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From the Rectory

When I walked outside on the morning of Storm Eunice my first thought was 'This is surely a strong wind but is this what everyone is talking about?' And then I saw the large tree blocking the road not far outside my home in North Cadbury. Something of the reality hit home to me then.

All this of course is nothing compared to the loss suffered by those who were caught up in the centre of the storm. I find the image of the famous spire on the top of St Thomas' in Wells falling to the ground particularly poignant.

But it did help me to put myself in the shoes of Jesus' disciples when they were caught in a little boat on the Sea of Galilee as a sudden storm blew up. This reading from Luke's gospel happened to be the one set for the Sunday after Storm Eunice. As the boat began to fill up with water not unnaturally they were terrified.

And where was Jesus? He was with them in the boat but asleep. Why was He not awake and taking action? Did He really care about what was happening to them? And so they woke Him up with the cry 'Master, Master, we are perishing!'.

This cry for help was rewarded by Jesus' action as He commanded the storm to be still and it immediately ceased. And yet for all that Jesus questioned His disciples with the words 'Where is your faith?'

At a certain level of course the disciples had demonstrated their faith by crying out to Jesus in their time of need. Our

prayers at times of crisis can be similarly direct and they too can find an

immediate answer from God. And yet Jesus had shown the depth of His faith by being asleep in the middle of the storm, trusting all the time in God's power to protect Him.

And we can find a connection between this deep trust in God and Jesus' pattern of prayer and worship. Yes, powerful prayers were apparent at times of crisis as in the storm. But these were not 'one offs'. Rather Jesus was continuously praying to and worshipping God. He would go up a mountain on His own to pray to God and He could spend the whole night in prayer. These were not occasions of crisis but Jesus recognised His continual need to know what God wanted and to be refreshed by God's presence.

Lent is a special time in the church's year when we are encouraged to draw close to God. This might happen by reading a book as Anna suggested in the last edition of Excalibur, by being especially generous in some way or by giving up something that matters to us. It can be a way of building that deep trust in God which we see demonstrated in Jesus' life and ministry. And when the storms of life come (as they will) it is this deep trust which will sustain us.



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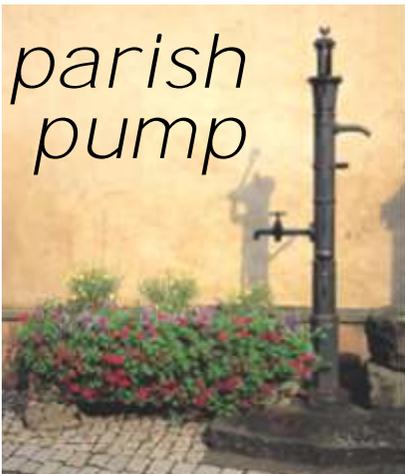
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March Events

1 st	Tue	5-8.00pm 7-9.00pm	Unlimited Pancakes Evening Pancakes & Plonk	North Cadbury Village Hall Blackford Reading Room
2 nd	Wed	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Service	South Cadbury Church
3 rd	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers	Galhampton Church
5 th	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
6 th	Sun		Sunday Services	<i>See centre pages for services</i>
7 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 20	Galhampton Church
8 th	Tue	4-6.30pm 7-8.00pm	Play Equipment Consultation Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Village Hall Galhampton Church
10 th	Thu	10.00am 12.30pm	South Cadbury Walking Group Galhampton Lunch Club	The Camelot, South Cadbury Galhampton Village Hall
12 th	Sat	10.00am	Village Cafe - see page 26	South Cadbury Village Hall
13 th	Sun		Sunday Services	<i>See centre pages for services</i>
14 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music	Galhampton Church
15 th	Tue		<u>DEADLINE FOR APRIL EXCALIBUR</u>	
		4-6.30pm 7-8.00pm	Play Equipment Consultation Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Village Hall Galhampton Church
16 th	Wed	7.30pm	North Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
17 th	Thu	7.30pm	Group Council Meeting	Blackford Reading Room
18 th	Fri		Film Night - details tbc	North Cadbury Village Hall
19 th	Sat	8.15am 8.30am 12.30-2pm 2.00pm 6.15pm	Men's Breakfast Club - see page 19 Saturday Breakfast - see page 18 Lent Lunch - see page 13 Family Bingo - see page 26 Film Night with Supper	The Orchard Inn, Galhampton Blackford Reading Room North Cheriton Village Hall South Cadbury Village Hall Galhampton Village Hall
20 th	Sun		Sunday Services	<i>See centre pages for services</i>
21 st	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 20	Galhampton Church
22 nd	Tue	7-8.00pm 7.30pm	Alternative Celtic Worship Village Hall & Playing Field AGM	Galhampton Church Galhampton Village Hall
23 rd	Wed	10.30am 7.00pm	North Cadbury Women's Group N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	North Cadbury Reading Room <i>Venue to be decided.</i>
24 th	Thu	10.00am	South Cadbury Walking Group	The Camelot, South Cadbury
25 th	Fri	7 for 7.30	Canterbury Tales - see page 22	North Cadbury Village Hall
26 th	Sat	10.30am 7 for 7.30	Coffee Morning & 200 Club Canterbury Tales - see page 22	North Cadbury Village Hall North Cadbury Village Hall
27 th	Sun		Mothering Sunday <i>Clocks go forward</i>	<i>See centre pages for services</i>
28 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music	Galhampton Church
29 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church

150 years ago, on 16th March 1872, the first FA Cup Final was held at the Oval in Kennington, London. Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0.



Excalibur Subscriptions

Your annual Excalibur subscription was due last month. Please return £4 or more as a donation to our running costs in the brown envelope provided. If you are not sure who to return your envelope to, these can be sent to the Parishes Office (address on page 2) with a note of your address. Cheques sent to the Office should be made payable to the Camelot Parishes.

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.

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/>

Alternative Celtic Worship

Worship in the Celtic tradition will resume in Galhampton Church on a Tuesday evening following a break over the winter. The first session will be on Tuesday March 8th from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. See advert opposite.

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Somerset (part of the Walking in England website) has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place -

www.walkinginengland.co.uk/somerset

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Somerset has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can

find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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For more information phone, text or email Sally Yeoman 01749 860304 / 07929097374 sallyyeoman@btinternet.com

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if you enjoy alternative ways
to praise God.

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North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 7.00pm. Venue to be decided.

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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Email parishclerk@northcadbury.org.uk

Mr Malcolm Hunt, Chairman
6 Court View, Chapel Lane, South Cadbury
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Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

Charles Gordon ('Charlie') Higgins (aged 81). Died on 1st January 2022. Funeral at St Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury on Tuesday 1st February.

Margaret Olive Ebbage (aged 88). Died on 9th January 2022. Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium on Monday 7th February.

Mary Joan Keene (aged 71). Died on 8th January 2022. Funeral at Mendip Crematorium on Tuesday 8th February.

Anthony William ('Tony') Eaton (aged 78). Died on 18th January 2022. Funeral at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Thursday 10th February.

Nicholas Frank Atkinson (aged 56). Died on 16th January 2022. Funeral at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Friday 11th February.

Kathleen Geneva Nellie Day (aged 83). Died on 8th December 2021. Burial of Ashes at St Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury on Thursday 17th February.

*We have all been created for relationship.
The desire to belong and
the need to be accepted and welcomed
are innate in all of us. - Jo Frost*

Weddings

Congratulations to **Henrietta Elizabeth Anne Dyson** and **Richard Alexander Paton** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday February 5th 2022.

Also congratulations to **Carly Dawn Thomas** and **Stephen John Cassidy** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday February 19th 2022.



*Steve put the finishing touches to
Peter's Lent array*

In Swansea there used to be a well-known firm of solicitors called W G Christian and Sons. A letter sent to them from overseas was addressed simply: W. G. Christian, South Wales. It eventually arrived at their office with a note from the Post Office attached. It read: "No Christians in Cardiff - try Swansea."

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From the Assistant Bishop

“Lord, when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?”

For any would be follower of Jesus, the teaching in Matthew 25 is surely some of the most challenging in the whole of the New Testament. What sort of disciples are we called to be? Will the world recognise Christ in us both in our words and in our actions?

Faced with persecution, with the temptation to instant popularity and self-aggrandisement, Jesus remains true to himself and to his call to be a servant leader. This, he says, is what is required of anyone who would follow me: *“to love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself”*.

While we may talk a great deal about being a welcoming Church, the reality is much harder to achieve. To welcome is not to want the stranger to become just like us. It’s about valuing the gifts they bring and about being willing to be changed ourselves by the new life coming among us. It begins, as Jesus began, by seeking to serve the stranger’s needs and, to do that, we first have to listen.

Some of the harshest of Jesus’ words were directed to the religious



people of his day, too occupied with their own agendas, their own self-righteousness, to notice the stranger in their midst. It is only when we are prepared to leave the security of our own home, “launching out into the deep”, going onto the other’s territory, can we begin to feel just how strange and at times threatening the community of faith can be to the outsider.

Lent, with its invitation to de-clutter our busy lives, brings also the promise of new life. Let’s use this God-given time to pray that our hearts and the life of our communities may be opened such that we can truly welcome the stranger as a sister or brother in Christ.

With my blessing,

† Trevor

Bishop Trevor Willmott is an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The promise of new life

OUR BUSES ARE UNDER THREAT

April 2022 was meant to augur in a new era for our buses. It was the month when the £3 billion as part of Bus Back Better, National Strategy for Buses for England, could be used to improve bus services. People could be invited to abandon their cars and opt for the 'greener' option of going by bus on journeys to nearby towns and villages.

To improve buses across the county, Somerset had put in a bid for £163 million of Bus Back Better money. That was the sum of money Somerset needed because Somerset bus services currently are the worst rated of any county in England. But the Bus Back Better fund has been oversubscribed 8 times by all the bids from across England and so it's unknown how much money Somerset might get. But it's unlikely to get anything like what Somerset needs.

The 2 years of Covid with endless warnings not to use buses has seen bus passenger numbers down 40% on pre Covid levels. This has meant the Government has had to step in and subsidise bus services in order to keep them running. To fund this the Government has diverted more than half of the £3 billion pot allocated for transforming our bus services to just maintain our current bus services.

Worse still, the Government has still not said whether it will keep funding our existing bus services from April.

If it doesn't, then without this subsidy, bus services across the county (including here in Somerset) could "fall off the side of the cliff" (as said by Wera Hobhouse, Bath MP). It's been estimated 30% of bus services would go. Some bus services could even disappear completely.

Without this Covid Bus Recovery Grant, a leading bus operator has said, "The bus sector is hurtling towards disaster."

So what can we do?

Could you please ... today ... send an email (doesn't need to be long) to the Government Buses Minister demanding that the Covid-19 Bus Recovery Grant funding is continued beyond April. Send it to BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON (Buses Minister) - email verec@parliament.uk.

Also copy your email to your MP: DAVID WARBURTON (Somerton and Frome) - email david.warburton.mp@parliament.uk

Please also copy in Somerset Bus Partnership to any emails too.

Additionally, if you should speak to any of the candidates for the Somerset Unitary Council May 5th elections, please ask them what their plans are to protect and improve our bus services here in Somerset. There's never been a time when our bus services in Somerset have been at so much risk.

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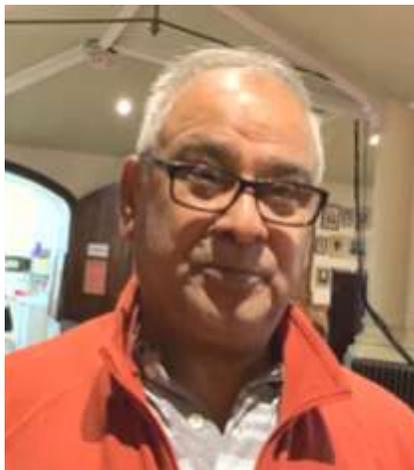
Bored with Retirement?

People who retired early (before the age of 66) are going back to work. A study has found that the reason is because they miss having a sense of daily purpose in their lives, or they miss the companionship of work colleagues.

A recent study by Aviva found that people who want to retire early do so primarily because they want to have more freedom while still being fit enough to enjoy it. But sometimes, it seems, retirement is not as much fun as they had expected it to be.

INTERVIEW - A place of acceptance

Oosman Tegally worships at Christ Church, Bath. He shares his thoughts on welcome and generosity.



What does welcome mean to you?

Acceptance. I have gone into some places in the past and the faces tell whether you are accepted or if you are not and if you are received well then that to me is welcome. I have visited many places, many churches, and the moment I came into Christ Church I thought, yes this is the place I'd like to worship and be part of.

Have you experienced feeling unwelcome?

Oh yes, there have been times when comments have been made because of my ethnicity. It's what they perceive, what they see, they're not looking inside to see what kind of a person you are, and I have been very hurt about that and I have never been

back again. It's sad really because someone who could have been part of that community, cannot be when that happens.

How can we make people feel more included and less like an outsider?

We have to accept the person as they are, no matter what. It is accepting them for what they are, who they are and be accepting from both sides. Inclusivity means anybody - LGBT, disabled, learning difficulties and more.

How can we be more generous?

Generosity is being there for somebody who needs you, it doesn't matter in what form. It comes from the heart and it's what you feel capable of doing, not necessarily finances, it can be in many different ways, moral support, being there, a listening ear.



ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

2nd March

10.30am at

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LENT LUNCH

See opposite

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Wordsearch for March

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

lent
 spiritual
 easter
 preparation
 fasting
 prayer
 desert
 selfdenial
 repentance
 seeking
 finding
 growing
 mothers
 love
 care
 nurture
 learning
 teaching
 disciples
 worldwide
 flowers
 thankyou
 family



The need of the world is to listen to God.

– Albert Einstein

*Seek Christ, and you will find him,
 and with him everything else thrown in.*

– C S Lewis

Empathy is your pain in my heart.

– H E Luccock

*Love does not say, 'Give me',
 but 'Let me give you.'* – Anon

*A friend is one who comes in
 when the world goes out.* – Anon

Why God made Mums

These were the answers given by some seven- year-olds...

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
2. Mostly to clean the house, I think.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. I've heard it was some amazing experiment on men that got out of hand.
3. God made my mum just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.

Why did God give you to your mother, and not to some other mum?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other kids' mums like me.
3. Other mums wouldn't understand about me being afraid in the dark.

What kind of little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background, like has he put anything too disgusting on Facebook?
3. She needed to check out his bank account, to make sure he could buy her clothes.

Why did your mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that no one will ever know.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Dad is, because mum says so. She just helps by reminding him what to do each day.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. Dad was, until Mum found what he had written on Facebook about Granny.

What's the difference between mums & dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but they panic when the dishwasher overflows.

What does your mum do in her spare time?

1. She takes my brother to football and my sister to violin lessons.
2. To hear her tell it, it's like she pays bills all day long.
3. I think that must happen during the night, because then she just lies there and sleeps.

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.
3. She would understand why the dog needs to sleep with me at night.

If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. She'd be more relaxed about me not doing my homework.

*Children are the anchors
that hold a mother to life.*

– Sophocles

Sunday Worship

6th March *The First Sunday of Lent* Purple
 CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)	<i>rw</i>
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)	<i>trs</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Group Communion (CW org)	<i>trs rw</i>

READINGS Morning - *Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13*

13th March *The Second Sunday of Lent* Purple

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

READINGS Morning - *Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35*

20th March *The Third Sunday of Lent* 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>
	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	<i>rw</i>
	Galhampton - <i>Service at North Cadbury</i>		
4.00 pm	Yarlington	Evensong (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>

READINGS Morning - *Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9*
 Evening - *Genesis 28: 10-19a; John 1: 35-50*

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



27th March	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	Purple
	MOTHERING SUNDAY	
8.00 am	Blackford	Communion (BCP) <i>trs</i>
9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	Matins (BCP org) <i>gr</i>
	North Cheriton	Morning Worship (org) <i>ap</i>
	South Cadbury	Communion (BCP) <i>rw</i>
11.00 am	Holton	Communion (CW org) <i>ap</i>
	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org) <i>rw</i>
	Yarlington	Sunday Worship (kb, g) <i>trs</i>
6.30pm	Galthampton	Evening Service (piano) <i>trs</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32</i> Evening - <i>Isaiah 40:27-41:13; 2 Timothy 4: 1-8</i> or <i>Mothering Sunday readings.</i>	

3rd April	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Purple
	CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY	
9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Group Communion (CW org)
READINGS	Morning - <i>Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8</i>	

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ap Revd Alison Parris
rw Revd Ron Wood

READER

gr George Renwick

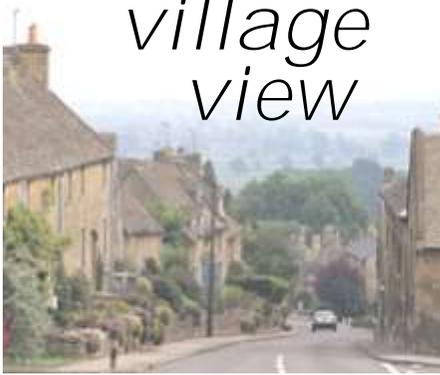
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Latest details of services in the Camelot Parishes can be found on the Camelot Parishes website <http://camelotparishes.co.uk/> and on each parish's A Church Near You webpages.

The form that discipleship takes is conditioned by the historic times in which one lives, as well as by the context of an individual's life; but the underlying principle remains the same: each of us is called by love to love; called out of our narrow individualism and our small private world, to allow ourselves to be 'turned around' by the allurements of God, and to live for Him, as Jesus did.

- Thelma Hall



village view

Blackford

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for our monthly village breakfast on Saturday March 19th 2022 at 8.00am in the Reading Room.

BOOK CLUB

For details contact 01963 440754.

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 13th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 20th 9.30am at Compton Pauncefoot

Sunday 27th 8.00am Communion (BCP)

Bratton Seymour

(Bratton St Maur)

SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

There will be no services in March due to ongoing building work.

Compton Pauncefoot

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 13th 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 20th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 27th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Galhampton

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Thursday 3rd March. Meet outside the church at 9.15am. After our walk we have coffee at the Orchard Inn. All welcome.

MARCH VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 5th March – 10.00am to 11.30am at the village hall with draw and notices at 10.30am. Enjoy a cup of fresh brewed coffee or tea and a delicious home-made cake or two, experience 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 a great way of catching up with what is going on in the lovely village of Galhampton. Do come and join us.

PLAY EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

A major upgrade of the play equipment on the playing field is planned for this year. Proposals have been received from three companies for what could be provided on the field. We now wish to consult with the village, particularly children and their families, on what appeals/does not appeal in these proposals.

There will be displays of all three shown in the village hall on **Saturday 5th March 10.00am to 12 noon, Tuesday 8th March 4.00pm to 6.30pm and Tuesday 15th March 4.00pm to 6.30pm.** Please come along and give us your feedback, thoughts and ideas so that we can agree on a plan that best suits the village.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 10th March. 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 – 01963

441680. All dietary requirements catered for.

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast will take place on **Saturday 19th March** at The Orchard Inn, High Road, Galhampton. The breakfast will start at 8.15 am, ending shortly after 10 am. There will be a full English breakfast served at the table in the conservatory. George Beverly, the chaplain of King's Bruton and curate at St John's, Yeovil will then talk about his experiences in 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

FILM NIGHT

Saturday 19th March. We will be showing "The Good Liar" (15 rated), a crime thriller starring acting royalty Dame Helen Mirren and Sir Ian McKellen. Tickets are £8 for adults, £5 for under 16s and are available from Paul Carter on 07875 206875 or village@galhampton.com. A light supper is included in the ticket price and a licensed bar is available. Doors open at 6.15pm and the film starts at 7.30pm with the supper being served prior to the film.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 22nd March. The Covid delayed AGM for the village hall and playing field committee for the 2020/21 year will be held in the village hall at 7.30pm. Wine and nibbles will be served from 7.00pm. As well as the usual items of Chairman's and Treasurer's reports, we will be proposing converting the existing charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and also putting forward the plans for upgrading the playing field equipment.

Local Contacts

CIVIL PARISHES

Compton Pauncefoot & Blackford

CHAIRMAN Jane Monk 440666

North Cadbury & Yarlington

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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*

Do please come and listen to what is proposed and have your say - this is an important event in the village calendar and your support would be much appreciated. We are also seeking new committee members; if you are interested in joining, please have a chat with a current committee member or speak to Alan Rickers on 07854 480212 or Pete Marsden on 07785 524725 or email

village@galhampton.com

VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS

Following the success of the 2022 calendar, we are collecting 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

MARCH SERVICES

AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 13th 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 20th 11.00am Sunday Worship
at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 27th 6.30pm Evening Service
(piano)

*We are shaped and fashioned
by what we love.*

- J Von Goethe

Holton

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The Breakfast this month is on 5th March 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!

MARCH SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS

Sunday 13th 11.00am Sunday Worship
(kb, g)

Sunday 27th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Maperton

MARCH SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

Sunday 20th 11.00am Communion (BCP)

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. Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March in Galhampton Church, 9.30-11.30am. £2 per session.

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast will take place on **Saturday 19th March** at The Orchard Inn, High Road, Galhampton. The breakfast will



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start at 8.15 am, ending shortly after 10 am. There will be a full English breakfast served at the table in the conservatory. George Beverly, the chaplain of King's Bruton and curate at St John's, Yeovil will then talk about his experiences in 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 Ulton at chmoulton70@gmail.com

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Happy March everyone, Spring is finally here!

Our new playground equipment is in place and has proven popular already, come up and look if you haven't yet had a chance.

North Cadbury Village Hall Coffee Mornings are held on the last Saturday of the month. The next will be on Saturday 26th March at 10.30am. Warm winter drinks and homemade cake are available while you chat and check if your number comes up in the 200 Club monthly draw. If you have not 'joined our club' you can purchase your ticket by contacting

200club@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk

Canterbury Tales 25th and 26th March. Following the tremendous success of the last Canterbury Tales in 2016, Camelot Players will be staging two more of Chaucer's bawdy tales in North Cadbury Village Hall. As before, there will be a meal in-between the tales plus other entertainments as well. An evening not to be missed, so do make a note in your diary. Please note that these performances will be for adults only. Tickets available from the Camelot Players and the local shop.

North Cadbury Women's Group Wednesday 23rd March. We hope that new arrivals to the villages will come and join us

either as new members or at some of our "Open Meetings" throughout the year, all are welcome at these events!

North Cadbury & District Gardening Club.

Everyone is invited, old or new members and visitors (a £2 entrance fee is asked for). We all look forward to our remarkably interesting talks which are also social events. Next session Wednesday 16th March. *See the report on the February meeting below.*

Unlimited Pancakes Evening – where: North Cadbury Village Hall, when: 1st March 5-8.00pm, Adults - £2.50, Child £1.50, Family £5. Raffle, and bar.

Film Night – March 18th – Details tbc, look out for posters and social media updates around the village.

Our regular events include Art Class every Tuesday 10.00-12.00, Folk Night every Tuesday in the Reading Room 19.30-22.30 and Table Tennis every Tuesday in the Main Hall 18.30-20.30.

Should you wish to join any of our clubs, attend any of our events or hire the hall for your own - please contact the Bookings Secretary 07468484281

bookings@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you.

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.

Our meeting on February 17th was about Olive trees. Caradoc Doy told us that it is possible to grow them in the UK. In fact he has grown his own and even planted one in Glastonbury Abbey garden which is now huge.

He told us the history of olive trees in the Bible particularly and the fact that they mean Peace. He has named his own cultivar Peace in fact.



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We normally meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We're always delighted to have new members, so please do come along and join us. Non-members and guests are also welcome for a fee of £2.

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 6th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 13th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 20th 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 27th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

North Cheriton

NORTH CHERITON LENT LUNCH

Saturday 19th March, 12.30-2.00pm. Lent Lunch at North Cheriton Village Hall. Soup and a roll, cheese and fruit, tea/coffee. Please join us!

No charge, but donations to Tearfund's Afghanistan Crisis Appeal gratefully received.

EXCALIBUR - A REMINDER

Don't forget to return your Excalibur payment in the brown envelopes to your local distributor. Many thanks!

MARCH SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 6th 9.30am
Camelot Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 13th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 27th 9.30am Morning Service (org)

South Cadbury

SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

POP-UP RESTAURANT - Last month, our first-ever pop-up restaurant sold out and was a great success! Mark Perry and his family cooked a superb **Indian Supper** with a choice of curries to suit all tastes; Lin Perry's home-made kulfi was fabulous. Feedback on the night was unanimous in wanting similar events in future, with Italian, Thai and Greek food receiving the most votes. If you would be interested in attending one of these, or have the culinary skills to create one, please let us know at

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FAMILY BINGO

Back by popular demand, **Bingo** returns to South Cadbury Village Hall on **Saturday 19th March**. Doors open at 2.00pm, eyes down 2.30pm and we'll take a break after 3 of the 6 games. This time, it is a daytime event so that children can join in the fun. Tickets are only £1 per person, which includes the first game. There will be **special rounds and prizes for children** and we aim to make this a great family event. Snacks and drinks will be available and you can get your tickets from all the usual places, call Hilda Connolly on 440442 or by email at

Village.Hall@SouthCadbury.org.uk

VILLAGE WALKING GROUP on **March 10th and 24th from 10.00am**. The **South Cadbury Walking Group** gets together twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursdays. Bring your dog - or just bring yourself - for a moderate walk & natter. We meet outside the Camelot by 10.00am, decide where to go and set off. We may occasionally return to the Camelot afterwards for a reviving glass of something or other!

VILLAGE CAFÉ
on **March 12th from 10.00am**. As well as coffee, cake and conversation,



our **March Café** will see the **final 150 CLUB draw** of the year. You can also browse and borrow from our bookstore. If you could bake a cake or donate a raffle prize, please contact Hilda on 440442 or Alison on 440997.

Last month's Café was one of the busiest ever: it was great to see so many people. Jean Tatham kindly brought her lace-making work to display and discuss. We are now looking into whether there is enough local interest to begin a

regular **Arts and Crafts group** in the hall? This could start simply as a meeting to share a cup of tea with others while you knit/sketch/lace-make/etc and, over time, develop into something more. If you are, or might be, interested please send your ideas to

Village.Hall@SouthCadbury.org.uk

PILATES & YOGA We now have **two weekly Pilates classes** on Wednesdays: 11.30am and 6.00pm. Alison Wells is a qualified Nuffield Health Fitness instructor who makes sure everyone gets the most from the classes, whether you are a beginner or improver. Contact Alison on 07828 625897 or ali@positive-postures.co.uk to book a place.

Alison held her first Yoga course in the hall over the weekend of 19-20 Feb. Keep an eye on www.nextdoor.co.uk for future dates.

HOLD THE DATE - EASTER

Providing the weather is kind, we're organising a children's Easter Egg trail in the afternoon of **Saturday 16th April**. There will be more details published in April's Excalibur and on www.nextdoor.co.uk



MARCH SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

Ash Wednesday - March 2nd

10.30am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 27th 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Yarlington

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 6th 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 20th 4.00pm Evensong (BCP org)

Sunday 27th 11.00am Sunday Worship

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Spring

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with armfuls of blossom,
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Rain and sun caressing the earth
Inspiring spring bulbs
to come into view.
Now is the time of new beginnings,
Giving us pleasure all season through.

Selah

All this beauty God bestows
upon the earth for us to share.
So let us treasure such delights
and tread this world

with love and care.

By Megan Carter



The fan-heater under the cassock idea proved not to be such a good one

Bible Readings

MARCH

- 1st - Mark 10: 28-31
- 2nd - **Ash Wednesday**
John 8: 1-11
- 3rd - Luke 9: 22-25
- 4th - Matthew 9: 14-15
- 5th - Luke 5: 27-32
- 6th - **1st Sunday of Lent**
Romans 10: 8b-13
- 7th - Matthew 25: 31-46
- 8th - Matthew 6: 7-15
- 9th - Luke 11: 29-32
- 10th - Matthew 7: 7-12
- 11th - Matthew 5: 20-26
- 12th - Matthew 5: 43-48
- 13th - **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Philippians 3:17—4:1
- 14th - Luke 6: 36-38
- 15th - Matthew 23: 1-12
- 16th - Matthew 20: 17-28
- 17th - Luke 16: 19-31
- 18th - Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
- 19th - **Joseph of Nazareth**
Matthew 1: 18-25
- 20th - **3rd Sunday of Lent**
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
- 21st - Luke 4: 24-30
- 22nd - Matthew 18: 21-35
- 23rd - Matthew 5: 17-19
- 24th - Luke 11: 14-23
- 25th - **The Annunciation**
Luke 1: 26-38
- 26th - Luke 18: 9-14
- 27th - **4th Sunday of Lent**
2 Corinthians 6: 16-21
- 28th - John 4: 43-54
- 29th - John 5: 1-3, 5-16
- 30th - John 5: 17-30
- 31st - John 5: 31-47

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A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told stories about a lost sheep and a lost coin, then one about a man with two sons. The younger son said to his father...

I want my share of what I'll inherit from you now!



So the father divided his property between his sons.

The younger son took his money and went to another country.



Then his money ran out and there was a famine.



The only job he could get was feeding pigs.

He was so hungry he would have eaten their food.



Then he came to his senses -

I'll go to my father, say sorry, and ask him for a job as a workman!



He set off for home.

His father saw him coming, ran to him and hugged him.



Father, I am so sorry. I am not good enough to be your son...



But his father sent servants to get clothes for his son and prepare a feast to celebrate his return.

The older son came back from work and heard the noise.



Your brother has returned and your father is having a feast!

The older son was so angry he wouldn't go into the house..



so his father came out to see him.

For years I've slaved for you and you've given me nothing. He returns after wasting your money and you give him a feast!



My son, all I have is yours, but we should celebrate because he was lost and now he has been found.



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