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Merry Christmas to all our readers

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From the Rectory

From time to time the Parish Office receives a request for editions of Excalibur that need to be made available to the British Library and other official libraries in the United Kingdom. This, I understand, is rather more than a request; it is a legal obligation.

And so this acts as a further incentive to me to be quite sure of the details that I pass on of Camelot People to Rob each month for Excalibur. For these details will be made known not simply to our regular readership but also the wider research community and others who consult these libraries.

And obviously this is helpful for historical purposes. But as I reflected on this in the context of our recent Remembrance Day services I thought it also had something important to say to us about the value that God places on each human life and how the care and detail with which we record important life events reflects something of this concern.

At Remembrance Sunday of course we remember the impact of conflict on members of our family and on our friends. There may be very specific memories that we wish to hold before God, perhaps of people who served alongside us and who did not return from wars or tours of duties. On that occasion we especially remember and honour them.

Remembrance Sunday is, however, placed within what we might call a church season of remembrance. It



began at the start of this month with All Saints and All Souls days. At All Saints we remember all Christian disciples, famous or obscure. And at All Souls we remember all our loved ones whom we have lost through death.

And, of course, we will also soon start to look forward to Christmas. Christmas where we celebrate that God came to us on this earth in the form of a tiny baby Jesus whose mother Mary was a humble and ordinary young woman. Ordinary, yes, but extraordinary in terms of her faith.

All this reminds us that everyone matters to God. You do not need to be rich, powerful and famous to be important in God's sight. Each single life and death, however obscure, matters. Our Christian faith affirms the value of each human life. Each person is important and unique because each person is made in the image of God. And more than that God cares about each one of us enough to send His Son to be our Saviour and to die for us. The value of each human life is immeasurable.

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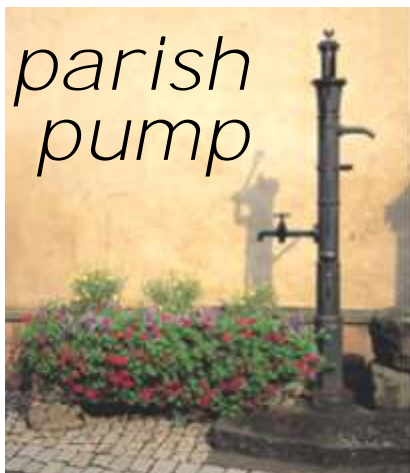
December & January Events

December

2 nd	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers	Galhampton Church
4 th	Sat	8.30am	Saturday Breakfast - see page 20	Holton Village Hall
		10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
		4.00pm	St Nicholas Celebration	Bratton St Maur Church
		5.00pm	Wincanton Choral Society Concert	Wincanton Parish Church
5 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 16 for services
		7.30pm	Pilgrim Singers Christmas Concert	Wincanton Parish Church
9 th	Thu	5.30-8.30pm	Sale of Books	Castle Cary Community Library
11 th	Sat	10.00am	Village Cafe - see page 30	South Cadbury Village Hall
		7.30pm	Yeovilton Military Wives' Choir	North Cadbury Church
12 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 16 for services
		4.00pm	South Cadbury Carol Service	South Cadbury Church
18 th	Sat	8.30am	Saturday Breakfast - see page 20	Blackford Reading Room
		10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
			Carol Singing - see page 32	South Cadbury
19 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 16 for services
		4.30pm	Carol & Crib Service	Holton Church
		6.00pm	Camelot Carol Service	North Cadbury Church
20 th	Mon	6.30pm	Blackford Carol Service	Blackford Church
21 st	Tue	5.00pm	Music for Christmas - see page 8	Holton Church
		6.30pm	Carols around the Yew Tree	Galhampton
22 nd	Wed		Yarlington Carol Service	Yarlington Church
24 th	Fri	4.00pm	Nativity Service	North Cadbury Church
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion	North Cadbury Church
25 th	Sat		Christmas Day	See page 17 for services
26 th	Sun	11.00am	Communion & Carols	Galhampton Church

January

2 nd	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 18 for services
6 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers	Galhampton Church
8 th	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
		10.00am	Village Cafe - see page 30	South Cadbury Village Hall
9 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 18 for services
13 th	Thu	12.30pm	Galhampton Lunch Club	Galhampton Village Hall
15 th	Sat		<u>DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY EXCALIBUR</u>	
		8.30am	Saturday Breakfast - see page 20	Blackford Reading Room
16 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 18 for services
19 th	Wed	7.30pm	North Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
21 st	Fri	7 for 7.30	Film Night - 'Love Sarah' - see page 7	North Cadbury Village Hall
22 nd	Sat	8.15am	The Balloon Club - see page 22	The Orchard Inn, Galhampton
			Burn's Night Supper	Galhampton Village Hall
23 rd	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 19 for services
26 th	Wed	10.30am	N Cadbury Women's Group AGM	North Cadbury Reading Room
		7.00pm	N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	Galhampton Village Hall
28 th	Fri	7 for 7.30	Take Art - "Flats and Sharps" - p. 15	North Cadbury Village Hall
29 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
30 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 19 for services



Church Services

See pages 16-19 for the Sunday services in December and January and the back page for the special Christmas services.

Any changes to these services will be notified on the Camelot Parishes website and on each church's A Church Near You website.

Parishes Secretary/Office

The Parishes Secretary is continuing to work some days from home. 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.

The Parishes Secretary will be taking time off over Christmas and the New Year between December 24th and January 5th.

Cutting Edge Camelot

Our electronic magazine, Cutting Edge Camelot, will continue for the time being.

If you would like to be included in the email

list for Cutting Edge Camelot, please contact Rob Sage (details above) and give us your email address so that you can be added to the list.

Past copies of Cutting Edge Camelot can be downloaded from the Camelot Parishes website <http://camelotparishes.co.uk/>

Castle Cary Community Library - Sale of Books

As part of Castle Cary's Big Christmas on **Thursday 9th December**, Castle Cary Community Library will be holding a **sale of books** to raise funds for the library. There will be plenty of books to choose from across all genres, so ideal for selecting your winter reading. 5.30pm to 8.30pm in the library. Donations of books are most welcome - please drop them into the library before the day.

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At the heart of Christmas



Join the Church of England online with their 'At the heart of Christmas' campaign, which is an invitation to everyone to discover – or rediscover – the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. Starting on Christmas Eve and continuing daily (Monday to Saturday) until Epiphany on 6th January, you will be able to hear 12 stories and meditations from the archbishops and guests as they explore themes close to the heart of Christmas.

www.churchofengland.org

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

– Anon

**Film Night –
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The next meeting of the Parish Council will
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at 7.00pm in Galhampton Village Hall (tbc).

The agenda will be placed on the North
Cadbury website and on notice boards 4
days before the event. Members of the
public are welcome to attend.

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Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

Joyce Mary (“Molly”) Necker. Died on 15th January 2021. Burial of Ashes at St Michael’s, North Cadbury on Friday 29th October.

Weddings

Congratulations to **Emma Louise Jones** and **Richard William Kingdom** married at St Michael’s, North Cadbury on Saturday October 23rd 2021.

Also congratulations to **Natalie Anne Bragg** and **Zach Robert Parsons** married at St Michael’s, North Cadbury on Saturday November 6th 2021.

Baptisms

On November 7th 2021 at St Michael’s, North Cadbury -
Esmay Julie Jessica Gray.

*The greatest pleasure I know
is to do a good action by stealth,
and to have it found out by accident.*

– Charles Lamb

Music for Christmas

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**CELEBRATE THE WINTER SOLSTICE
on Tuesday 21st December at 5pm with an organ
and sung recital in St Nicholas Church, Holton,
followed by a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.**

The recital will be led by Alan Benson, organist at Sherborne Catholic Church, joined by renowned soprano Hannah O’Toole-Thrower. Alan will play a selection of seasonal pieces adapted for the organ, including works by Beethoven and Bach, as well as his own compositions. Hannah will join him to include music by Handel, Bach and Scarlatti together with some traditional songs for Christmas. Seats are limited, so please book early and don’t forget your mask.

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From the Bishop

What is at the heart of Christmas for you? Is it the feasting and festivities? The carols and the candles? The stockings and the gifts? Or the presence of those you love?

This Christmas we may find ourselves investing more in our preparations, as last year Christmas plans were curtailed and for some even cancelled. A year ago we were to have had all our family gather for Christmas at our house and then just before, my husband Howard had a positive Covid test.

Everything changed and in fact neither of us felt well enough to enjoy a special meal together let alone welcome others. So, this year I want to pull out all the stops!

The children and grandchildren will be with us and Howard tells me that Father Christmas will be paying a special visit! However, we are also wanting to make sure that we don't get carried away with all the tinsel and trappings and forget the heart of the story. So, we shall limit our spending on pressies but make sure that we really value the presence of one another and particularly of the Christ child at the heart of it all.

This year as you anticipate Christmas, through the stories told through Advent windows, or carol services in your church, or Nativities on the



move, how might you prepare your heart for the coming Christ child?

The wonder of Christmas is that

God has never given up on us and in fact loves us so

much that he wants to spend time with us.

The birth of Jesus,

God's Son, into a

humble human family,

brought God into our very

midst, into the heart of our

homes. This Christmas let's make space for Him once more and listen to the words of love, hope and joy He wants to share with us. And may that inspire our faith in the future, for ourselves and our world.

Wishing you much joy and peace this Christmas!



Ruth

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INTERVIEW - A time to celebrate



Emily Hatton, who features in the Diocese's Advent campaign, prepares for her first Christmas as a Youth Minister

How did you get involved in the campaign?

Having worked with Movement, the Go Team and Send a Cow over the years so it was great to get involved with the joint Advent Around the World project. Those who read the scriptures do so with such joy, that it's almost like hearing them for the first time. It really gets you thinking about what Christmas is all about.

What does Christmas mean to you?

For me, Christmas is (obviously) all about Jesus. But it's so hard not to get caught up in the commercialisation of Christmas that's happened in our developed countries, isn't it? But for me, Christmas is about remembering that God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son – God

incarnate. So for me, Christmas is really exciting!

How will you celebrate with young people in your church?

I'm looking forward to getting stuck in with all that will be happening: Christingle, carol services, a community Christmas tree festival, and school events. We hope to have a number of the youth group getting baptised in the weeks leading up to Christmas. What an amazing time to see teenagers commit their lives to living wholeheartedly for Jesus!

How are they feeling about this year's Christmas celebrations?

After last year, I think the young people are just looking forward to taking up their Christmas traditions again, seeing their family and friends - and not just on one day! Christmas carols were really missed last year, so being able to sing again is really exciting.

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Sadly, this year Thursday 11th November fell in the period we had been asked to take enhanced measures against Covid, therefore our church service wasn't able to go ahead as originally planned. However, the children were still very keen to mark 100 years of Remembrance, so we made alternate arrangements – something schools have become very proficient at over the last two years!

In the week leading up to 11th November our children carefully decorated a glass jar, which was then placed at the church on Thursday 11th



so that individual families could visit the war memorial there and pay their respects on Thursday evening with a gentle glow to light their way. To commemorate 100 years of Remembrance, we ensured that we had 100 jars to light our way to the war memorial.

The children had also helped us set up the Field of Remembrance at the front of the school in the preceding weeks and I hope that you have been able to see this display as you travel through the village. Given our very prominent position, it feels fitting to be able to pay our respects in this way, but also an honour to represent the village too.



With very best wishes,
Mrs Lisa Thompson
Head Teacher



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5th December	<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>		Purple
9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)	<i>rw</i>
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)	<i>gr</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)	<i>trs ac</i>

READINGS *Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6*

12th December	<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>		Purple
9.30 am	Blackford	Matins (BCP org)	<i>ap</i>
	Compton Pauncefoot	<i>Service at Blackford</i>	
	Galhampton	Communion (BCP)	<i>trs</i>
	North Cadbury	<i>Service at Galhampton</i>	
	North Cheriton	Communion (CW org)	<i>ac</i>
11.00 am	Holton	Sunday Worship (kb, g)	<i>ac</i>
4.00 pm	South Cadbury	Carol Service (org)	<i>trs</i>

READINGS *Morning - Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18*

19th December	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>		Purple
9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	Communion (BCP org)	<i>trs</i>
	Blackford	<i>Service at Compton Pauncefoot</i>	
11.00 am	Maperton	Communion (BCP)	<i>trs</i>
4.30 pm	Holton	Carol & Crib Service (org)	<i>rw</i>
6.00 pm	North Cadbury	Carol Service (org)	<i>trs ac</i>

READINGS *Morning - Micah 5: 2-5a; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45*

24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		Gold or White
4.00 pm	North Cadbury	Nativity Service (kb, g)	<i>ac</i>
tba	Galhampton	Carol Service (piano)	<i>tba</i>
11.30 pm	North Cadbury	Midnight Communion (CW org)	<i>trs</i>

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

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25th December *Christmas Day* Gold or White

9.30 am	Blackford	Carols & Readings (org)	<i>trs</i>
	Compton Pauncefoot	Communion (BCP org)	<i>ap</i>
	South Cadbury	Communion (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>
	Yarlington	Family Communion (CW org)	<i>ac</i>
11.00 am	Holton	Carols & Readings (org)	<i>ap</i>
	Maperton	Communion (BCP)	<i>ac</i>
	North Cadbury	Family Communion (CW org)	<i>trs</i>
	North Cheriton	Christmas Celebration (org)	<i>gr</i>

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

26th December *The First Sunday of Christmas* White

11.00 am	Galhampton	Communion & Carols (BCP)	<i>ac</i>
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READINGS *Morning - 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26; Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-52*

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READER

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*Latest details of services in the Camelot Parishes can be found on
the Camelot Parishes website <http://camelotparishes.co.uk/>
and on each parish's A Church Near You webpages.*

*The Almighty appeared on earth
as a helpless baby, unable
to do more than lie and stare
and wriggle and make noises,
needing to be fed and changed and
taught to talk like any other child....*

*The more you think about it,
the more staggering it gets.*

– J I Packer

*Our God contracted to a span,
Incomprehensibly made man.*

– Charles Wesley

*Who can deny that Jesus of Nazareth,
the incarnate Son of the most High God,
is the eternal glory of the Jewish race?*

Benjamin Disraeli

Filling the world, he lies in a manger!

– Augustine

Sunday Worship

2nd January

Epiphany

Gold or White

CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)	rw
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)	trs
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)	trs

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

9th January

The Baptism of Christ

White

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9.30 am	Blackford	Matins (BCP org)	trs
	Compton Pauncefoot - <i>Service at Blackford</i>		
	Galhampton	Communion (BCP)	rw
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>		
	North Cheriton	Communion (CW org)	ac
11.00 am	Holton	Sunday Worship (kb, g)	ac

READINGS Morning - *Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22*

16th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

White

9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	Communion (BCP org)	trs ac
	Blackford - <i>Service at Compton Pauncefoot</i>		
11.00 am	Maperton	Communion (BCP)	trs ac
	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	rw
	Galhampton - <i>Service at North Cadbury</i>		
4.00 pm	Yarlington	Evensong (BCP org)	gr

READINGS Morning - *Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11*
Evening - *1 Samuel 3: 1-20; Ephesians 4: 1-16*

Holton, North Cheriton
& North Cadbury Churches
have an **Audio Loop** for the hard of hearing

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



23rd January *The Third Sunday of Epiphany* White

8.00 am	Blackford	Communion (BCP)	<i>trs</i>
9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	Matins (BCP org)	<i>ac</i>
	North Cheriton	Morning Worship (org)	<i>ap</i>
	South Cadbury	Communion (BCP)	<i>trs</i>
11.00 am	Holton	Communion (CW)	<i>ap</i>
	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)	<i>rw</i>
	Yarlington	Sunday Worship (kb, g)	<i>trs</i>
4.00pm	Galhampton	Evening Service (piano)	<i>ac</i>

READINGS Morning - *Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a;*
Luke 4: 14-21
 Evening - *Numbers 9: 15-23; 1 Corinthians 7: 17-24*

30th January *The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany* White

8.00 am	Blackford	Communion (BCP)	<i>rw</i>
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Family Service (org)	<i>trs</i>
11.00 am	Maperton	Morning Service (org)	<i>trs</i>
4.00 pm	Galhampton	Evensong (BCP piano)	<i>gr</i>

READINGS Morning - *Ezekiel 43:27—44:4; 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 2: 22-40*
 Evening - *1 Chronicles 29: 6-19; Acts 7: 44-50*

6th February *The Fourth Sunday before Lent* Green

CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)	
10.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)	
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Group Communion (CW org)	

READINGS Morning - *Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11*

CLERGY

<i>trs</i>	Revd Tristram Rae Smith
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village view

Blackford

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for our monthly village breakfasts on Saturdays December 18th 2021 and January 15th 2022 at 8.00am in the Reading Room.

CAROL SERVICE

6.30pm on Monday 16th December.

BOOK CLUB

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SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

December 2021

Sunday 12th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 19th 9.30am at Compton Pauncefoot

Monday 16th 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 9.30am

Christmas Communion (BCP org)

January 2022

Sunday 9th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 16th 9.30am at Compton Pauncefoot

Sunday 23rd 8.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 30th 8.00am Communion (BCP)

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ST NICHOLAS' CELEBRATION

Saturday 4th December at 4.00pm in the Church. The Celebration of St Nicholas will take the place of our usual Carol Service which cannot take place because of the building work beginning in the Church.

SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

Saturday 4th 4.00pm

St Nicholas Celebration (org)

There will be no other services in St Nicholas' Church during December and January due to the start of building work.

Compton Pauncefoot

ST MARY'S CHURCH

It is very good to have St Mary's open daily and to have visitors to the church again. There are some walks from beside the churchyard (one with sheep) and you are welcome to bring your well behaved dog into the church if you wish to visit.

It was lovely to have so many people come to the lych gate (our war memorial) on Armistice Day at 11 o'clock and our Remembrance Service on the Sunday was well attended.

Sadly we have decided that we are unable to hold a Carol Service this year. However we plan to sing carols at our Communion Service on Sunday, 19th December (9.30am) and we do hope people will join us at that

service. On Christmas Day we will have a Communion Service with carols at 9.30am.

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

December 2021

Sunday 12th 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 19th 9.30am Communion & Carols
(BCP org)

Christmas Day 9.30am
Carols & Communion (BCP org)

January 2022

Sunday 9th 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 16th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 23rd 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Galhampton

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Thursday 2nd December and Thursday 6th January. Meet outside the church at 9.15am for a walk that will finish at the Orchard Inn for coffee and cake. All welcome. Please note we meet on Thursdays now.

GALHAMPTON DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is positioned behind the Church notice board. It is open to all and lit at night.

DECEMBER VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 4th December 10.00am to 11.30am at the village hall with draw and notices at 10.30am. Come along and enjoy a cup of fresh brewed coffee and a delicious home-made cake or two, join fellow villagers for some convivial company and see if you have won in the monthly 200 club draw. All are most welcome at this very popular event which is also a great way of catching up with what is going on in the lovely village of Galhampton. Do come and join us.

Local Contacts

CIVIL PARISHES

Compton Pauncefoot & Blackford

CHAIRMAN	Jane Monk	440666
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North Cadbury & Yarlington

CLERK	Rebecca Carter	240226
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South Cadbury

CLERK	Carole Burnett	441142
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UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Blackford

READING ROOM	see advert on page 6
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Galhampton

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Holton

VILLAGE HALL	Lisa Prior 34821
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North Cadbury

ALLOTMENTS	Sam Davey 441382
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North Cheriton

VILLAGE HALL	Ron Perry 406355
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South Cadbury

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*To update the information on the above list, please contact the Parishes Office
office@camelotparishes.org.uk*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Following last year's great success there will be a Christmas raffle again in aid of the village hall. There are plenty of prizes including luxury hampers, bottles of wine and much more. Tickets are £1 each and are available from village committee members or at the December coffee morning. The draw will take place in the village hall at 5.30pm on **Tuesday 21st December** before Carols round the Yew Tree. We would also welcome any donations towards hampers, please contact Ruth Carter at Chantel on March Lane or on 07875 206865 if you have anything to donate. Thank you!

CAROLS ROUND THE YEW TREE

Tuesday 21st December 6.30pm. Meet under the yew tree at the junction of Long Street and Middle Street. A few bracing carols in the outdoors will be followed by some very welcome mulled wine or cider and mince pies in a festive village hall with a bit more singing and excellent company plus the possibility of some additional entertainment. Always a popular event and a lovely start to the Christmas season.

JANUARY VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 8th January (please note the date). 10.00am to 11.30am at the village hall with draw and notices at 10.30am. Another chance to enjoy a cup of fresh brewed coffee and some delicious home-made cakes, catch up with fellow villagers and see if you can win in the monthly 200 club draw. And not forgetting delicious bacon butties, always a favourite at our January gathering. A great start to 2022!

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 13th January. An excellent two-course lunch, followed by coffee, starting at 12.30pm in the village hall. Bring your

own bottle. Please let Jenny Williams know if you would like to attend. All dietary requirements catered for.

THE BALLOON CLUB

(formerly North Cadbury and Galhampton Men's Breakfast Club) Thank you very much to those who attended the inaugural breakfast on 13th November. The next breakfast will take place on **Saturday 22nd January** at the same venue, The Orchard Inn, High Road, Galhampton. The breakfast will start at 8.15 am, ending shortly after 10.00am. There will be a full English breakfast served at the table in the conservatory. This will be followed by a talk from a guest speaker who will share his experiences of following a Christian faith. Everyone from any faith or none is welcome. Feel free to bring some friends. The fee will be £10 per head payable in cash on the day. To secure a place at the breakfast, please email Charles Oulton at chmoulton70@gmail.com

BURN'S NIGHT SUPPER

Saturday 22nd January at the village hall. A traditional Burn's Night Supper to warm and entertain you in the depths of winter. It was great fun last time and we will be back again with all the trimmings, a genuine piper and Scottish dancing. Put on your tam o'shanter, grab a red, red rose and drink a cup of kindness here. Tickets are £20 each and will be available from Jenny Williams on 07926 119199 or via jenny.williams@galhampton.com

FILM NIGHTS

Saturday 19th February. Book the date in your diary – more details to follow!

DEMENTIA FRIENDS

INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday 22nd February at the village hall at 7.00pm. Run by Dementia Champions



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2022 VILLAGE CALENDAR

The 2022 village calendar is hot off the press and selling fast. There are some lovely photographs of the village in there and we would like to thank all those who took the time to submit their photographs, there was a great selection and it took a fair bit of head scratching to select the final ones. The cost is £8 and, if you would like to buy one, please contact Fiona Hooper via fiona.hooper@galhampton.com or 07816 428587.

VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS

Following the success of the 2022 calendar, we are starting to collect village photographs for the 2023 calendar. These need to be in portrait format and reflect life anywhere in the parish. If you would like to submit a caption as well then please include one. Email them to

village@galhampton.com.

One photograph will be selected to represent each month with the final calendar being available to buy from November 2022. Start snapping now.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING

To enquire about booking the village hall please call 07534 919195 or email booking@galhampton.com.

VILLAGE EVENTS

Keep up to date via the Village Events page at www.galhampton.com

Finally, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all villagers.

SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON

December 2021

Sunday 12th 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 19th 6.00pm Carol Service
at North Cadbury Church

Tuesday 21st 6.30pm

Carols Round the Yew Tree

Christmas Eve time tbc
Carol Service (org)

Sunday 26th 11.00am Communion
with Carols (BCP org)

January 2022

Sunday 9th 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 16th 11.00am Sunday Worship
at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 23rd 4.00pm Evening Service
(piano)

Sunday 30th 4.00pm Evensong (piano)

Holton

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The Breakfast this month is on 4th December in the Village Hall. It's only £6 for a full English breakfast with all the trimmings (£3 for children) or there's toast, preserves, croissants and pastries. All with as much tea and coffee as you want. Breakfasts are cooked to order from 8.30 to 9.45am. Everyone is very welcome, bring your friends too!

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

An organ and sung recital in St Nicholas' Church, Holton Church on Tuesday 21st December at 5.00pm. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine - see advert on page 8 for more details.



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SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

December 2021

Sunday 12th 11.00am Patronal Festival
Sunday Worship (kb, g)

Sunday 19th 4.30pm **Carols & Crib Service**
(org)

Christmas Day 11.00am
Christmas Day Service (org)

January 2022

Sunday 9th 11.00am Sunday Worship
(kb, g)

Sunday 23rd 11.00am Communion (CW)

Maperton

SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

December 2021

Sunday 19th 11.00am Communion (BCP)

Christmas Day 11.00am
Christmas Day Service (org)

January 2022

Sunday 16th 11.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 30th 11.00am Morning Service (org)

North Cadbury

MAINLY MUSIC

mainly music is a fun and educational group for pre-school children with their parents or grandparents. The children learn singing, balance, rhythm, movement and counting skills in a fun and relaxed setting. This is followed by refreshments and play time for the children, and homemade cake for grown-ups! A great way to start the week and make new friends. Monday 6th and 13th December and Monday 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st January in Galhampton Church. £2 per session.

YEOVILTON MILITARY WIVES CHOIR

Saturday 11th December, 7:30pm in St Michael's North Cadbury.

This popular choir will delight with a selection of traditional and contemporary pieces as well as some seasonal music.

Tickets £15 (including refreshments in the interval), available from North Cadbury Village Store, or Andrew 01963 440392.

In the event that Covid guidance changes, or we need to cancel the concert, tickets will be refunded.

THE BALLOON CLUB

(formerly North Cadbury and Galhampton Men's Breakfast Club) - see page 22 for the date of the next breakfast.

POP-UP BOOK SALE

Thank you to all who supported the North Cadbury Pop-Up Book Sale of Andy Ashelford's collection of pristine hardbacks and paperbacks held on 18th November at 'Carpenters'. We raised over £400 to be shared equally between North Cadbury C of E Primary School and the Yeovil Food Bank.

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Seasons Greetings from North Cadbury Village Hall. We would like to update you on some of the regular bookings and events you are welcome to join over the Festive Period and the New Year.

Coffee Mornings are held on the last Saturday of the month. The next will be on Saturday 18th December at 10.30am. Warm winter drinks and homemade cake while you chat and check if your number comes up in the 200 Club monthly draw. If you haven't 'joined our club' you can purchase your ticket by contacting

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Film Night - Friday 21st January. Come along and see a feelgood film **LOVE SARAH**.

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Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £6 on sale from early January from the Village Stores.

Toddler Group

Our close-knit community group will continue to meet during term times. New members are always welcome. £2 with snacks for children, and hot drinks for carers included!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2022.

TAKE ART

Blow away those post-Christmas blues. **Friday 28th January** - Come along to see live music with **"Flats and Sharps"**:-

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Stuck for Christmas present ideas – get

tickets and come and enjoy a foot stomping evening!

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 on sale from mid December onwards from the Village Stores, Graham on 01963 440338 or the Take Art website www.takeart.org/whats-on

24th February. The second Take Art event in 2022: **John Hegley - Peace, Love and Potatoes** – more details in the next edition of Excalibur. Add it to your diaries.

CAMELOT PLAYERS

We have unfortunately had to postpone Snow White once again due to the ongoing pandemic but not to worry as we once again bring you an online treat "NOW That's What I Call Panto!" A compilation of our previous pantomimes, showcasing some of the songs, dances and your favourite pantomime routines. This will be available to rent for £6 on our website www.camelotplayers.wixsite.com/productions

Alongside this we also will be hosting our "Carnival of the Animals" advent event and you can rent last year's online panto Cinderella for £4. We hope to be back on stage next year to bring you some brand new productions.

NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP

The North Cadbury Women's Group does not have a formal meeting in December, although we are having Christmas lunch kindly hosted by Shan Bartlett on 15th.

We hope to get a full programme of meetings going again, from January, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Our January meeting (26th) is notionally our AGM and birthday party, a rather special one this time, having missed nearly two years of socialising due to the lockdowns.

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NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At our meeting on October 20th, Sally Morgan spoke about the Climate Change Garden. This is obviously what we all have to be thinking about now that our seasons are so changeable and the hot spells mean that we are short of water but we also have too much sometimes and floods.

There are ways to help our gardens cope with all of this: i.e. one simple way is if we know that a rainstorm is coming to empty our water butts into buckets. We could try having green roofs on sheds and outbuildings. We should have permeable surfaces on our drives: slate and gravel, not concrete or bitumen.

To help when there is too little water we should not dig. Mulches of garden compost, leaf mould, straw and gravel should be used everywhere. We should grow plants with deep roots. We should avoid watering and weeding. Bulbs such as tulips or crocuses should be planted in shady areas. Gardens with grasses, sedum, lavender or herbs will help as they don't need as much water and don't lose it through transpiration.

The advantages of these changes are that we may soon be able to have a more continental garden and be able to grow olives, grapes, oranges and lemons as well as succulents in our hanging baskets.

Above all the message is to save and

harvest water, not to use peat, to improve biodiversity and to plant trees and shrubs for shade.

At our meeting on November 17th Adam from Castle Gardens talked about Container Gardening. Containers on patios and small places are ideal but can also be useful in larger gardens. They can be moved around each season and according to whether they need full sunlight or shade or if they have a nice scent. It is also easier to garden in containers! Pots can even be put on tables to work on. We may not have thought of putting fruit bushes in them but they do well, especially raspberries, blackberries and blueberries and others which need ericaceous compost.

Of course terracotta and pottery pots can be heavy but there are now modern pots which are lighter, often decorated and attractive. Learning about the compost was interesting: The main message is to use peat free of course and the Garden Group is working hard to improve on this.

A few plants recommended for containers which we may not have thought of are camelias, ericas, hellebores, heucheras, evergreen clematis and patio clematis. The usual agapanthus, cyclamen, primulas, violas and of course all the bulbs which are so cheering to see when they start growing from January were also mentioned.

It was an interesting, informative and entertaining evening.

Our next meeting on the third Wednesday in December will be a social one: the Christmas lunch. We will then hold our AGM on the third Wednesday in January. When we start again in February everyone is invited, old or new members and visitors (a £2 entrance fee is asked for). We all look forward to our very interesting talks which are also social events

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SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

December 2021

Sunday 5th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 12th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 19th 6.00pm Carol Service (org)

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Nativity Service (org)

11.30pm Midnight Communion (CW org)

Christmas Day

11.00am Family Communion (CW org)

January 2022

Sunday 2nd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 9th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 16th 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 23rd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

North Cheriton

SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

December 2021

Sunday 5th 9.30am Camelot Matins
(BCP org)

Sunday 12th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Christmas Day 11.00am
Christmas Day Service (org)

January 2022

Sunday 2nd 9.30am Camelot Matins
(BCP org)

Sunday 9th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 23rd 9.30am Morning Service (org)

Sunday 30th 9.30am Family Service (org)

South Cadbury

CAROL SERVICE

The Church Carol Service will take place at
4.00pm on Sunday 12th December.

Bible Readings

DECEMBER

- 1st - Matthew 15: 29-37
- 2nd - Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
- 3rd - Matthew 9: 27-31
- 4th - Matthew 9: 35—10: 1, 6-8
- 5th - **2nd Sunday of Advent**
Philippians 1: 3-11
- 6th - Luke 5: 17-26
- 7th - Matthew 18: 12-14
- 8th - Matthew 11: 28-30
- 9th - Matthew 11: 11-15
- 10th - Matthew 11: 16-19
- 11th - Matthew 17: 10-13
- 12th - **3rd Sunday of Advent**
Philippians 4: 4-7
- 13th - Matthew 21: 23-27
- 14th - Matthew 21: 28-32
- 15th - Luke 7: 18b-23
- 16th - Luke 7: 24-30
- 17th - Matthew 1: 1-17
- 18th - Matthew 1: 18-24
- 19th - **4th Sunday of Advent**
Hebrews 10: 5-10
- 20th - Luke 1: 26-38
- 21st - Luke 1: 39-45
- 22nd - Luke 1: 46-56
- 23rd - Luke 1: 57-66
- 24th - **Christmas Eve**
Luke 1: 67-79
- 25th - **Christmas Day**
Luke 2: 1-20
- 26th - **1st Sunday of Christmas**
Colossians 3: 12-17
- 27th - *St John* - John 21: 19b-25
- 28th - *The Holy Innocents*
Matthew 2: 13-18
- 29th - *St Stephen* - Acts 7: 51-60
- 30th - Luke 2: 36-40
- 31st - John 1: 1-18

SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE CAFÉ South Cadbury's Village Café was open on Saturday 13th November and, for the first time, we used our new kitchen. There was a great turnout - and we almost ran out of the gorgeous cakes! We will open again at **10.00am on Saturday 11th December**, when we'll all be getting into the Christmas spirit. We will also be holding the **Special Christmas 150 Club draw** with **double** the prize values. The first Village Café in the new year takes place on **8th January** also at 10.00am. Wherever you live across the Camelot villages, you'll be very welcome to pop in and join in our community gathering.

VILLAGE CALENDAR



Our new calendar is now available for just £6. This year we feature photographs, taken by South Cadbury villagers, of iconic local scenes – one for each month and, of course, Cadbury Hill on the cover. If you'd

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



After our popular **Bingo & Supper** event last month, we're busy working on ideas for Christmas. Events will include:

17th December: our annual competition for the house with the best Christmas Lights and Decoration. The winner will feature in next year's calendar;

18th December: from late afternoon, a carol singing trail around the village, starting at St Thomas à Becket Church and finishing at the hall;

18th December: from early evening, Father Christmas will turn on the tree lights, announce the winner of the Christmas Lights competition and give presents to the children. There will be refreshments for adults and children, including mulled wine, mince pies, hot dogs and soft drinks.

More details including exact timings will be posted on **nextdoor**.

JANUARY

We're currently planning our main evening event for January and expect it to be an interesting talk by a guest speaker. Once details are confirmed, we'll post them on **nextdoor** as usual.

PILATES & YOGA

Our new Pilates Class at 11.30am on

Wednesday mornings is proving popular. Alison Wells, is a qualified Nuffield Health Fitness instructor and has been teaching for over 20 years. Classes cost £8.50 and are suitable for both beginners and improvers. Please call Alison on 07828 625897 or email her on ali@positive-postures.co.uk to book your place.

If you're interested in Yoga, Clare Torday is looking to begin a class in South Cadbury. Have a look at her website (www.somerset-yogaspace.com) and drop her an email if you'd like to try.

SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

December 2021

Sunday 12th 4.00pm
Carol & Gifts Service (org)

Christmas Day 9.30am
Carols & Communion (BCP org)

January 2022

Sunday 23rd 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Yarlington

CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service will take place in the Church on Wednesday 22nd December - time to be confirmed.

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

December 2021

Sunday 5th 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 22nd time tbc
Carol Service (org)

Christmas Day 9.30am
Christmas Day Service (BCP org)

January 2022

Sunday 2nd 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 16th 4.00pm Evensong (BCP org)

Sunday 23rd 11.00am Sunday Worship
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Bible Readings

JANUARY

- 1st - *Naming of Jesus*
Luke 2: 15-21
- 2nd - **Epiphany**
Matthew 2: 1-12
- 3rd - Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25
- 4th - Mark 6: 34-44
- 5th - Mark 6: 45-52
- 6th - Luke 4: 14-22
- 7th - Luke 5: 12-16
- 8th - John 3: 22-30
- 9th - **Baptism of Christ**
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
- 10th - Mark 1: 14-20
- 11th - Mark 1: 21-28
- 12th - Mark 1: 29-39
- 13th - Mark 1: 40-45
- 14th - Mark 2: 1-12
- 15th - Mark 2: 13-17
- 16th - **2nd Sunday of Epiphany**
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
- 17th - Mark 2: 18-22
- 18th - Mark 2: 23-28
- 19th - Mark 3: 1-6
- 20th - Mark 3: 7-12
- 21st - Mark 3: 13-19
- 22nd - Mark 3: 20-21
- 23rd - **3rd Sunday of Epiphany**
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
- 24th - Mark 3: 22-30
- 25th - *Conversion of Paul*
Acts 9: 1-22
- 26th - Mark 4: 1-20
- 27th - Mark 4: 21-25
- 28th - Mark 4: 26-34
- 29th - Mark 4: 35-41
- 30th - **The Presentation of Christ**
1 Corinthians 13
- 31st - Mark 5: 1-20

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Sunday December 12th:

4.00pm Carol Service

South Cadbury

Sunday December 19th:

4.30pm Carol & Crib Service

Holton

6.00pm Camelot Carol Service

(North Cadbury)



Monday December 20th:

6.30pm Carol Service

Blackford

Wednesday December 22nd:

tbc Carol Service

Yarlington

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Nativity Service North Cadbury

tbc

Carol Service

Galhampton



11.30pm Midnight Communion North Cadbury

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Christmas Communion

Blackford

9.30am Christmas Communion

Compton Pauncefoot

9.30am Christmas Communion

South Cadbury

9.30am Christmas Day Service

Yarlington

11.00am Christmas Day Service

North Cheriton

11.00am Christmas Day Service

Holton

11.00am Christmas Day Service

Maperton

11.00am Family Communion

North Cadbury



Sunday December 26th:

11.00am Communion with Carols

Galhampton