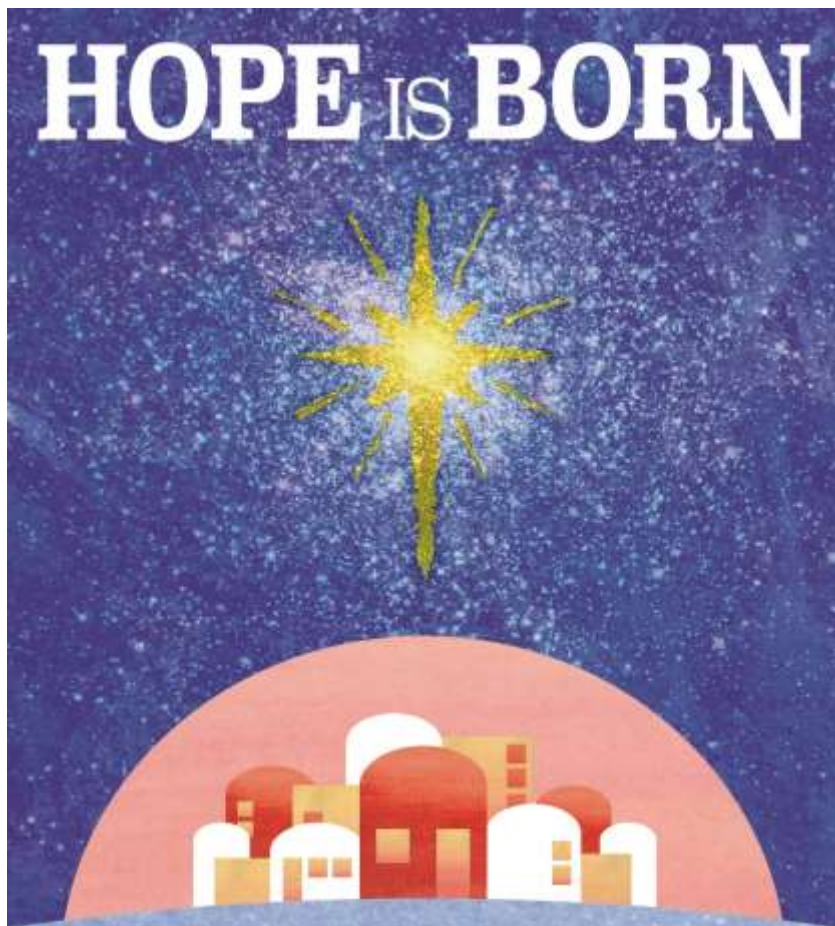


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*Merry Christmas to all our readers*

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## EXCALIBUR MAGAZINE

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

## From the Rectory

I understand that the word 'unprecedented' has been overused this year. On the other hand, I am tired of looking for variations on the word 'unprecedented'. So, yes, we are living in both unprecedented and unforeseen times.

And yet if I think about 'unprecedented' a bit further in the context of Christmas maybe I am not so sure about this word. Yes, we live under restrictions and yet the world into which Jesus Christ was born was also one of many restrictions. Government orders were issued which resulted in numbers of people being forced to move across the country for the purposes of taking a census. And it was a dangerous world, too, as Herod's plot to kill the new born Messiah resulted not simply in a terrible massacre but in Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus being forced into exile in a foreign country, Egypt.

And quite apart from these restrictions what about the restrictions which Jesus voluntarily took upon Himself as He the Son of God took on human flesh with all its vulnerability?

So we all have to live with the different restrictions of Tiers 1,2 and 3 and so on. How are we going to find a way through the Christmas period? What is the right balance to strike?

We may well feel ourselves baffled by all the regulations with which we have to deal and their seemingly ever-changing nature. And I do not think that there is just one way of finding the right balance between keeping ourselves and others safe and celebrating Christmas with our family and with others in church.



All of our circumstances are different and so what may be the right choice for you may not be the right choice for me. But as a guide to the way we make our decisions perhaps it will be helpful to remember Jesus' response when faced with the multiplicity of religious rules and regulations in His world. A scribe asked Him which was the most commandment. Jesus' reply was clear and straightforward. We need to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves. I do not think we will go far wrong if we seek these principles as our guide on what we do over this Christmas period.

Later in this edition of Excalibur you will find set out a schedule of services over the Christmas period (pages 16 & 17) with an accompanying explanation (pages 7 & 8). We have tried to use the full spectrum of opportunities that are available to us and so in addition to any services in church we are offering both outdoor services as well as livestreamed and recorded services. We hope that in all of this you will be able to find something that meets your spiritual needs over this Christmas period.

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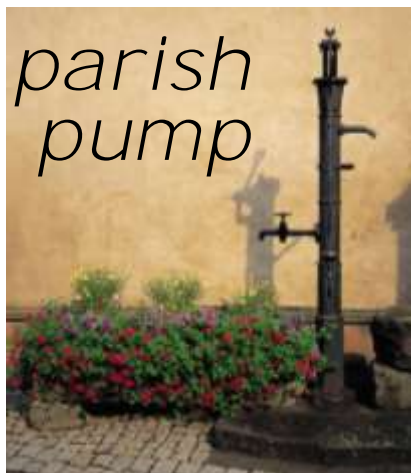
# December Events

*Some events may be subject to the current level of Coronavirus restrictions*

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	7.30pm	Camelot Players - <i>Cinderella</i>	online - see page 24
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	7.30pm	Camelot Players - <i>Cinderella</i>	online - see page 24
		2.00pm	Camelot Players - <i>Cinderella</i>	online - see page 24
		7.30pm	Camelot Players - <i>Cinderella</i>	online - see page 24
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9.30am	Camelot Morning Worship	North Cheriton Church
		11.00am	Group Communion	North Cadbury Church
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Village Hall
		6.00pm	Carol Service	Bratton St Maur Church
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 16 for services
		9.30am	Carol Service	Blackford Church
		11.00am	Holton Patronal Service	Holton Church
		11.00am	Communion with Carols	South Cadbury Church
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tue		<b><u>DEADLINE FOR JANUARY EXCALIBUR</u></b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	3.00pm	Outdoor Carol Service	Yarlington Church
		6.00pm	Livestreamed Camelot Carol Service	North Cadbury Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	11.00am	Carol Service	Galhampton Church
		3.30pm	Outdoor Carol Service	Blackford Church
		4.00pm	Outdoor Communal Carol Singing	North Cadbury Church
25 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		Christmas Day	See page 17 for services
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		Boxing Day	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion	Blackford Church
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Galhampton Church



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## **Excalibur - Paper Copies**

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to print paper copies of the usual double issue of Excalibur for December and January.

As a result of the lockdown and the uncertainty over what would be permitted after the lockdown, the Christmas services were not finalised until well into December and given the time it takes to print 800 copies of the magazine, we reluctantly decided that we could only produce an online version of the magazine.

January services have not yet been finalised so this is a December only magazine and an additional online magazine for January will be published later.

We hope to resume delivering paper copies for the February magazine.

## **Cutting Edge Camelot**

Our electronic magazine, *Cutting Edge Camelot*, will continue for the time being as not everyone is able to attend services.

Past copies of *Cutting Edge Camelot* are

available on the *Cutting Edge Camelot* page of the Camelot Parishes website.

If you would like to be included in the email list for *Cutting Edge Camelot*, please contact Rob Sage (details below) and give us your email address so that you can be added to the list.

## **Parishes Secretary/Office**

The Parishes Secretary is continuing to work from home and only coming into the Office as necessary. Please make contact by email or telephone if you need administrative help. Please use the e-mail at the bottom of page 2 or, if the Office is unmanned, ring 01749 850934 during office hours.

## **Adverts**

Please note many of the adverts in the magazine are unchanged from before the lockdown and so not all the services offered may be available under current restrictions.

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# Making decisions on Christmas Services

The options that were available to us in providing Christmas services were (a) indoors, (b) outdoors, (c) livestreamed, and (d) recorded. Each of these various options are commented on below. We also needed to take account of the number of officiants available to lead Christmas services. This meant, for instance, that it was not possible to provide a Christmas Day service for Blackford. However, Blackford and Galhampton which do not have Christmas Day services do have services on both Christmas Eve and the Sunday following Christmas, 27<sup>th</sup> December.

It is not possible to cover all eventualities but given the circumstances under which we are operating we have tried in our process of decision making to be as inclusive as we can so that as many people as possible can enjoy church Christmas celebrations in one form or another.

## (a) Indoor services

In other years, this is how we have held Christmas services. However, this year indoor services have presented new challenges which principally relate to the reduced socially distanced capacity of the church.

It has been necessary for churchwardens and others to determine how many people may safely be accommodated in their church and to weigh this against their anticipated likely attendance. For the purpose of knowing what their likely attendance might be they may have communicated with their potential congregations by email or letter.

Another consideration for indoor services is that the congregation is not allowed to sing although an organist can play and a

small socially distanced choir can sing.

## (b) Outdoor services

Although some churches have decided to go ahead with indoor services on a socially distanced basis others have decided that an outdoor service represents a better alternative.

This is likely to result in an increased overall capacity although there is still the need to maintain social distancing. It is also possible for the congregation to sing carols outside which they are not able to do inside.

The obvious downside with an outdoor service is the possibility of bad weather.

## (c) Livestreaming

Because of the generosity of Dan Gruner, a parishioner in Galhampton, and his colleagues who have freely offered their professional services and expertise we have been able to consider the option of livestreaming from St Michael's North Cadbury.

We anticipated that the numbers of those who might wish to attend the Camelot Carol Service at St Michael's North Cadbury on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December were likely to be considerably greater than our socially distanced capacity. For this reason we decided to pursue the option of livestreaming this service with only the participants present.

The alternative would have been either to adopt a strict ticketing system or to turn people away at the door and we did not wish to do this. The livestreaming will at a later point then be uploaded as a recording available for everyone to view with a link given through the website, Cutting Edge Camelot and any other appropriate means.

*(Continued on page 8)*

## **(d) Recorded service**

The midnight service on Christmas Eve at St Michael's North Cadbury was also likely to provide similar social distancing issues. For this service we have opted to make a recording of this Christmas Communion available from 11.30 onwards on Christmas Eve. Again the link will be given through the website, Cutting Edge Camelot and any other appropriate means.

In the event that the weather is so bad on Christmas Day that it makes outdoor services impractical this recorded service also provides an available back up in the event that people are not able to come to an outdoor service.

***The full schedule of Christmas Services can be found on pages 16 & 17 or on the back page (page 32).***

## **Please remember**

### **Meeting inside church**

Under Tier 2 restrictions we are allowed to come to church to worship but we are not allowed to meet each other outside of our own household/bubble (on Christmas Day this includes 'Christmas Bubbles' of up to three households).

We need to interpret these regulations sensibly. We do not think that they are meant to exclude greeting or acknowledging the presence of other people. However, they do mean that within the church we should not engage in conversations of any length outside our household or bubble either before or after the church service. This may result in going outside the church in which case...

### **Meeting outside church**

We may go outside church. Tier 2 regulations here are less strict although their impact is still very real. Outside it is possible to meet with friends and family

we do not live with in a group of no more than six (the so called 'rule of six'). However, the need for social distancing still applies and although such meetings are possible we have been advised to be careful in terms of the total number of meetings we have.

### **Christmas Bubbles**

On Christmas Day only there are so called 'Christmas Bubbles'. These are groups formed by up to three households but with no overall restrictions on numbers. They are able to meet in places of worship. They do not need to sit together but must not interact outside their own bubble.

### **Carol singing outdoors**

The congregation can sing as part of a service, allowing for appropriate social distancing.

### **Carol singing indoors**

Congregations cannot sing although a small choir, limited in size so far as possible can sing.

### **Let us know your plans**

If you are intending to come to a Christmas service (particularly an indoor service) which you do not normally attend it would be greatly appreciated if you could let the relevant churchwarden(s) know in advance. This will very much help them in their planning for safe social distancing at these services.

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*We are better givers than getters...*

*The Christmas story – the one according to Luke, not Dickens – is not about how blessed it is to be givers, but about how essential it is to see ourselves as receivers.*

– William Willimon

# *Camelot People*

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

**Rosslyn Marcus Court** (aged 89).  
Died on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Burial of  
Ashes at St Michael's, North Cadbury  
on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Patricia Mary Bees** (aged 82). Died  
on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Funeral at St  
Nicholas', Bratton St Maur on  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## ***Wedding***

Congratulations to **Georgia Louise  
Higgins** and **Harry Luke Seviour**  
married at St Michael's, North  
Cadbury on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
2020.

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## **CAMELOT VOLUNTEER NETWORK**

The following people have been co-ordinating volunteers in the different villages to help with shopping and delivering food and medical supplies to the elderly and vulnerable and to those who are forced to self-isolate and who are unable to shop for themselves: -

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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.

## From the Bishop

One of our oldest (16<sup>th</sup> century) English carols tells us that the story of Jesus' birth as a baby into our world, is good news, bringing "tidings of comfort and joy". And don't we just need comfort and joy at this moment!

We know that Christmas will not be the same this year. The usual gatherings of family and friends will not have the same shape this year. Traditional carol services and Midnight Mass may not be possible either but that doesn't mean that Christmas is cancelled!

This year more than ever we need to carol the words, 'comfort and joy'. We need to find new and novel ways of telling the Christmas story. The Church of England and our own diocesan team have provided plenty of ideas by which we can bring Christmas to our communities. I'm going to be both a tax collector and a donkey in some of our diocesan video re-telling of the story!

Perhaps even more important is how we can personally be messengers of comfort and joy. Who do you know who might need you to bring them so comfort this Christmas? Maybe someone who is alone, especially anxious, grieving a loved one? How could you offer comfort and support?



## *Bringing comfort and joy*

And as for joy...? Perhaps we ourselves need to rediscover the joy of the Christmas story. What could be more wonderful than knowing that God loves us so much that even though it was costly, he chose to come and join us in a world, dark with fear and suffering, and bring the light of His presence!

† Bishop Ruth

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*Martin received the latest Christmas  
coronavirus regulations from the diocesan  
office.*



Harvest at North Cheriton - see page 22



## **Life in Lockdown at North Cadbury C of E Primary School**

Whilst the debate continues as to who should be locked down and what risk certain factors of society represent, one thing is abundantly clear – children thrive best when they have a good routine and structure to their day, alongside a quality education that is informative and fun.

Here at North Cadbury you'd be forgiven for forgetting that all is not normal. Our children have simply accepted the changes we've brought in and now don't even notice them; so if you're walking past school you're likely to hear our playground full of excited chatter, laughter and whoops of joy. You'll still see our art displayed or our children out in the grounds exploring and our classrooms are full of children learning, and that is exactly why schools should remain open.



This half term we have paid our respects, and Unicorn Class did a beautiful job of setting up our Remembrance display – hopefully you were able to appreciate it as you walked past. We have had a day full of dots and raised lots of money for Children in Need and we have been busy rehearsing for this year's Nativity.



The children and staff at North Cadbury wish you a blessed Christmas and a peaceful new year. We are all praying for a very different 2021, where we can once again showcase our lovely village school and open our doors wide.

If you would like your child to enjoy a North Cadbury education, we would be delighted to show you around. Please just get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lisa Thompson  
Head Teacher

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*Believe in God and you'll believe in  
miracles. Believe in the baby of  
Bethlehem, and you'll experience one.*

## INTERVIEW - Through the dark times



*Sir Ranulph Fiennes, who lives on one of Exmoor's highest hill farms, is the world's greatest living explorer. He explains what's kept him going in some of his toughest and darkest moments – and shares a few lockdown tips.*

### **What kept you going through your toughest challenges?**

At a time when we were making our living by trying to break world records, my late wife Ginny decided we could go round the earth vertically without flying, 52,000 miles. It involved things which had not been done, like crossing Antarctica, which is bigger than America. We had an eight month period of darkness, living in a tiny hut under the snow, it was quite difficult from time to time. One of the things which was very helpful was my wife's pet Jack Russell Bothy, who was a huge help just playing ball, for example. We just had to learn to be patient. I wouldn't dare to give lessons on being patient, but I know it's worth doing!

### **What advice would you give for people for coping with a Christmas in Covid times?**

Some people who are accustomed to living alone have worked out a daily schedule, whether half an hour of TV, cooking, walking, going to sleep at a certain time. That sounds boring but it can help hugely against depression. Phoning someone up can make a day much more survivable. You can be ingenious, get a window box, paint inside, or outside, little things like that – try very hard to make yourself aim at something. That can make all the difference.

### **How will you cope this Christmas?**

Christmas is going to be difficult for many, many people. I always say if I'm feeling despondent, read the Economist, it'll tell you what is happening to everyone else in the world, everything is relative!

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## **NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PC)**

The following topics were among matters discussed at the virtual meeting of North Cadbury and Yarlington PC held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

### **Clare Field, Ridgeway Lane, North Cadbury – Presentation of Initial Plans for Development**

Mr A Tregay, Boon Brown presented the initial conceptual plans of the scheme at Ridgeway Lane prior to formal consultation with PC, neighbours/residents.

The Chairman informed residents that the presentation by Mr Tregay would not constitute a formal consultation. Mr Tregay had given his assurance to the Chairman that the PC and neighbours/residents would have the opportunity to comment and ask questions during the formal consultation process at pre- application and post-application stages, which would be held at a later date, which was also confirmed by Mr Tregay.

Mr Tregay stated that this was the start of a constructive dialogue with the PC in order to give an indication of the proposed development during the early stages and to hopefully receive feedback. The aim was to keep the PC and neighbours informed as much as possible. He advised that the format for the formal consultation was yet to be determined due to Covid-19. They would normally present at an open evening/afternoon in a village hall, however, it may need to be a digital or written process but he would continue to liaise with the PC to make sure everyone involved is notified.

Mr Tregay outlined the proposals on behalf of his Client, Mr P Longman, for the residential development of Clare Field, Ridgeway Lane, North Cadbury. He advised that the plans were conceptual and, therefore, subject to change, however, they would give a good indication of the direction of the scheme. The development would be in the region of 80 new homes, 35% [28] of which would be 'affordable'. To see the plans and the full minutes of Mr Tregay's presentation please visit the parish website <https://www.northcadbury.org.uk/>

### **Reports from County and District Councillors**

D.Cllr Hobhouse reported that the Government had recently written to all District and County Councils, including BANES and North Somerset regarding unitary authorities. However, the numbers would not allow for one unitary authority if BANES and North Somerset were included, which would mean there could be two or three unitary authorities. Cllr.

Hobhouse was doubtful that the Government knew the possible results of its proposals.

C.Cllr Lewis reported that he had requested an answer on the subject of Ash Die-back trees that about the highways, raised by Cllr. Archie Montgomery, but as yet had had no response.

Covid-19 There was still a need for individuals to stay safe. The details about the pandemic from both the District and the County Council are sent on a regular and weekly basis to the Clerk.

The current consultation on the Government White Paper on Planning raised the prospect of the lack of a 5 year land supply might be deleted from the current National Planning Policy Framework.

### **Highways and Rights of Way (RoW)**

Full Highways and RoW reports can be found as attachments to the PC minutes on its website <https://www.northcadbury.org.uk/>

The PC agreed unanimously to the provision and installation of 3 Woolston Village name plates at a total cost of approx. £600, following an onsite meeting with Mr G Warren, SCC Highways Engineer. Cllr Rundle reported that a number of residents in Woolston were willing to contribute towards the scheme. The PC agreed to share the cost of the scheme, with both residents and the PC contributing £300 each; the PC would make up any deficit as necessary.

### **North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG)**

Please visit <https://www.northcadburyneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/> to receive the latest news, NP programme, useful information and documents, including a list of potential development sites submitted to SSDC by landowners. The full report from Cllr Keys-Toyer to the PC can be found on the PC Website.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Will be held virtually on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend, please contact the Clerk for joining details.

### **Chairman**

Malcolm Hunt, 6 Court View, Chapel Road, S Cadbury  
Tel. 01963 440929 Email: [malcolmhunt@northcadbury.org.uk](mailto:malcolmhunt@northcadbury.org.uk)

### **Parish Clerk**

Rebecca Carter, Portman House, N Barrow  
Tel. 01963 240226 Email: [parishclerk@northcadbury.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@northcadbury.org.uk)

# Sunday/Christmas Worship

**6<sup>th</sup> December**     *The Second Sunday of Advent*     Purple  
CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

9.00 am	Yarlington	<b>Communion</b> (BCP)	trs
9.30 am	North Cheriton	<b>Camelot Morning Worship</b> (org)	gr
11.00 am	North Cadbury	<b>Group Communion</b> (CW org)	trs rw
4 - 6.00 pm	Bratton St Maur	<b>Private Prayer - St Nicholas' Day</b>	

**READINGS**     *Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8*

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**13<sup>th</sup> December**     *The Third Sunday of Advent*     Purple

9.30 am	Blackford	<b>Carol Service</b> (org)	rw
	Galhampton	<b>Communion</b> (BCP)	ap
	North Cheriton	<b>Communion</b> (CW org)	trs
11.00 am	Holton	<b>Patronal Service</b>	trs
	North Cadbury	<b>Communion</b> (CW org)	rw
	South Cadbury	<b>Communion with Carols</b> (org)	ap

**READINGS**     *Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

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**20<sup>th</sup> December**     *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*     Purple

3.00 pm	Yarlington	<b>Outdoor Carol Service</b> (org)	trs
6.00 pm	North Cadbury	<b>Camelot Carol Service</b> (org)	trs rw
		<i>Livestreamed only</i>	

**READINGS**     *To be chosen by the person leading the service*

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**24<sup>th</sup> December**     *Christmas Eve*     Gold or White

11.00 am	Galhampton	<b>Carol Service</b>	rw
3.30 pm	Blackford	<b>Outdoor Carol Service</b>	ep
4.00 pm	North Cadbury	<b>Outdoor Communal Carol Singing</b>	
11.30 pm		<b>Recorded Christmas Communion online</b>	trs rw

**READINGS**     *To be chosen by the person leading the service*

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**Key:** CW = Common Worship,  
BCP = Book of Common Prayer,  
org = organ, kb = keyboard.

**25<sup>th</sup> December    *Christmas Day*    Gold or White**

9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	<b>Communion</b> (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>
	South Cadbury	<b>Readings &amp; Carols</b> (org)	<i>trs</i>
	Yarlington	<b>Outdoor Readings &amp; Carols</b>	<i>ap</i>
10.00 am	North Cheriton	<b>Outdoor Readings &amp; Carols</b>	<i>gr</i>
11.00 am	Holton	<b>Outdoor Readings &amp; Carols</b>	<i>ap</i>
	Maperton	<b>Communion</b> (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>
	North Cadbury	<b>Outdoor Communion</b> (CW org)	<i>trs</i>

**READINGS**    *To be chosen by the person leading the service*

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**27<sup>th</sup> December    *The First Sunday of Christmas*    White**

9.00 am	Blackford	<b>Communion</b> (BCP)	<i>rw</i>
11.00 am	Galhampton	<b>Communion</b> (BCP)	<i>rw</i>

**READINGS**    *Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-21*

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**3<sup>rd</sup> January    *Epiphany*    Gold or White**

**CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY**

9.00 am	Yarlington	<b>Communion</b> (BCP)	<i>rw</i>
9.30 am	North Cheriton	<b>Morning Worship</b> (org)	<i>gr</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	<b>Group Communion</b> (CW org)	<i>trs rw</i>

**READINGS**    *Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12*

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**CLERGY**

<i>trs</i>	Revd Tristram Rae Smith
<i>ap</i>	Revd Alison Parris
<i>ac</i>	Revd Anna Creedon
<i>rw</i>	Revd Ron Wood

**READER**

<i>gr</i>	George Renwick
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**LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<i>bs</i>	Belinda Salthouse
<i>ca</i>	Chris Akroyd
<i>hb</i>	Heather Beadles
<i>lg</i>	Lesley Gillingham
<i>tb</i>	Tony Beadles

<i>ep</i>	Elizabeth Persson
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*Thankfully our Saviour is not Father  
Christmas. He gave His best to us  
because we were not good.*

– Moe Bergeron

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*He who has no Christmas in his heart  
will never find Christmas under a tree.*

– Roy Smith



# village view

## Blackford

### BOOK CLUB

For details contact 01963 440754.

### DECEMBER SERVICES

#### AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Carol Service (org)

Christmas Eve 3.30pm

Outdoor Carol Service (org)

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion (BCP)

## Bratton Seymour

(Bratton St Maur)

### DECEMBER SERVICES

#### AT ST NICHOLAS'

*Due to the difficulties in social distancing, there will be no Christmas Services at Bratton St Maur this year.*

## Compton Pauncefoot

### DECEMBER SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Christmas Day 9.30am

Carols & Communion (BCP org)

## Galhampton

### GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Galhampton Walkers will meet outside the Church at 9.15am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for a socially distanced walk. All welcome

### VILLAGE HALL

The village hall remains closed until the end of Lockdown 2.0 on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We wait to see what we are able to do after that date. Updates will be posted on the village website, on the two village noticeboards (next to the hall and in the phone box) and via the village Facebook group and Neighbourhood Watch email list.

The hall is Covid-19 compliant with procedures in place to minimise risk and ensure that all relevant regulations and guidance are followed. A limited number of events were being run before Lockdown 2.0 and we welcome enquiries for bookings for future events once we able to re-open again. Please note that, to be considered, bookings must be fully compliant with our Covid-19 secure requirements.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

If you have not bought your Christmas Raffle tickets and you do not want them please could you return them to Ruth Carter, Chantel, March Lane (near to the phone box) or ring her on 07875 206865 and she will collect them as there are people waiting for more. Many thanks to those that have already returned their tickets and to those that have kindly made donations towards the hampers.

### 2021 CALENDAR

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for the calendar, your entries were much appreciated. Once again the

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*Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.*

calendar has been very popular and all three batches have now sold out.

## VILLAGE HALL BOOKING

To enquire about booking the village hall please email [booking@galhampton.com](mailto:booking@galhampton.com) or call 07534 919195.

## THANK YOU MESSAGE

A message of thanks to Jean, Bob, Michelle, Leanne, Claire, Fiona, Sue, Jim, Judy and Nic and to a lot of you too numerous to mention. So a great big Thank You Galhampton for being such a kind and friendly village. I would also like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and hopefully a much nicer and brighter New Year. Ann.

## DECEMBER SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP)

**Christmas Eve 11.00am Carol Service**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (BCP)

## Holton

### CHURCH SERVICES

For the time being we aim to hold a socially distanced service on the second Sunday of each month, continuing with our Patronal Service on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. There will also be an outdoor service at 11.00am on Christmas Day. The church will remain closed at all other times.

Socially distanced seating has been mapped out within the church. It would, however, be appreciated if you could let the churchwardens Mark and Carol Seymour know in advance if you are intending to come to either service by phoning 01963 33680 or emailing [carol@seymoursfarm.net](mailto:carol@seymoursfarm.net). This is so that we have an idea of numbers and, if

## Local Contacts

### CIVIL PARISHES

#### Compton Pauncefoot & Blackford

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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

VILLAGE HALL	Lisa Prior	34821
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#### North Cadbury

ALLOTMENTS	Sam Davey	441382
BRIDGE CLUB	Nicola Wilson	440642
FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S	Donal O'Neill	441623

#### GARDENING CLUB

	Heather Keys-Toyer	441657
SCHOOL	Lisa Thompson	440420
TENNIS CLUB	Steve Ingram	440125
TODDLERS	Helen Wooldridge	440801
VILLAGE HALL	Marion Whitmore	440911
WOMEN'S GROUP	Pauline Moylan	440775

#### North Cheriton

VILLAGE HALL	Ron Perry	406355
WI	Veronica Goodenough	33255

#### South Cadbury

VILLAGE HALL	Sam Davey	441382
WI	Julie	220181

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

necessary, can take action to avoid any possible problems arising through potential lack of socially distanced capacity.

The wearing of face coverings is mandatory inside the church, unless you have a specific exemption. The officiant and anyone else speaking in public (for instance, doing a reading) are allowed to remove their face covering in order to improve their audibility.

Service sheets will be produced which are not reusable for a subsequent service. Please take these service sheets away with you.

We are not at this stage permitted to have congregational singing in the church but will be able to do so at our outdoor service. We may use pre-recorded music or hymns and you can follow the words on your service sheet.

The collection plate cannot be shared round during the service but will be placed by the door for use on the way out. Please do not touch the plate. We do, of course, very much appreciate your generosity and would encourage you, if possible, to give by electronic means at this present time

## NOVEMBER SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Patronal Sunday  
Worship

Christmas Day 11.00am  
Outdoor Carols and Readings

## Maperton

### NOVEMBER SERVICES AT

#### ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

Christmas Day 11.00am  
Christmas Communion (BCP org)

## North Cadbury

### FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS

Food banks are running seriously short of donations during the current coronavirus crisis.

So we have organised three locations for food donations in North Cadbury:

- One food donation box is located on the High Street, **opposite the Catash car park entrance.**
- There is another food donation box **halfway down Cary Road** on the right hand side, between the Catash and the school.
- And there is another food donation box at the junction of **Cary Road and The Close.**

### 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

Finally, after months of lockdown, we are opening up for a coffee morning starting with a Christmas Coffee Morning and 200 Club Prize Draw (Cash prizes - £100, £50, £20 and £10) on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 10.30am. Coffee and mince pies available. We will have socially distanced tables for 6 people and table service. Please wear your masks until you sit down and then just enjoy. Everybody is welcome.

### CAMELOT PLAYERS

Starting on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, don't miss our online production of Cinderella, filmed socially distanced and set very much

in 2020, you will see all your favourite characters from the classic tale battle the pandemic as well as try and make it to the masked ball. This free pantomime will be shown will be shown in four parts starting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm with the remaining parts following on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm and 7.30pm, on our facebook group @Camelotplayersuk and on our website camelotplayers.wixsite.com/productions

In addition to this brand new show we will have our advent calendar event starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, celebrating the music from our previous pantomimes. The 25 songs will be available to watch up until the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 so make sure to keep visiting our Facebook page and website so you don't miss out.

### **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)

### **NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

The AGM is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> and will be advertised nearer the time.

The new programme for 2021 has already been arranged but will of course remain subject to government guidelines.

Our two gardens (Village Hall and Wildflower) have continued to give us pleasure in this difficult time. No doubt everyone has found solace in gardening this year!

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (obviously Covid Restrictions have prevented this). We are always delighted to have new members, so please come

along and join us. Non-members and guests are also welcome for a fee of £2.

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

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Group Communion (CW org)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service (org)

**Christmas Eve**

**4.00pm Outdoor Carol Singing**

**Christmas Day**

**11.00am Outdoor Communion (CW)**

## **North Cheriton**

### **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to those who helped to clean up, vacuum and disinfect North Cheriton Church after a plague of flies in September. Thank you too to those who helped with the gardening sessions in the churchyard (see photo below).



### **HARVEST**

See page 24 for a photograph of North Cheriton's socially distanced Harvest service held in September.

*Ed - Apologies for omitting this and the photo above from last month's Excalibur.*



## DECEMBER SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Camelot Morning  
Worship (org)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Christmas Day 10.00am  
Outdoor Carols & Readings

## South Cadbury

### SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

We are open again for hire and, subject to the new regulations, look forward to welcoming back local clubs and classes. For bookings or enquiries, email [SCVillageHall@gmail.com](mailto:SCVillageHall@gmail.com) or call Sam on 01963 441382.

## DECEMBER SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 11.00am  
Communion with Carols (org)

Christmas Day 9.30am  
Readings & Carols (org)

## Yarlington

### DECEMBER SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion (BCP)

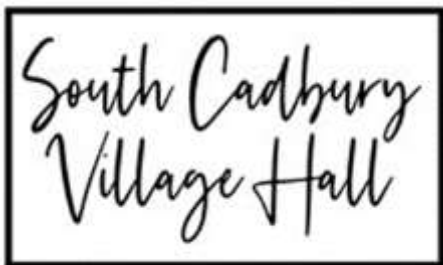
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm  
Outdoor Carol Service

Christmas Day 9.30am  
Outdoor Carols and Readings

# Bible Readings

## DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Luke 10: 21-24
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Matthew 15: 29-37
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 9: 27-31
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 9: 35—10: 1, 6-8
- 6<sup>th</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
2 Peter 3: 8-15a
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Luke 5: 17-26
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 18: 12-14
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 28-30
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 11-15
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 16-19
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 17: 10-13
- 13<sup>th</sup> - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 21: 23-27
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 21: 28-32
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Luke 7: 18b-23
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 1: 1-17
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 1: 18-24
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Luke 1: 5-25
- 20<sup>th</sup> - **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Romans 16: 25-27
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Luke 1: 39-45
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Luke 1: 46-56
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Luke 1: 57-66
- 24<sup>th</sup> - **Christmas Eve**  
Luke 1: 67-79
- 25<sup>th</sup> - **Christmas Day**  
Luke 2: 1-20
- 26<sup>th</sup> - *St Stephen* - Acts 7: 51-60
- 27<sup>th</sup> - **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**  
Galatians 4: 4-7
- 28<sup>th</sup> - *The Holy Innocents*  
Matthew 2: 13-18
- 29<sup>th</sup> - *St John* - John 21: 19b-25
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Luke 2: 36-40
- 31<sup>st</sup> - John 1: 1-18



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## for Everyone in Camelot

### Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>:

9.30am	Morning Carol Service	Blackford
11.00am	St Nicholas' Patronal Service	Holton
11.00am	Communion with Carols	South Cadbury



### Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>:

3.00pm	Outdoor Carol Service	Yarlington
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Camelot Carol Service</b>	(North Cadbury)



*This service will be livestreamed only*

## CHRISTMAS EVE

11.00am	Carol Service	Galhampton
3.30pm	Outdoor Carol Service	Blackford
4.00pm	Outdoor Carol Singing	North Cadbury
<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Recorded Christmas Communion from North Cadbury</b> <i>available online - details to follow.</i>	



## CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am	Christmas Communion	Compton Pauncefoot
9.30am	Readings & Carols	South Cadbury
9.30am	Outdoor Readings & Carols	Yarlington
10.00am	Outdoor Readings & Carols	North Cheriton
11.00am	Outdoor Readings & Carols	Holton
11.00am	Christmas Communion	Maperton
11.00am	Outdoor Communion	North Cadbury



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