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THE CAMELOT PARISHES MAGAZINE

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*Merry Christmas to all our readers*

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## From the Rectory

In this edition we look forward in anticipation to Christmas. Hopefully for many of us Christmas will be a time of celebration and joy, a chance to take a break and to strengthen ties with family, friends and community. And yet for many it will also be overshadowed by continuing economic pressure. In this benefice we continue to support the Lord's Larder and other foodbanks in our area. This support is very much appreciated. In our last Deanery Synod we learnt also about another, parallel effort a Community Fridge which is available in some churches in our Deanery.

And yet the fact that such initiatives are needed at all is an unwelcome sign of the times. So, many families will be looking forward to winter and to Christmas not with joy and anticipation but with fear and trepidation.

And yet as we celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas there are many different aspects to our celebration. In the church's year we think of Christmas as having perhaps a 'lighter' feel to it than Easter and in particular Good Friday when we remember Christ's Crucifixion.

But, in the words of T S Eliot which begin and end his poem *East Coker*, 'In my beginning is my end' and 'In my end is my beginning.' There is more in common between the celebrations of Christmas and of Easter than might appear at first sight.

The shadow of the Cross does indeed fall across the accounts of Jesus' birth.



We find it in the words of Simeon when his mother Mary presents the baby Jesus at the Temple. Simeon tells Mary, 'This child is destined...to be a sign that will be opposed...and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' (Luke 2: 34-35). We find it in Jesus' birth in a stable because there is no room at the inn. This can often be romanticised but the stable was no doubt not a comfortable place and was a sign of exclusion from the social mainstream. And then there is the account in Matthew of the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt to escape the terrible persecution and massacre instigated by Herod. This latter is, for obvious reasons, not often included in our readings for Christmas carols.

And yet it is the full message of Christmas which we need in order to address the realities of our times. This message is one of joy and celebration. However, it does not minimise the presence of pain and suffering in our world. But, as with the Resurrection, our hope and faith as Christians is that in the end Christ and Christ's love will reign.

With my love and prayer,  
Tristram

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# December Events

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	9.15am 10am-12	<b>Galhampton Walkers</b> <b>Coffee Morning</b> - <i>see page 30</i>	Galhampton Church North Cheriton Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	-	-	-
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	8.30am 10-11.30 10.30-1.00	<b>Saturday Breakfast</b> - <i>see page 24</i> <b>Village Gathering &amp; Coffee Morning</b> <b>Christmas Coffee Morning</b> - <i>see p. 11</i>	Holton Village Hall Galhampton Village Hall Yarlington Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9.00am	<b>Village Hall Working Party</b> <b>Sunday Services</b> <b>mainly music</b> - <i>see page 24</i>	North Cadbury Village Hall <i>See page 16 for services</i> North Cadbury Church
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9.30-11.30	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7-8.00pm	<b>N Cadbury Gardening Club Christmas Lunch</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wed			
8 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	12.30pm	<b>Galhampton Lunch Club</b> - <i>see page 21</i>	Galhampton Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	6-7.30pm 7 for 7.30	<b>Cheese and Wine Evening</b> - <i>see p. 30</i> <b>Camelot Players - Hiss the Villain</b>	South Cadbury House North Cadbury Village Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	8.15am 7 for 7.30	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> - <i>see page 21</i> <b>Camelot Players - Hiss the Villain</b> <b>N Cheriton Village Christmas Dinner</b>	Orchard Inn, Galhampton North Cadbury Village Hall North Cheriton Village Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b> <b>Patronal Festival Sunday Worship</b> <b>South Cadbury Carol Service</b> <b>Wincanton Choral Society Concert</b> <b>mainly music</b> - <i>see page 24</i>	<i>See page 16 for services</i> Holton Church South Cadbury Church Wincanton Parish Church North Cadbury Church
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9.30-11.30		South Cadbury Church
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		-	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	2.00pm	<b>North Cadbury School Carol Service</b>	North Cadbury Church
16 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	10-11.30am	<b>Community Coffee Morning</b>	North Cadbury Church
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	8.30am 10.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	<b>Saturday Breakfast</b> - <i>see page 20</i> <b>Coffee Morning &amp; 200 Club</b> <b>Bratton Seymour Carol Service</b> <b>Camelot Carol Service</b>	Blackford Reading Room North Cadbury Village Hall Bratton St Maur Church North Cadbury Church
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b> <b>Holton Carol &amp; Crib Service</b> <b>Galhampton Carol Service</b> <b>Blackford Carol Service</b>	<i>See page 16 for services</i> Holton Church Galhampton Church Blackford Church
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	6.30pm	<b>Christmas Raffle Draw</b>	Galhampton Village Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Compton Pauncefoot Carol Service</b> <b>Carols around the Yew Tree</b>	Compton Pauncefoot Church Galhampton
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wed		-	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	6.00pm	<b>Yarlington Carol Service</b>	Yarlington Church
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri		-	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	4.00pm 5.45pm 11.30pm	<b>Christmas Tree Service</b> <b>Carols &amp; Readings</b> <b>Midnight Communion</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	North Cadbury Church North Cheriton Church North Cadbury Church <i>See page 17 for services</i>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun			
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		<b>Boxing Day</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tue		<b>Bank Holiday</b>	

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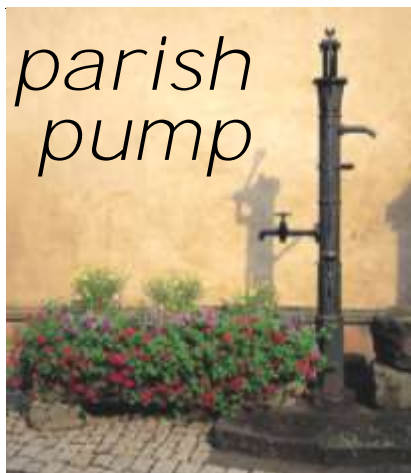
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b>	See page 18 for services
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon		<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tue	7-8.00pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		-	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	9.15am	<b>Galhampton Walkers</b>	Galhampton Church
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		-	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10-11.30	<b>Village Gathering &amp; Coffee Morning</b>	Galhampton Village Hall
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10 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	South Cadbury Church
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		-	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	12.30pm	<b>Galhampton Lunch Club - see page 22</b>	Galhampton Village Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		-	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		-	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b>	See page 18 for services
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		<b><u>DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY EXCALIBUR</u></b>	
		9.30-11.30	<b>mainly music - see page 24</b>	North Cadbury Church
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7-8.00pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7.00pm	<b>N Cadbury &amp; Yarlington Parish Council</b>	Galhampton Village Hall
		7.30pm	<b>N Cadbury Gardening Club AGM</b>	North Cadbury Village Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	10-11.30am	<b>Community Coffee Morning</b>	North Cadbury Church
		2-4.00pm	<b>Galhampton Sewing Bees</b>	Galhampton Village Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	7 for 7.30	<b>Film Night - 'Top Gun'</b>	North Cadbury Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	8.30am	<b>Saturday Breakfast - see page 20</b>	Blackford Reading Room
			<b>Burn's Night Supper - see page 22</b>	Galhampton Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b>	See page 19 for services
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mon	9.30-11.30	<b>mainly music - see page 24</b>	North Cadbury Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	Tue		-	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30am	<b>N Cadbury Women's Group AGM</b>	North Cadbury Reading Room
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		-	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		-	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.30am	<b>Coffee Morning &amp; 200 Club</b>	North Cadbury Village Hall
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b>	See page 19 for services
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9.30-11.30	<b>mainly music - see page 24</b>	North Cadbury Church
31 <sup>st</sup>	Tue		-	

*100 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1922, John Reith (later Lord Reith) was appointed General Manager of the BBC.*

*90 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1932, the first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King George V addressed the nation live from Sandringham.*

*80 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1942, the British Government published the Beveridge Report, which formed the basis of the welfare state.*

*65 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1957, Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas message was televised for the first time.*



## **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.

Please note that the Parishes Secretary will be taking time off between Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Tuesday Worship in Galhampton Church**

During the winter, the alternative worship on a Tuesday evening in Galhampton Church will only be taking place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month - and in December there will be no meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>. See advert on opposite page.

## **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.

## **How long should we sleep when we are over 50?**

The amount of sleep you get each night can have a huge impact on your health. A recent study has found that middle-aged people need at least seven hours a night. This reduces their risk of developing various serious health conditions including cancer, diabetes, and arthritis.

This contrasts with the effect of having only five hours of sleep a night. People over 50 who slept for five hours were found to be 30 per cent more likely to have chronic diseases, including depression, liver disease, stroke, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and Parkinson's. The researchers were based at University College London (UCL).

## **Flat Rate Bus Fare Proposal**

Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes the Government's plan to provide up to £60 million, to enable bus operators to cap single adult bus fares at £2. The £2 flat fare comes in from the beginning of January and will continue through to the end of March 2023. Most bus operators are expected to adopt the scheme.

This means millions of people across England will save money, at a time when many households are suffering massive pressures from the rising cost of living. The move will help people travel for work, education, shopping and medical

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treatments and provide a much-needed saving in daily expenditure.

The current average single fare for a 3-mile journey is estimated at over £2.80, meaning that the new fare will save passengers almost 30% of the price every time they travel.

In addition, Somerset County Council currently plans to introduce a £1 single/ £2 return bus fare in Taunton, as part of its Bus Service Improvement Plan. Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes this initiative but emphasises the need to procure further funding to enable this flat rate fare to be extended across all of Somerset.

Somerset Bus Partnership Co-Chair, Peter Travis, said, “Bus usage declined in Somerset in the last decade, and even more so during to the pandemic. We need initiatives like these to restore and improve passenger levels. Encouraging people to choose buses over cars helps to reduce carbon emissions. It is estimated that the Government's £60 million will reduce car

## North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm in Galhampton Village Hall.

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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journeys by at least 2 million and cut pollution and congestion for all of us.”

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Peter Travis  
Co-Chair Somerset bus Partnership

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*The word ‘alms’ has no singular,  
as if to teach us that  
a solitary act of charity  
scarcely deserves the name.*

– Anon

# Camelot People

**We give thanks to God  
for:**

**Alfred James "Jim" Webb** (aged 95).  
Died on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Funeral  
at St Michael's, North Cadbury on  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



*Rodney didn't know how she'd got in, but she  
seemed keen to audition for the nativity play...*

## Holy Communion



**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10.00am**  
**at South Cadbury Church**



Luke 2:14

## Camelot Prayer All Welcome

Representatives from several Camelot Parishes meet by Zoom on Tuesday mornings from 08:00 to 08:40 to pray for the Camelot Benefice, for our nation, and for the world.

Items for prayer are provided by leaders in the Benefice and in response to current world events. Prayer requests remain confidential within the group. The session is relaxed and informal and each contributes as they feel led.

**Tristram reminds us that prayer  
underpins everything we say and do, so  
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## From the Bishop

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As 2022 comes to a close, our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine whose country was invaded by Russia on the 24<sup>th</sup> February this year. In the months since, we have watched in horror as civilians, cities and infrastructure have been attacked, land occupied and atrocities committed.

The UK has received more than 100,000 people fleeing from the conflict. The gift of their presence among us reminds us that this is no “quarrel in a far away country, between people of whom we know nothing”.

As we recall once again the coming into the world of Jesus at Christmas, our challenge is to connect our celebration of his birth with the realities and consequences of the conflict that is happening. Sadly, it's not hard to see the links. Jesus was born in a land (Palestine) that had been annexed by an expansionist foreign power (Rome) in pursuit of its territorial ambitions. The demands of the Roman occupiers meant that Jesus' birth happened not at home in Nazareth, but at a counting centre - Bethlehem. He was born in a stable because 'there was no room at the inn'. While still a baby, Jesus became a refugee when taken to Egypt due to warnings of atrocities to come.



Viewed this way, the Christmas story is no sentimental fable. It is a brutal foreshadowing of the events that

Ukraine and our whole world have encountered this

year. At the same

time, it is also a story of hope. For

it tells us that even

in the very worst

that can happen the

Christ child whose

birth we celebrate knows all

too well the realities of the human condition. As a result, in any

darkness his light is never extinguished. For he is Emmanuel –

God with us.

So as we come to the end of 2022 we give thanks that God is always with us in whatever we face. May he be with Ukraine. May he be with Russia. And may he be welcomed by us all.

A very happy Christmas.

✠ Michael

The Rt Revd Michael Beasley,  
Bishop of Bath and Wells

## INTERVIEW - Offering a warm welcome

*The community in and around Wiveliscombe has come together to offer support to their Ukrainian guests, which will be vital over Christmas.*

### **How did you set up your community support?**

When we realised Ukrainian refugees would be coming to our area we realised we would need to have a co-ordinated approach so we set up a community organisation, Wivey Welcomes Refugees. Because of our rural setting we tried to bring people from the same area here together and thanks to the Facebook group, Taunton Homes for Ukraine, we matched about 95 per cent of people.

### **What support did you first offer?**

Our visitors first priority was to learn English and that's when we started planning to set up a Welcome Hub. St Andrew's in Wiveliscombe was the first to open their doors to us. They already ran a Café for All on Thursday mornings and made it clear we were welcome to come and use their space for whatever we wanted to do. One lesson a week quickly became three.

### **What did that develop?**

The wrap around care is important. The community volunteers come into the lessons to help and also offer friendship and trusted practical support for our visitors. The opportunity to build up friendships

with fellow Ukrainians, has also been really important, especially for those who are living out in the countryside and not near any fellow Ukrainians, and that has created a wonderful atmosphere.



*HRH the Countess of Wessex visits St Andrew's to learn about the project to welcome Ukrainian refugees.*

### **What about Christmas?**

Christmas will obviously be a difficult time as every one of my guests has loved ones back in Ukraine who they are worried about, especially with the recent targeting of power structures in Ukraine. They are strong and resilient people but a Christmas away from home will be challenging and the friendships, hospitality and support will be particularly important. One of our community partners is making plans to mark Orthodox Christmas on 7<sup>th</sup> January and we hope to follow up the success of our recent joint service with a Ukrainian/British carol service.

*Find out more about Wivey's welcome and how you can offer similar support at: [bathwells.anglican.org/wivey-welcomes](http://bathwells.anglican.org/wivey-welcomes).*



## A Service of Remembrance at St Michael's Church

This November, saw us mark our yearly Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church. All the children, from Preschool to Year Six, took part in a poignant and reflective service. We are honoured, as a school, to remember those who are affected by conflict, both decades ago and sadly, in the present.



We thank the Revd Tristram Rae-Smith for leading the service and for the opportunity to meet together, worship and reflect.

All our students from North Cadbury, created lanterns of hope, beautifully decorated with silhouettes, poppies and poems. We marked the two-minute silence at the memorial in the church grounds, reflecting on those who gave their lives, so that we may know freedom.

We also had the privilege this term, in taking part in The Royal Commonwealth Society's Heroes Remembrance Service, at Bath Abbey. As part of the project, our Dragon class researched and created a piece of artwork, in honour of the Late Naik Nand Singh. The service was a wonderful tribute to the many men and women of the Commonwealth who bravely fought in the world wars.



From reflection to hope, we now look forward to the coming festivities that Christmas brings. With Carol services, Nativities, Christmas fairs and Christingle. December promises to be a busy time for all and with this in mind we must take time to remember the humble beginnings of our Saviour and the true message of Christ's birth.

We warmly invite family, friends and residents to our Carol Service, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.00pm. The children and staff enjoy it immensely, and we all look forward to seeing those who can join us.



As we move towards the end of term, our much-anticipated building upgrades will begin. Initially, this will commence with some preparation of the grounds, including clearing or pruning shrubs and erecting safety fencing, in some areas of the school. We will continue to work with a local arborist, to ensure the safety and preservation of as many of our beloved trees, as possibly.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the merriest of Christmases and a happy and healthy New Year.

With season's greetings,

Amy Truett  
Acting Head Teacher

*For unto you is born this day in the city of  
David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

– Luke 2: 11



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# Sunday Worship

<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i></b>	Purple
9.00 am	Yarlington <b>Communion</b> (BCP)	rw
9.30 am	North Cheriton <b>Camelot Matins</b> (BCP org)	gr
11.00 am	North Cadbury <b>Communion</b> (CW org)	trs rw

**READINGS** *Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12*

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<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i></b>	Purple
9.30 am	Blackford <b>Matins</b> (BCP org)	ap
	Compton Pauncefoot - <i>Service at Blackford</i>	
	Galhampton <b>Communion</b> (BCP)	trs
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>	
	North Cheriton <b>Communion</b> (CW)	rw
11.00 am	Holton <b>Patronal Sunday Worship</b> (kb, g)	rw
4.30 pm	South Cadbury <b>Carol Service</b> (org)	trs

**READINGS** *Morning - Isaiah 35: 1-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11*

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<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></b>	Purple
4.30 pm	Holton <b>Carol &amp; Crib Service</b> (org)	rw
6.00 pm	Galhampton <b>Carol Service</b> (piano)	trs

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

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<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>Christmas Eve</i></b>	Gold or White
4.00 pm	North Cadbury <b>Christmas Tree Service</b> (kb, g)	rw
5.45pm	North Cheriton <b>Carols &amp; Readings</b>	trs
11.30 pm	North Cadbury <b>Midnight Communion</b> (CW org)	trs

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

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

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

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

### CLERGY

*trs* Revd Tristram Rae Smith  
*ap* Revd Alison Parris  
*rw* Revd Ron Wood

### READER

*gr* George Renwick

### LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*bs* Belinda Salthouse  
*ca* Chris Akroyd  
*hb* Heather Beadles  
*lg* Lesley Gillingham  
*tb* Tony Beadles

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 org = organ, kb = keyboard.

## I heard the Bells on Christmas Day

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*I heard the bells on Christmas day  
 their old familiar carols play,  
 and wild and sweet the words repeat  
 of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*I thought how, as the day had come,  
 the belfries of all Christendom  
 had rolled along th' unbroken song  
 of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*And in despair I bowed my head:  
 'There is no peace on earth,' I said  
 'For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
 of peace on earth, good will to men.'*

*Then pealed the bells  
 more loud and deep:  
 'God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
 the wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
 with peace on earth, good will to men.'*

*Till, ringing, singing on its way,  
 the world revolved from night to day  
 a voice, a chime, a chant sublime,  
 of peace on earth, good will to men.*

# Sunday Worship

**1<sup>st</sup> January**     *Naming of Jesus*     White  
CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

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

**READINGS**     Morning - *Numbers 6: 22-27; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-21*

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**8<sup>th</sup> January**     *The Baptism of Christ*     Gold or White  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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

**READINGS**     Morning - *Isaiah 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17*

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**15<sup>th</sup> January**     *The Second Sunday of Epiphany*     White

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

**READINGS**     Morning - *Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42*  
Evening - *Ezekiel 2:1—3:4; Galatians 1: 11-24*

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**22<sup>nd</sup> January     *The Third Sunday of Epiphany*     White**

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

**READINGS** Morning - *Isaiah 9: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23*  
 Evening - *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; 1 Peter 1: 3-12*

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**29<sup>th</sup> January     *The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*     White**

8.00 am	Blackford	<b>Communion</b> (BCP)	<i>trs</i>
9.30 am	North Cheriton	<b>Family Service</b> (org)	<i>trs</i>
11.00 am	Bratton St Maur	<b>Sunday Worship</b> (kb, g)	<i>rw</i>
	Maperton	<b>Matins</b> (BCP org)	<i>trs</i>
4.00 pm	Galhampton	<b>Evensong</b> (BCP piano)	<i>rw</i>

**READINGS** Morning - *1 Kings 17: 8-16; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; John 2: 1-11*  
 Evening - *Genesis 28: 10-22; Philemon 1-16*

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**5<sup>th</sup> February     *The Third Sunday before Lent*     Green**  
**CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY**

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

**READINGS** Morning - *Isaiah 58: 1-9a; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20*

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**CLERGY**

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

**READER**

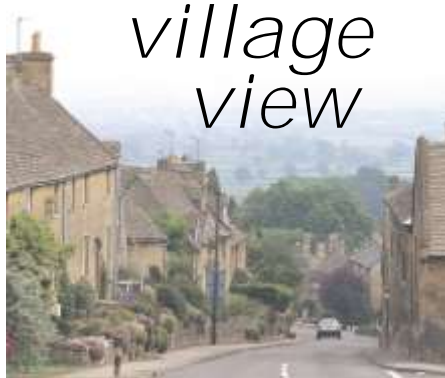
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<i>tb</i>	Tony Beadles

*Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian*  
 – G K Chesterton

*Charity gives itself rich;  
 covetousness hoards itself poor.*



# village view

## Blackford

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for our monthly village breakfasts on Saturdays December 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 and January 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 at 8.00am in the Reading Room.

### CAROL SERVICE

6.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December in St Michael's Church.

### BOOK CLUB

For details contact 01963 440754.

### SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

#### December 2022

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 9.30am

Christmas Communion (BCP org)

#### January 2023

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am at Compton Pauncefoot

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 8.00am Communion (BCP)

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*Kindness is a hard thing to give away.  
It keeps coming back to the giver.*

– Ralph Scott

## Bratton Seymour (Bratton St Maur)

### CAROL SERVICE

6.00pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

#### December 2022

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service

#### January 2023

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship  
(kb, g)

## Compton Pauncefoot

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We are looking forward to holding a Carol Service this year on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in St. Mary's. This will be the first since the pandemic and we do hope to be able to welcome many villagers to the church for this special festive occasion. Come and enjoy singing well known carols and listening to beautiful readings.

We would be glad to have help with the decoration of the church on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am. All help gratefully received.

There will be a service of Communion with Carols at 9.30am on Christmas morning.

### SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

#### December 2022

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am at Blackford

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 9.30am

Carols & Communion (BCP org)

#### January 2023

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

# Galhampton

## 2023 VILLAGE CALENDAR

The 2023 village calendar is hot off the press and selling fast. There are some lovely photographs of the village and we would like to thank all those who took the time to submit them. The cost is £8.50 and, if you would like to buy one, please contact Fiona Hooper via [f.hoopers50@gmail.com](mailto:f.hoopers50@gmail.com) or 07534 919195. Ideal for Christmas presents!

## GALHAMPTON WALKERS

We will meet at 9.15am outside the church on Thursdays 1<sup>st</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> January. All welcome including our 4 legged friends.

## DECEMBER VILLAGE GATHERING

**& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 10.00am to 11.30am at the village hall with draw and notices at 10.30am. 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 a great way of catching up with what is going on in the lovely village of Galhampton. Do come and join us.

## LUNCH CLUB

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.** All are welcome to attend this fun and lively lunch, bring your own bottle. This will be Christmas themed with silly hats and bad jokes! Please let Jenny know if you would like to attend 07926 119199.

## NORTH CADBURY AND GALHAMPTON MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next meeting of this breakfast club will take place at the Orchard Inn, High Road, Galhampton on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

# 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	Cherry Toop	440384
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## UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

RAINBOWS	Tracey Watson	440059
BROWNIES	Tracey Watson	440059
GUIDES	Joy Cross	350936

## OTHER ORGANISATIONS

### Blackford

READING ROOM	see advert on page 6
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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	Lorraine Malton	440471
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BRIDGE CLUB	Nicola Wilson	440642
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### FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S

	Donal O'Neill	441623
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GARDENING CLUB	Sarah Newsom	441533
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SCHOOL	Lisa Thompson	440420
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TENNIS CLUB	Steve Ingram	440125
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TODDLERS	Jodie Richards	441617
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VILLAGE HALL	Esther Watts	07468 484281
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WOMEN'S GROUP	Pauline Moylan	440775
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### North Cheriton

VILLAGE HALL	Lesley Tyson	07753 420897
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### South Cadbury

VILLAGE HALL	Sam Davey	441382
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WI	Julie	220181
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*To update the information on the above list, please contact the Parishes Office  
[office@camelotparishes.org.uk](mailto:office@camelotparishes.org.uk)*

The breakfast will start at 8.15am, ending at 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 given by Gareth Bolton, a regular speaker at men's breakfasts who travels the world talking about his Christian faith. To secure a place at the breakfast, please email Charles Oulton at [chmoulton70@gmail.com](mailto:chmoulton70@gmail.com)

### **CAROL SERVICE**

6.00pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December in Galhampton Church.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Once again we will be holding our Christmas raffle in aid of the village hall. Tickets are available from committee members and at the December coffee morning with the draw taking place at 5.45pm on 20<sup>th</sup> December in the village hall. As ever, we welcome any donations of bottles, chocolates, biscuits, cakes, toiletries and other festive goodies that can be made into Christmas hampers – please deliver any items by Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December to Ruth Carter at Chantel, March Lane or ring her on 07875 206865 and she will arrange collection. Thank you!

### **CAROLS ROUND THE YEW TREE**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 and mince pies in a festive village hall with a bit more singing and some excellent company. Always a popular event and a lovely start to the Christmas season.

### **JANUARY VILLAGE GATHERING**

**& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January** 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. A great start to 2023!

### **LUNCH CLUB**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **GALHAMPTON SEWING BEES**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January** in the village hall. Please note there will be no meeting in December. New members are welcome to this varied sewing group. Plenty of tuition available to novices and experienced sewers alike. 2.00-4.00pm for sewing, tea and cakes!

### **BURN'S NIGHT SUPPER**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January** at the village hall. Celebrate the life of Scotland's premier poet with an excellent three course dinner, tot of whisky, a piper and, to round off the evening, Scottish dancing. A licensed bar will also be available. Enjoy some warmth and cheer in the depths of winter! Tickets £20 from Jenny Williams on 07926 119199.

### **VILLAGE HALL BOOKING**

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

### **VILLAGE EVENTS**

Keep up to date via [www.galhampton.com](http://www.galhampton.com) where you will also find a calendar of all the events and classes taking place in the village hall – there is plenty to choose from!



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

## **SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON**

### **December 2022**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion  
(BCP piano)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service (piano)**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm  
Carols Round the Yew Tree

### **January 2023**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion  
(BCP piano)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00am *Sunday Worship  
at North Cadbury Church*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 4.00pm Evening Service  
(piano)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Evensong (piano)

## **Holton**

### **SATURDAY BREAKFAST**

The next Saturday Breakfast will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

### **SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'**

#### **December 2022**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 11.00am **Patronal Festival**  
**Sunday Worship** (kb, g)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm **Carols & Crib Service**  
(org)

**Christmas Day 11.00am**  
**Christmas Communion** (CW org)

#### **January 2023**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship  
(kb, g)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

## **Maperton**

### **SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL'S**

#### **December 2022**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (BCP)

**Christmas Day 11.00am**  
**Carols and Readings** (org)

#### **January 2023**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Matins (BCP 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. Mondays in term time in Galhampton Church, 9.30-11.30am. Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December and Mondays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January in Galhampton Church. £2 per session.

### **NORTH CADBURY AND GALHAMPTON MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB**

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Community Coffee Mornings in North Cadbury Church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Everyone is welcome! Why not take a break from the chores and join us at our community coffee mornings in December and January. A relaxed and informal get together, catch up with friends old and new over some lovely home-made cakes, cafetiere coffee, tea and, to beat off the cold, hot chocolate. There's no charge. We look forward to seeing you

### **NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL**

#### **Coffee Morning & 200 Club.**

Coffee Mornings are held on the last Saturday of the month. The next will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. Drinks and homemade cakes 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](mailto:200club@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk)

January 2023 Coffee Morning & 200 Club – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **Working Party – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

The committee will be having a working party from 9.00am onwards to tidy up the village hall exterior and make the interior feel festive. All welcome! If you would like to volunteer yourself, please just turn up in the morning, there will be plenty to do and lots of tea to keep you going.

#### **Camelot Players present 'Hiss The Villain'.**

Come along to an evening of festive fun with the Camelot Players... Hiss the Villain! Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of December at North Cadbury Village Hall.

Join us for a Christmas Cracker of entertainment with dramatic melodramas, sketches, music and song... together with a sumptuous supper. Not to be missed!

7.00pm doors open for 7.30pm start. Tickets £12 available from North Cadbury Village Shop, Kitchen Essentials (Castle Cary) and [www.ticketsource.co.uk/north-cadbury-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/north-cadbury-village-hall)

**Film Night - 'Top Gun' - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January.**

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**Pancake Evening** – More details to follow.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 7.00-10.00pm –

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Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 7.00-10.00pm – **Opa**

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#### **Clubs and Activities.**

The village hall has a variety of clubs and activities open to all. These include Table Tennis, Gardening Club, Art Class, Folk Night and Women's Group. Should you require any further information or you would like to host your own club please contact

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Don't forget, the hall can be hired for parties, fundraisers, training, shows, demonstrations and well, just about anything. We would love to hear from you.

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North Cadbury Village Hall Committee wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### **HISS THE VILLAIN!!**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at North Cadbury Village Hall. North Cadbury's very own Camelot Players present a Christmas cracker of a fun evening with melodramas, sketches, music and songs to entertain you, together with a delicious winter feast served to your table.



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

‘The Victorian Head Gardener’ by Dr Francis Burroughes was our entertaining October talk. We were told that the speaker’s father had become a boy apprentice at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and he worked dawn to dusk and later – initially cleaning flower pots all day for 6 months. So much potting-on of bedding plants took place on the large estate that a vast quantity of pots were used.

He worked his way up the gardening ladder, moving around the country from estate to estate over many years. There were stories of the lawn mowing performance which involved 14 men and boys and 2 horses pulling mowers to achieve a checkerboard pattern on the lawns which had to be completed before the family came down for breakfast. Finally the boy apprentice arrived at head gardener then set up his own market garden on retirement.

The talk was well attended, and included several guests.

We will have had a talk on hedges in November and the Christmas Lunch will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The AGM is on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall, followed by wine and nibbles. We hope to recruit committee members! Guests and new members are always welcome, for a small fee. For more information please contact Susie Dugdale – [susie.ncgardening@outlook.com](mailto:susie.ncgardening@outlook.com)

## **NORTH CADBURY WOMEN’S GROUP**

The Women’s Group would love to welcome visitors on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, when we meet at 10.30am in the Reading Room at North Cadbury.

## **SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL’S**

### **December 2022**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion  
(BCP piano) at Galhampton Church

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service (org)

### **Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Christmas Tree Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion (CW org)

### **Christmas Day**

11.00am Christmas Communion (CW org)

### **January 2023**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP)  
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

## **North Cheriton**

### **GUEST PREACHER**

At our Holy Communion at 9.30am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will have a guest preacher - Gareth Bolton, who works for Operation Mobilisation and mission charity The AMEN Trust.

### **KEEPING WARM IN CHURCH**

Energy costs are rising so please do ensure you wear/bring warm clothing to church services. Of course we want you to feel comfortable in church, but our heating is very inefficient and doesn’t heat the church very well. We are mindful of our increasing costs, so your understanding would be greatly appreciated.



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 10.00am - 12 noon.

**Coffee Morning at North Cheriton Village Hall** - come and join us for a chat and a cuppa!

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December - **North Cheriton Village Christmas Dinner.**

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December Frances Neal

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Camilla Graham

**22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am - as many as possible to decorate for Christmas.**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January -  
Christmas decorations remain

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January Heather Martin

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Carol Finlay

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January Doey Ford

## SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

### December 2022

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Camelot Matins  
(BCP org)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (CW org)

**Christmas Eve 5.45pm**  
**Carols and Readings**

**Christmas Day 11.00am**  
**Christmas Day Service (org)**

### January 2023

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Camelot Matins  
(BCP org)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Morning Service (org)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Family Service (org)

## South Cadbury

### CAROL AND GIFT SERVICE

We welcome everyone to come to our Carol and Gift Service on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm** in our Church.

Unfortunately no gifts for children can be accepted this year - but gifts of Christmas food for the Wincanton foodbank will be much appreciated. Please note that home baked items cannot be accepted. Suggestions are Christmas cakes or biscuits, mince pies, savoury snacks and orange or apple juice.

The Christmas Day service will be at 9.30am. This will be a service of Carols and Readings.

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## CHURCH FLOWERS

4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December Jean Tathan

18<sup>th</sup> December Hilda Connolly

**25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas - All**

8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January Jane Jones

22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January Janet Bradford

5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February Angela Hunt

## SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

### December 2022

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm  
**Carol & Gifts Service (org)**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion

**Christmas Day 9.30am**  
**Carols & Readings (org)**

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## January 2023

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP)

## Yarlington

### CAROL SERVICE

6.00pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in St Mary's Church.

### SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

#### December 2022

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm  
Carol Service (org)

Christmas Day 9.30am  
Christmas Day Service (BCP org)

## January 2023

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Evensong (BCP org)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship  
(kb, g)



*Little Wayne couldn't sing a note, so they  
made him mascot*

## Bible Readings

### DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Matthew 9: 27-31
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Matthew 9: 35—10: 1, 6-8
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Romans 15: 4-13
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Luke 5: 17-26
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 18: 12-14
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 28-30
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 11-15
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 16-19
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 17: 10-13
- 11<sup>th</sup> - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
James 5: 7-10
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 21: 23-27
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 21: 28-32
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Luke 7: 18b-23
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Luke 7: 24-30
- 16<sup>th</sup> - John 5: 33-36
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 1: 1-17
- 18<sup>th</sup> - **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Matthew 1: 18-24
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Luke 1: 5-25
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Luke 1: 26-38
- 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> - *St John* - John 21: 19b-25
- 28<sup>th</sup> - *The Holy Innocents*  
Matthew 2: 13-18
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Luke 2: 22-35
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Luke 2: 36-40
- 31<sup>st</sup> - John 1: 1-18

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of the confusion  
that made, and makes up life  
for Joseph and Mary and for us.*

*Good news!  
God's timing,  
God's sovereignty,  
God's plan for his people  
through Jesus, his gift.  
The time has come  
to accept and not be afraid.  
God's news is good and everlasting.  
Glory to him and peace to those  
who trust and receive  
without always understanding.*

By Daphne Kitching

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## A Christmas Prayer

*Father,*

*Thank you for creating us and for  
loving us so much that you sent Jesus to  
become one of us and to be our way to  
you.*

*This Christmas may we know the love,  
peace, comfort and joy that only you  
can give, no matter what our  
circumstances.*

*And may we reflect your light and love  
in this dark world to bring glory to you.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

By Daphne Kitching

## Bible Readings

### JANUARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Naming of Jesus**  
Luke 2: 15-21
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - John 1: 19-28**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - John 1: 29-34**
- 4<sup>th</sup> - John 1: 35-42**
- 5<sup>th</sup> - John 1: 43-51**
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany**  
Matthew 2: 1-12
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25**
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Baptism of Christ**  
Matthew 3: 13-17
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Mark 1: 14-20**
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Mark 1: 21-28**
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Mark 1: 29-39**
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Mark 1: 40-45**
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Mark 2: 1-12**
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Mark 2: 13-17**
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Mark 2: 18-22**
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Mark 2: 23-28**
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Mark 3: 1-6**
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Mark 3: 7-12**
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Mark 3: 13-19**
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Mark 3: 20-21**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mark 3: 22-30**
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Mark 3: 31-35**
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Conversion of Paul**  
Acts 9: 1-22
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Mark 4: 21-25**
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Mark 4: 26-34**
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Mark 4: 35-41**
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-31
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Mark 5: 1-20**
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Mark 5: 21-43**

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**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>:**

4.30pm Carol & Crib Service

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6.00pm Carol Service

Galhampton



**Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>:**

6.30pm Carol Service

Blackford

**Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>:**

6.00pm Carol Service

Compton Pauncefoot

**Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

6.00pm Carol Service

Yarlington



## CHRISTMAS EVE

**4.00pm Christmas Tree Service**

**North Cadbury**

5.45pm Carols & Readings

North Cheriton

**11.30pm Midnight Communion**

**North Cadbury**

## CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Christmas Communion

Blackford

9.30am Christmas Communion

Compton Pauncefoot

9.30am Carols & Readings

South Cadbury

9.30am Christmas Communion

Yarlington

11.00am Carols & Readings

North Cheriton

11.00am Christmas Day Service

Holton

11.00am Carols & Readings

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