can be no baptisms/christenings in church although emergency baptisms (when a child's life is in danger) can take place in hospital or at home, subject to strict hygiene precautions and physical distancing.

Funerals can only happen at the Crematorium or by the graveside and only immediate family members (spouse or partner, parents and children) can attend. Those over the age of 70 or with

underlying health problems are discouraged from attending and there should be physical distancing. Crematoria will also have their own rules and may allow only the funeral director and hearse bearers in the building itself, i.e. no ministers or family in the building. As the position is very fluid at the moment it will be necessary to check at the time with crematoria such as Yeovil and Mendip what their current rules are.

Where possible any preliminary meetings for funerals should be undertaken by telephone or Skype and it is recommended that there should be no social gatherings after these services.

For weddings, it is not possible to call banns while public worship services are suspended. Accordingly, the normal legal preliminary will now be Bishop's Common Licence.

Further and fuller information on these matters can be found on the Church of England website (details as above) which is kept regularly updated.

## Church Meetings

We are asked only to hold essential meetings. While Holton Annual Meeting has already been held those of the other parishes have not. Accordingly these are being postponed and will be rearranged in due course. The Bishops have made legal changes to enable such meetings to take place at any time up until the end of October. Their actual date will depend on the relaxing of the social distancing measures.

## Parishes Office

The Parish Office will only be staffed and open if this is absolutely necessary. We

recommend in the first instance not going to the Parish Office but contacting Rob Sage by email or telephone if you need administrative help at this time. Please use the e-mail at the bottom of page 2. If the Office is unmanned, please ring 01749 850934 during office hours.

## Churches

As from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and following the Prime Minister's announcement the Camelot churches have been closed and will remain so until the government advises us that these restrictions have been lifted.

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## CAMELOT FAITH

Consult the diocesan website for information concerning streaming of church services. It currently has a link to the live streaming of services at St John's Yeovil but no doubt more links will be added as the current suspension of services continues.

The Prayer Book Society website, [www.pbs.org.uk](http://www.pbs.org.uk) has details of online streaming of BCP services during the coronavirus pandemic.

As mentioned above, on Mothering Sunday

## CAMELOT HOPE

You may find the following websites helpful in terms of suggesting ideas and resources for prayer:-

[www.24-7prayer.com/coronavirus/prayer](http://www.24-7prayer.com/coronavirus/prayer)

[Thykingdomcome@lambethpalace.org.uk](mailto:Thykingdomcome@lambethpalace.org.uk)

Here is a prayer which has been submitted by a parishioner:

*'Creator of all that is, each and every day,  
remove or render harmless all dangerous*

## Pastoral Visits

Please be aware that under the new restrictions that pastoral visits can only be undertaken when essential and where phone contact is not enough. In cases where people are self-isolating there are even more stringent requirements. Please be aware that Yeovil District Hospital has indicated that the only visitors allowed are immediate family members or carers. This means that clergy cannot at the moment undertake visits to this hospital. Ministry in this respect will be undertaken by the hospital chaplain.

we launched a new initiative 'Cutting Edge Camelot'. This is a form of electronic magazine which includes scripture passages, a reflection written by one of our Ministry Team, points for prayers, suggestions of new ways of sharing the Christian message in this time and brief news updates.

St John the Baptist North Cheriton has an idea for celebrating Easter by placing a posy of flowers (as a symbol of the Resurrection) in a jam jar by the side of the wall outside the church gate. Perhaps other churches could look at and adapt this idea?

*viruses from myself, my loved ones, and  
then from all infected beings and the Earth  
as a whole.'*

This is a prayer which can be repeated for everyone's safety and to restore wellbeing to the afflicted. Our parishioner comments that he finds this to be an especially helpful prayer as it is specifically targeted at the virus and prays for the protection of all and healing of afflicted.

You may also wish to use the following special coronavirus prayer:-

God of hope be with me, calm my anxious mind and remove fear. Surround me, keep me safe until the threat passes. **Surround me with love, and deliver me from evil.**

Protect my **family**, preserve us O God, and keep us in health and provision. May my **community**, despite enforced isolation, be united through acts of loving kindness. **Surround us with love and deliver us from evil.**

Help those in the **NHS** as they care for the sick and deal with the virus; for **businesses** as they manage the economic challenges and for employees sent home. **Surround them with love and deliver them from evil.**

Grant wisdom to our **government** and may the **PM** be surrounded by wise counsel. Guide their decisions today to lead us safely. **Surround them with love and deliver them from evil.**

May those working to stop the pandemic globally make the breakthroughs they need to **eradicate the virus**. Reduce its impact on other nations affected today. **Surround them with love and deliver them from evil. Amen.**

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## CAMELOT LOVE

Please see details given above of the Camelot Volunteer Network. Special thanks are also due to Bob and Jackie New at the village shop in North Cadbury who have worked so hard to keep the community in supplies in these challenging times. We need to support them and all other local businesses who are seeking to respond to the various challenges that the new social restrictions place on us all.

Do, however, be aware that sadly there are also scams operating in these testing

On Mothering Sunday, we were all encouraged to light a candle and place it in our windows at 7.00pm as darkness fell as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the light of the world and to pray for an end to the pandemic. We might wish to continue to do this.

## A Prayer for the Self-isolating

Loving God,  
we pray for all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus,  
may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves  
and our loved ones,  
give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated,  
reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority  
and may our community work together  
for the good of all.

We give thanks for those  
who care for others  
and ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
healer and physician. Amen.

times, for instance, people knocking at the door and pretending to test for the virus or emails headed 'important information' which appear to be about the virus. Do not on any account click on any link that you might be unsure about.

If you have any pastoral concern do feel free to phone any of the Camelot Parishes Ministry Team whose numbers are listed at the beginning of Excalibur. As indicated in the 'Information' section pastoral visits can only be undertaken when essential so in the first instance we will do all that we can to help you over the telephone.

# Camelot People

## ***We give thanks to God for:***

**Thomas John House.** Burial of Ashes at St Mary's, Yarlinton on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Eileen Emily Carter.** Died on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Funeral at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

## ***Wedding***

Congratulations to **Lindsay Mary Koppenhol** and **William Thomas Edward Joseph Lippett** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## ***Baptism***

On Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 at St Michael's, North Cadbury -

**Lydia Cook de Moura.**

## **North Cadbury and Yarlinton Parish Council Meeting**

In light of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and government advice, the Parish Council will meet on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to consider a Business Continuity Motion to put delegated procedures in place to maintain day to day financial and administrative procedures of the Council, while all future meetings of the Council are postponed.

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Sadly, due to the coronavirus restrictions, it has been decided to postpone **mainly music** for the time being.



"The organist isn't too sure about it, he says he can't play that fast."



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## From the Bishop

As we reflect on the Easter story this month I'm reminded of the sense of 'touch'. It was Passover, a religious festival, and as Jesus was laid in the tomb, Sabbath was upon them. So the usual burial rites were not attended to by the women who were closest to Jesus. It would have been improper to touch the dead body. Hence their early arrival on that resurrection morning.

In the following days, in attempts to dispel disbelief, Jesus' followers had opportunity to not only talk with him, eat with him, but also touch him as he came among them. Thomas's doubt was dispelled as he was invited to place his hand in the wounds of Christ.'

As I write this we are wondering what Covid 19 might have in store for us in the UK. We hear now that Italy has taken drastic action in hoping to contain the virus. I don't know what further precautions we in the UK may have taken by the time you read this.

Currently we are all taking greater care with our personal hygiene in washing hands and ensuring we use and bin tissues. Today, along with the rest of the Church of England, we in Bath and Wells, have recommended that we only receive bread or wafers at Holy Communion and refrain from touching, through



blessing, sharing the Peace or prayer through laying on of hands.

There will be various responses to the concerns raised by the Government and the media.

### ***Time to show our care for all***

Some may feel anxiety or fear about the nature of the virus whilst others may wonder if the emergency planning appears over-reactive. Our response as a Church must be that we do what we can to ensure we stay safe by taking all precautions recommended.

And that we do all we can to reassure people who may feel vulnerable and worried by staying calm and showing compassion and care for all.

But how do we express such care? I've realised that touch plays quite an important part in showing we care for someone. When I was training as a nurse for a brief period many years ago, I recall being shown some research on touch. It was an eye-opener! Even the briefest of touches can cause people to feel better, cared for and happier.

But the presence of Coronavirus means that we are having to withdraw touch to prevent the possibility of infection. So how might we try to replace touch with other signals of our care and value? What might that look like?

As folk may find themselves 'self-isolating' due to potential symptoms of the virus we have the opportunity to find new ways to show our care. Phone calls and cards, food deliveries, creative use of social media and streaming of worship services may all be ways to stay in touch and help people to know they are not alone. Rather than finding ourselves paralysed by the situation let us discover how we can create new opportunities to strengthen our relationships and communities.

May our actions be the reassuring, life-affirming 'touch' of the risen Christ this Easter!

Easter blessings

✝ The Right Revd Ruth Worsley  
Bishop of Taunton

[Written before the suspension of public worship.]

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*All the armies that ever marched,  
and all the navies that ever were built,  
and all the parliaments that ever sat,  
and all the kings that ever reigned,  
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as has that one solitary life.*

Anon



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## Curriculum!

For anyone involved in schools, and indeed for those that are not – curriculum is easily recognisable as the buzz word in academia this year, however in my opinion nothing much has changed in what is expected from schools, other than a small organisation called Ofsted gaining a new interest.



The 2014 National Curriculum has always had a broad scope and in every school I have worked in, teachers and leaders have understood that for children to be good learners they have to be motivated, excited, engaged and invested. This only happens when the curriculum is broad and balanced (to borrow another frequently used 'new' phrase!)

One of the areas I am keen to develop further at North Cadbury is the provision of language skills for our Key Stage 2 children, and after much consideration and some

consultation with local schools we have embarked upon the option of Latin. The Department for Education included Latin in the 2014 National Curriculum, reasoning that classical languages provide the foundation for learning modern foreign languages and for reading comprehension. Another study, the Iris Project, states that: *As Latin is the root of English and many other languages, it is a valuable key to understanding and learning these, and it is a fun and fascinating subject for all children.*

In my opinion, Latin helps children make connections between Latin and English grammar and vocabulary, and can help them unlock English, and understand common concepts and phrases such as 'et cetera' and 'Achilles' heel'.



Our Latin classes have started with shield making and Roman drills, and as I'm sure you can see the children are already invested and engaged.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Lisa Thompson,  
Head Teacher



## Lent Lunches in Camelot

*Due to the coronavirus, the soup lunch in North Cadbury on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.*

*It is hoped to organise another lunch in aid of the Kisumu Children Trust later in the year.*

The Kisumu Children Trust supports a children's home in Kisumu in Kenya. They offer a safe home, basic medical care, social care, healthy food, spiritual guidance and education.

The Trust has been adopted by the Camelot Parishes as their Lent Charity for 2020. In 2019 the churches of the Camelot Parishes raised a total of £1,028 for the Kisumu Children Trust.



*What do you call a chocolate bunny that was out in the sun too long?*

*A runny bunny.*

*Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime. Martin Luther*

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# North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan – the progress so far

Progress in producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish is continuing apace. The group working on this project have just finished the household survey for parish residents. A total of 58% of you returned your surveys, which is very high and shows your concern for the future of the parish. We are in the process of analysing the survey and will shortly publish detailed results on the website (see: [northcadburyneighbourhoodplan](http://northcadburyneighbourhoodplan.org)).

The next part of information gathering is to look at employment, green spaces and facilities in the parish. This data is being gathered by interviews and from your survey entries.

The data will be used together with a housing needs assessment to try and establish what development is needed in the parish. The housing needs assessment is being done professionally and is based on population statistics, projected changes in household size and numbers, affordability, known employment in the area, population statistics and a whole raft of other information.

There will be development in the parish (whether or not we have a plan) and the purpose of the neighbourhood plan is to influence where and what is built to keep the essential character of the area. No development is not an option.

This is now the time for residents and local landowners to put forward for consideration sites that they own and would like considered for possible development. The best sites, that are

supported by the community, would be included in the final parish neighbourhood plan. At present the number of dwellings that will be built in this parish is undecided, but could be up to 60 dwellings in a 15- 20 years period. Affordable and self-build housing is likely to be needed as well as possibly employment land and some for community facilities. At this stage the working group will consider all types and sizes of sites, including conversions and in-fill sites. Any sites for housing should be well related to an existing settlement (i.e. North Cadbury, Galhampton, Woolston or Yarlington). Feedback from local residents suggests that small sites that could be designed in keeping with the local character are likely to be supported.

If you have such a site register your interest by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April on

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NCYNP-CFS1>

The next stages of this work towards the Neighbourhood Plan will be a consultation on the site options which we hope to start by the summer.

For more information contact: [info@northcadburyneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](mailto:info@northcadburyneighbourhoodplan.org.uk)

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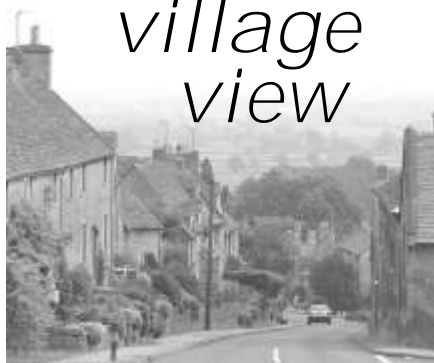
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## Bratton Seymour (Bratton St Maur)

### CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

April - Debbie Garrett.

### APRIL SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

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## Compton Pauncefoot

### MAY COFFEE MORNING CANCELLED

Please note that the Coffee Morning planned for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May has been cancelled due to concerns about the coronavirus.

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*Easter spells out beauty,  
the rare beauty of new life.*

### APRIL SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

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## Galhampton

### VILLAGE HALL BOOKING

In accordance with government guidelines, the village hall has been closed and all upcoming events and activities cancelled. This will carry on until further notice. Both the AGM and VE Day commemoration celebration in May will also be affected and the AGM postponed until a later date. Please check the village website ([www.galhampton.com](http://www.galhampton.com)), village Facebook page and village noticeboard for any updates.

### COVID-19

If anyone needs to self-isolate or simply wishes to minimise contact due to coronavirus, consider informing your neighbours so that they are aware and can either help or arrange help. There are volunteers willing to help and details have been distributed to houses within the village. Please continue to look out for your neighbours. We have a lovely community here in Galhampton.

### LENT PROJECT

As mentioned in last month's Excalibur we are supporting the Kisumu Children Trust again this year. There have been some exciting developments at the Children's Home in the last year and it's wonderful that we can play a part in their story.

One way to support our Lent project is through Jars of change; put a jar on the window sill, your bedside table, or somewhere handy, and between now and Easter put your loose change in the



jar. After Easter, and when it's safe to do so, the *jars of change* can be left in the Chapel, with Ron and Pam at 5 The Paddock or Steve and Caroline at Berryhill Long Street. Your change can change their lives.

Forthcoming restrictions mean we have had to cancel the Soup Lunch in St Michael's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to organise another lunch (and talk by Michael and Katherine Dare), once the restrictions are lifted.

### TEA IN THE AFTERNOON

Sadly we will not be able to offer our monthly Tea Afternoon in the Chapel for a while. We will continue to monitor the situation and look forward to gathering together again in the not too distant future.

### VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS

Following the success of the 2020 calendar, we to collecting village photographs for the 2021 calendar. These need to be in landscape format and reflect life in Galhampton.

If you would like to submit a caption as well then please include one. Email them to [village@galhampton.com](mailto:village@galhampton.com) by the end of each month. One photograph will be selected to represent each month with the final calendar being available to buy from November 2020. Keep snapping!

### APRIL SERVICES AT

#### GALHAMPTON CHURCH

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*There is none more lonely  
than the man who loves only himself.*  
– Abraham Ibn Esra

## Local Contacts

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#### North Cadbury & Yarlington

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#### South Cadbury

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#### Galhampton

VILLAGE HALL	enquiries	07534 919195
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#### Holton

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#### North Cadbury

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#### South Cadbury

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*To update the information on the above list, please contact the Parishes Office.*

# Holton

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# Maperton

## APRIL SERVICES AT

## ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

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# North Cadbury

## NORTH CADBURY

## COMMUNITY HELPLINE

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Angela Hunt	(01963) 440929
Jenny Lerwill	(01963) 440478
Nicola Wilson	(01963) 440642
Pam Wood	(01963) 440014

## MAINLY MUSIC AND COMMUNITY

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Sadly we have had to make the decision to postpone our pre-school mainly music group and the monthly coffee mornings for a while. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the not too distant future.

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Forthcoming restrictions mean we have had to cancel the **Soup Lunch** in St Michael's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to organise another lunch once the restrictions are lifted.

## VILLAGE WALKS

Sadly, whilst the current health crisis is upon us, we shall not be holding further walks as a group. Please continue to walk the paths as individuals and keep the growth around them in check! Thank you.

[susan@brookcottage-somerset.co.uk](mailto:susan@brookcottage-somerset.co.uk)

## NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is closed for all clubs, classes and events until further notice as a result of the government's advice on non-essential contact. We thank everyone for their understanding in the current situation.

## NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT

## GARDENING CLUB

Our February speaker, Claire Hart gave us a most informative, illustrated talk on 'Preparing vegetables for the Show Bench.' As we shall be holding our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Show on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>, this was an opportune time for Club members to plan



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their entries.

We were given tips on growing mediums, feeding the right nutrients for spinach and beetroot and when to harvest and keep vegetables to show them at their best. The presentation of root vegetables and fruits was also discussed.

We are really hoping for a bumper Show on August 8<sup>th</sup> and obviously a good growing season...

Our two village gardens are starting to wake up as I write: behind the Village Hall the hellebore and the wild daffodils are looking particularly healthy. We are hoping to enlarge the wildflower garden as it was such a success last year. At the moment we are just clearing obvious weeds and watching to see what comes through...

Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

### **NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP**

The North Cadbury Women's Group meetings have been cancelled until further notice. For more information on the Group please contact Pauline Moylan on 440775 or [pmoylan1@gmail.com](mailto:pmoylan1@gmail.com)

### **APRIL SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S**

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## **North Cheriton**

### **LENT APPEAL**

The Lent Lunches planned for the end of March had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus restrictions.

We hope you will continue to collect loose change in jam jars and these will be collected when the restrictions are lifted. All proceeds will go to the Kisumu Children

Trust in Kenya (See page 13 for more details of the Trust.)

### **APRIL SERVICES AT**

### **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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## **South Cadbury**

### **SOUTH CADBURY AND**

### **SUTTON MONTIS WI**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, we were entertained with an amusing talk given by the Undertaker Clive Wakely. He told us several tales about his life as an undertaker and answered questions relating to the practicalities of funerals, a serious subject definitely made more enjoyable.

The competition of a wooden object was won by Julie and the garden flower won by Annette.

Our scheduled meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

### **APRIL SERVICES AT**

### **ST THOMAS À BECKET**

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## **Yarlington**

### **SPECIALIST PLANT FAIR**

The Specialist Plant Fair at Yarlington House in May has had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Reflections of Mary (Mark 16: 1-8)

*Our eyes seeing the same mountains,  
the gentle touching of our hands,  
simply breathing the same air,  
pleasures unrecognised till now,  
gone....  
in the changing.*

*In the certainty of our grieving,  
you surprise us, Lord,  
you are not where  
we know that you should be.  
In the moving of the stone, Lord,  
you surprise us,  
in our sorrow,  
we don't see your victory.*

*But you told us, Lord,  
prepared us for the changing,  
in your grace,  
foretold the triumph of your death.  
In the changing  
from despair to resurrection  
you surprise us and transform us  
by rebirth.*

*Our opened eyes  
can see beyond the mountains,  
now we're held forever in your arms,  
the air we breathe  
is your life-giving Spirit,  
gloriously given.....  
in the changing.*

By Daphne Kitching

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*Do not abandon yourselves to despair.  
We are the Easter people  
and hallelujah is our song.*

Pope John Paul II

## Bible Readings

### APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup> - John 8: 31-42
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - John 8: 51-59
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - John 10: 31-42
- 4<sup>th</sup> - John 11: 45-57
- 5<sup>th</sup> - **Palm Sunday**  
Philippians 2: 5-11
- 6<sup>th</sup> - John 12: 1-11
- 7<sup>th</sup> - John 12: 20-36
- 8<sup>th</sup> - John 13: 21-32
- 9<sup>th</sup> - **Maundy Thursday**  
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
- 10<sup>th</sup> - **Good Friday**  
John 18: 1—19: 37
- 11<sup>th</sup> - John 19: 38-42
- 12<sup>th</sup> - **Easter Day**  
Matthew 28: 1-10
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 28: 8-15
- 14<sup>th</sup> - John 20: 11-18
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Luke 24: 13-35
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Luke 24: 35-48
- 17<sup>th</sup> - John 21: 1-14
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Mark 16: 9-15
- 19<sup>th</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
1 Peter 1: 3-9
- 20<sup>th</sup> - John 3: 1-8
- 21<sup>st</sup> - John 3: 7-15
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - John 3: 16-21
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - **St George** - John 15: 18-21
- 24<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 1-15
- 25<sup>th</sup> - **Mark the Evangelist**  
Mark 13: 5-13
- 26<sup>th</sup> - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
1 Peter 1: 17-23
- 27<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 22-29
- 28<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 30-35
- 29<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 35-40
- 30<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 44-51



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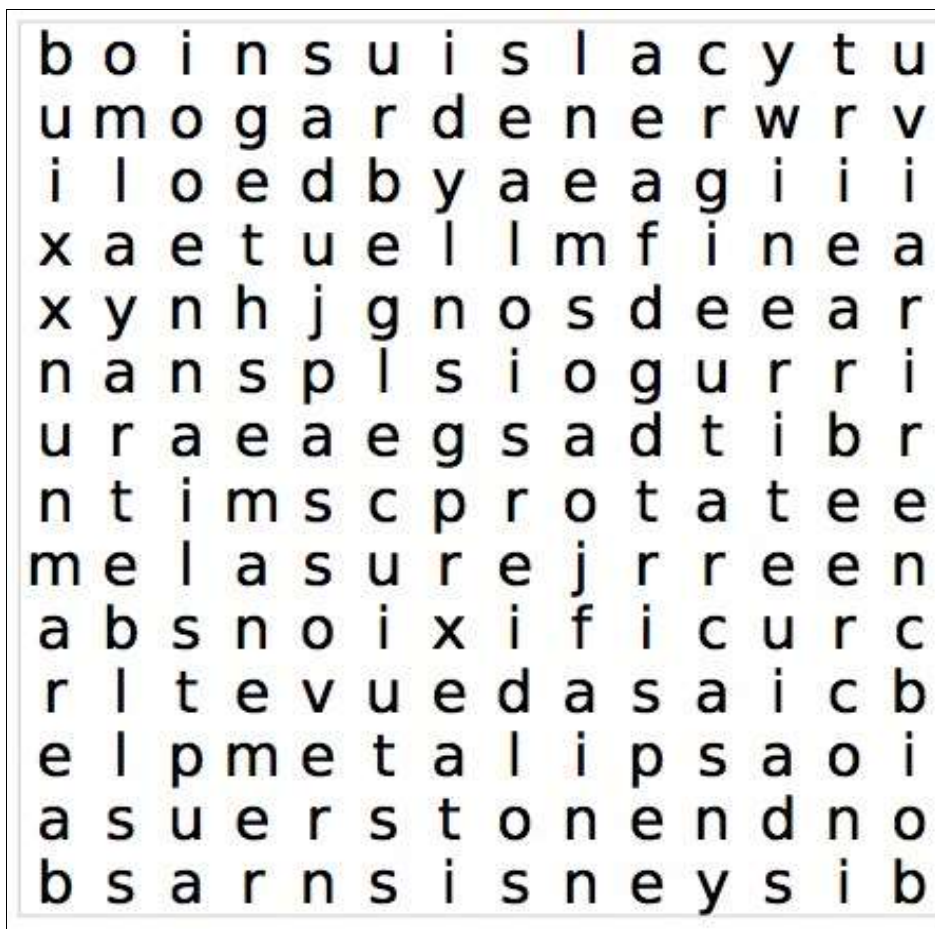
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## Easter Wordsearch

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. Our wordsearch contains key words from the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Read John's Gospel chapters 18 to 20 for more details.

Passover	Bread	Wine	Body	Blood	Betrayal
Jerusalem	Pilate	Gethsemane	Judas	Trial	Crucifixion
Soldiers	Cross	Nails	Vinegar	Temple	Curtain
Tomb	angel	stone	risen	gardener	Mary





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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.



There was a reason why no-one wanted to be the least important - the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.

It was the job of the least important servant to wash everyone's feet...



The disciples didn't have a servant, and none of them wanted to do the feet washing...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a towel around his waist.



He filled a large bowl with water and started washing the disciples' feet.

Peter couldn't believe what he was seeing!



Are you really going to wash my feet?

You will understand later why I am doing this.



I can't ever let you serve me like this!

If you don't let me, you will no longer be my disciple.



Then wash all of me!

If you've had a bath, then you only need your feet washing!



Once Jesus had washed all their feet, he put his robe back on and sat down.



Do you understand why I, your teacher, did this? I am setting you the example of how you are to serve each other. Do it, and God will bless you.

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