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From the Rectory

This week marks the beginning of Lent. As a prelude to this season, we have been studying the account of the occasion known as the Transfiguration. This is when Jesus and His three closest disciples went up a mountain by themselves. There the disciples saw Jesus gloriously transformed, His face shining like the sun and His clothes becoming dazzling white.

It was an awe inspiring and majestic sight. And yet Peter and the other two disciples were told to keep what they had seen to themselves until after Jesus had risen from the dead.

We might wonder why this delay in sharing what had happened to them was necessary. Perhaps if they had rushed to tell everyone about the glory of Jesus without understanding that this was inextricably bound up with the great suffering that lay ahead of Him their message would have been a partial and distorted one.

Glory without suffering is attractive but, in the end, unreal. We can think, perhaps, of those who look for fame and importance but without ever considering the responsibilities that come with them. How often have they ended up broken and disillusioned when they realise that those influential and famous positions that they craved are not what they might have thought them to be but have a heavy price tag attached.

However, Jesus's story is different. It does indeed end up with the glory of the Resurrection of which the glory of



the Transfiguration is a foretaste. But the road to Resurrection runs unavoidably through suffering, rejection and eventually the humiliation of Jesus' death on the Cross.

And realising that such pain and suffering is an integral part of the story of Jesus can help us to make sense of the suffering that we see around us and indeed the suffering that happens to us personally.

For our world is full of places of unimaginable pain and suffering. Just recently, we think of the terrible toll exacted by the Turkish earthquake. Perhaps less immediately prominent at the moment but nevertheless very much an ongoing reality is the war in the Ukraine with all the misery that this has caused. Or closer to home we may think of those struggling to deal with the rising costs of food and heating.

In all of this quite rightly we ask ourselves 'Where is God?' And in the story of Jesus' death and resurrection which we retell in this season of Lent and which culminates in Easter we find that Jesus is present even in the midst of the deepest suffering.

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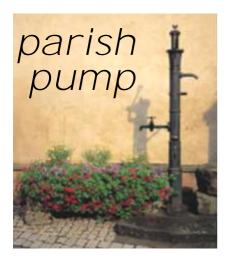
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Tuesday Worship in Galhampton Church

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. 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.

British Summer Time

On Sunday March 26th our clocks move forward an hour as we change to British Summer Time. This also marks the point when the times of the evening services in our churches switch back to 6.30pm - having been held at 4.00pm during the dark winter nights.

Want to lose weight?

According to recent research, even a modest reduction in calorie intake can make a big difference over a sustained period.

Rates of obesity in the UK have doubled over the past 30 years. Two-thirds of us are now overweight or obese, and it is costing the NHS more than £6 billion per year.

On a personal level, research has found that making small, incremental changes in your diet are more likely to be successful than dramatic interventions. Examples of small changes for the good might include "reducing your 'eating window', cutting out the habit of certain snacks, and having bigger meals less often." It is estimated that between 20 and 25 per cent of UK calories are eaten as snacks. The research was carried out by the charity Nesta.



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North Cadbury Village Hall 7.00pm Saturday April 1st

The Friends of St, Michael's invite you to the above talk by Graham Dunlop. He is well qualified to discuss the legendary canoe-based raid on German shipping in Bordeaux as he served 32 years in the Royal Marines, including 10 years with the Special Boat Service. He undertook a PhD in Military History thereafter and has conducted a battlefield tour of the places involved in the raid.

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Life gives nothing to man without labour. – Horace

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 22nd March 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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Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

James William Arlett (aged 41). Died on 10th January 2023. Funeral at St Peter & St Paul, Maperton on Thursday 2nd February.

Verity May Snook (aged 40). Died on 4th January 2023. Funeral at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Monday 6th February.

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 we would love you to join us if you can!

For further information please contact Nigel & Ursula Inglis-Jones on: n.inglisjones@gmail.com or u.inglisjones@gmail.com

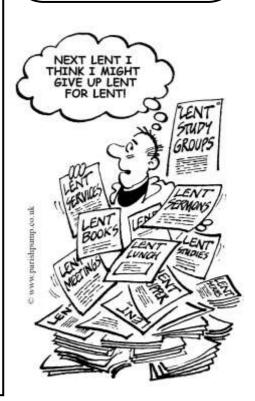
Paul Robert Joseph Ashworth (aged 62). Died on 31st December 2022. Burial of Ashes at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Wednesday 11th February.

Holy Communion





Tuesday 14th March 10.00am at South Cadbury Church



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From the Bishop

'When we hoe a field, we all start in this corner and we go this way' is my favourite Zambian proverb. I've been sharing its words with people from schools our parishes, and chaplaincies as a way of inviting us all to think about how our diocesan vision refreshed can be and developed to help us look towards the future with confidence and joy.

Our vision calls us to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'. It speaks of faith in action. It makes clear that all we do is in the name of Jesus. And it's full of aspiration; living out its words is a life-long task.

But what might our vision mean in terms of what we'd like to focus on specifically? This is where my Zambian proverb comes in. For my sense is that in our common life we would be strengthened if we had a greater focus of what we're all working towards together.

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To help us think about this, I'm suggesting four themes that I hope we can all get behind. The aim is not to generate a new initiative, rather it's to identify priorities for our common life upon which we can all focus. Our diverse communities of course mean that anything we do needs to fit local contexts. But I hope the four themes can provide a common framework that will help us all.



Under our overall vision of 'living and telling the story of Jesus', the themes are: (1) Valuing and cherishing the people we already have, (2)

Offering worship and sharing our faith together in new and different ways, (3)

Developing our own faith and the faith of others. (4)

Sharing in ministry and leadership.

I'm inviting everyone to have their say about how these could be developed, adapted or altered. Please do speak with each other and your local church, school and chaplaincy leaders about how this can happen where you are. More information to enable feedback is available at

bathandwells.org.uk/vision.

Please be part of the conversation! Your insights, thoughts and experience are invaluable in helping us think together what it means to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'.

† Bishop Michael

Lent Lunch

12.30 - 2.00pm Sunday April 2nd North Cadbury Church

In aid of The Gifford Trust (See page 20 for details)

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LENT COURSE

The Lent Course this year will be on St. Matthew's Gospel at 4.00pm on each Monday in Lent. All are welcome. If you plan to come, or want more information, please contact George Renwick on 01963 32655 or gfrenwick@gmail.com

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Lent Lunch

Soup, bread, cheese, fruit, tea or coffee served anytime between 12.30 – 2.00pm

Saturday 4th March 2023 at North Cheriton Village Hall

No charge donations invited for The Blackmore Vale Riding for the Disabled Association (based in North Cheriton)



The Soundscape of Life

In water, soil as well as air all creatures sing and communicate from lairs.
They find a niche, not to compete, but to be easily heard

in rhythm and beat, and thus life's soundscape is produced, the more complex,

health can be deduced, whether it's the dawn chorus of birds or in tropical forests

or savannas abroad.
Thus the lesson from nature
is to find a niche,
not to compete with your fellows
when you join in
and the beauty of
the symphony is the win.

Julie Sharp



As the servers's strike entered its third week, the Army was called in.

INTERVIEW -We are blessed here

Elizabeth Shearcroft, vicar of All Saints, Taunton and her congregation were the first to engage with Bishop Michael's questions about our vision.



What prompted you to get involved?

Bishop Michael spoke about his hope for people to engage with the vision at the clergy retreat before Christmas and for us, as one of the poorest parishes in the diocese, getting on the front foot and planning for a positive future for our church seemed a good idea.

Who engaged in the discussion?

We are blessed here. We have got a very faithful, but small worshipping community and I felt it was important that we were all involved, not just the PCC.

How did you undertake it?

We incorporated the discussion of questions one and two into the sermon slot and we will be tackling the other questions during another service on Sunday. I shared the questions in advance so everyone had time to think about them. Julia Hill from the Deanery and Parish Support team helped by facilitating the session which allowed me to listen and support.

How did the session go?

It was really positive. Everyone here knows all about stewardship and prayer and are very supportive of one another here and very comfortable about growing in faith. The next questions will be more challenging for us.

Any outcomes so far?

We are not planning on sitting still, we are changing. Not for changes' sake, but because it works. We are not going to be oppressed by what we can't do, but are going to take risks with what we can do in our small way.

We hosted the second deanery service of "Word and Song" here recently which was fantastic and we plan to offer to host another one later in the year. We are also engaging with our local non-church school who will be coming here for their Easter service which I am delighted with.

Any advice for those about to hold a discussion?

Tackle the questions but make sure you know where the insecurities are as well as the securities are. If you can get a facilitator that's handy, as that allows the vicar or local leader to step in and support during the discussion if needed.

Family Race Night

Saturday 4th March North Cadbury Village Hall

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Somerset County Council's current volunteer drivers are in need of new recruits, to support the NHS and the Council in ensuring patients get the care and treatment that they need. The team also support adults and children with journeys relating to social care.

It is an ideal opportunity for anybody over 18 with a full UK driving licence and fourdoor car to do something for their community; especially those who enjoy driving and meeting new people.

Patients appreciate the opportunity to chat to their drivers, since some live in socially or geographically isolated situations.

Pat Ryan, who has been one of Somerset County Council's volunteer drivers for 10 years, said: "I feel I'm doing something useful for the community in which I live. I've been lucky with my health throughout my life, and I want to help people who have not had the same luck.

"I've been a volunteer driver for 10 years now and thoroughly enjoy taking passengers to hospital for their routine appointments. Driving around beautiful Somerset is not really a hardship!"

For each journey carried out by a volunteer driver, a mileage reimbursement rate of 45p per mile or 50p per mile loaded is applied.

Cllr Federica Smith-Roberts, Executive Lead Member for Communities, said: "The Covid pandemic impacted many of our wonderful volunteers' ability to do the volunteer driver role, due to lockdown rules and social distancing precautions that were in place. Since then, we have welcomed many of our drivers back; however, we are still in desperate need of more due to the vital role they play in supporting those who need help to appointments.

"In this role, you will get to meet many of our residents who appreciate the time with our volunteer drivers when they are living in remote or isolated situations. We therefore need individuals from all walks of life who have the time to give; the role can suit both those who are part time or retired as well as those looking for work to enrich your CV.

"We could not be without our volunteers, so a huge thank you to our existing team, and welcome on board to anyone who may join us – we appreciate your dedication enormously."

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Sunday Worship

5 th March	The Second Sunday of Lent Camelot Worship Sunday				
9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)	rw		
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)	trs		
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Group Communion (CW org)	trs rw		
READINGS	Morning - Genesis 12: 1-4a; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17				
12 th March	The Third Sunday of Lent		Purple		
9.30 am	Blackford Compton Pauncefoo	Matins (BCP org) ot - Service at Blackford	gr		
	Galhampton North Cadbury - Sei	Communion (BCP piano)	rw		
	North Cheriton	Communion (CW org)	trs		
11.00 am	Holton	Sunday Worship (kb, g)	trs		
READINGS	Morning - Exodus 17: 1	1-7; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42			
19 th March	The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday		Purple		
9.30 am		ot Communion (BCP org) at Compton Pauncefoot	trs		
11.00 am	Maperton	Communion (BCP)	trs		
	North Cadbury Galhampton - Service	Sunday Worship See at North Cadbury	rw		
4.00 pm	Yarlington	Evensong (BCP org)	rw		
READINGS	Ü	: 1-13; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9 or readings for Mothering Sund	'ay		
	Evening - Micah 7; Jan	mes 5			

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



26 th March	The Fifth Sunday Passion Sunday	of Lent	Purple
8.00 am	Blackford	Communion (BCP)	trs
9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoo	t Matins (BCP org)	rw
	North Cheriton	Morning Worship (org)	ар
	South Cadbury	Communion (BCP org)	trs
11.00 am	Holton	Communion (CW org)	ар
	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)	trs
	Yarlington	Sunday Worship (kb, g)	rw
6.30pm	Galhampton	Evening Service (piano)	trs
READINGS	0 2,	14; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45 3: 19-33; Matthew 20: 17-34	
2 nd April	Palm Sunday Camelot Worship	Sunday	Red
9.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Yarlington North Cheriton North Cadbury	Communion (BCP) Camelot Matins (BCP org) Group Communion (CW org)	
READINGS	Morning - Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 27: 11-54		7: 11-54

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St David's Day

(Dewi Sant – 5th century)

Remembering a monk of long ago on 1st March – St David's Day a preacher who was greatly revered who lived his life in a simple way.

He was made the Patron Saint of Wales daffodils on that day abound, leeks are an option, but flowers preferred, and Welsh cakes in many a kitchen are found.

"Always be joyful and keep the faith" a message St David continues to give "and remember to do the little things" a profound but simple way to live.

By Megan Carter



Blackford

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for our monthly village breakfast on Saturday March 18th at 8.00am in the Reading Room.

FILM NIGHT

Blackford Reading Room is hosting its very first film night on Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 to include ice cream and a drink in the interval. To book your seats please contact Sophia on 07714 329209. Seating is limited so book now to avoid disappointment. We cannot mention the film title due to licensing rules but we can say its got Tom Cruise in and there is a lot of flying involved... See the advert picture (on page 7) for more information!

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MARCH SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 12th 9.30am Matins (BCP org) Sunday 19th 9.30am *at Compton Pauncefoot* Sunday 26th 8.00am Communion (BCP)

Love is blind. Your mother started loving you before she ever saw your face.
(Mothering Sunday - March 19th)

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SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

There will be no services in St Nicholas' Church in March.

Compton Pauncefoot

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 12th 9.30am *at Blackford*Sunday 19th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)
Sunday 26th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Galhampton

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

We will meet at 9.15am outside the church on Thursday 2nd March for a walk followed by coffee at the pub. All welcome.

MARCH VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 4th March 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.

FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME TALK

Saturday 4th March 11.00am at the village hall, immediately following the village gathering/coffee morning. Lee Dredge from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service will be giving a talk on fire safety in the home. He will be able to give useful advice on fire prevention measures,

what to do in the event of a fire, home safety visits and related matters.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 9th March, 12.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome to attend this fun and lively two-course lunch with coffee, bring your own bottle. Please let Jenny know if you would like to attend via 07926 119199 or jenny.williams@galhampton.com

MERRYLANDS FARM DEVELOPMENT

Friday 10th March, 3.00pm – 6.00pm at the village hall. The Newt will be holding an open session for villagers to come and view and comment on the proposed plans for developing Merrylands Farm. Open to all.

VILLAGE HALL OPEN AFTERNOON

Saturday 18th March 2.00pm to 5.00pm at the village hall. A chance to come and view our lovely village hall plus some of the activities that go on there. It's a great venue for private parties, meetings, conferences and weddings. Many of the classes and activities will be on display. Come and meet the team over a complementary cup of tea or coffee and have a chat about how we could accommodate your class, event or party. Plus win an Easter egg - for free! All are very welcome.

FAMILY FRIENDLY BINGO

Friday 24th March, from 6.00pm at the village hall. A fun evening for families with lots of great prizes; doors open at 6pm with eyes down at 7.00pm. Snacks and soft drinks available to purchase. Free entry, simply pay for as few or as many books as you want. For queries contact kerrylot@gmail.com

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Local Contacts

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

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING

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

VILLAGE EVENTS

We have quite a few events planned for the coming months - keep up to date via www.galhampton.com. To check hall availability and see what is going on in the hall, there is a calendar on the website with details of all the events going on there.

MARCH SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 12th 9.30am Communion (BCP piano)

Sunday 19th 11.00am Sunday Worship at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 26th **6.30pm** Evening Service (piano)

Holton

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The next Saturday Breakfast will be on Saturday 4th 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 12th 11.00am Sunday Worship (kb, g)

Sunday 26th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

The way I look at it is this – I cast my bread upon the waters and I got a baker's shop back.

- Catherine Cookson

Maperton

MARCH SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

Sunday 19th 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 in term time in Galhampton Church, 9.30-11.30am. Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March in Galhampton Church. £2 per session.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

16th Thursday March, 10.00-11.30am, Community Coffee Morning in North Cadbury Church, Everyone is welcome, and there's no charge. As well as coffee, cake and company, this month we're delighted that Cadens, a small local recorder ensemble will be joining us to provide some live music, playing a mixture of contemporary and Renaissance folk and dance music. So, why not take a break and join us at our community coffee morning, a relaxed and informal get together, catch up with friends old and new and enjoy some home-made cakes, cafetiere coffee or tea, and listen to some beautiful music. We look forward to seeing you.

LENT LUNCH

There will be a soup lunch in North Cadbury Church after the Palm Sunday service on 2nd April. A light lunch of home-made soup,



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bread and cheese will be served from 12.30 – 2.00pm. There is no charge for the lunch but donations may be given in aid of The Gifford Trust. A local trust founded to provide assistance to local people in times of need, originally providing coal and blankets, the trust has a particular focus on the need to ensure parishioners are kept warm.

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 25th March at 10.30am. Warm 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

Family Race Night

Saturday 4th March. A fun night out for all the family to enjoy. In conjunction with Brue Valley Rotary Club, raising funds for the North Cadbury Village Hall, Motor Neurone Disease Association and PromiseWorks. Doors open 6.00pm, and races start at 6:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from North Cadbury Village Store or email Graham at gjenn2802@gmail.com Admission (including a light supper) £6, Accompanied Children under 16 £4. Please bring cash on the night for betting, cash bets only - £1 per horse per race. Licenced Bar and Raffle. If you have any raffle donations, these would be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail either Graham on gjenn2802@gmail.com or Jan on jan.jennings58@gmail.com. Thank you.

A Feast from the East

Friday 31st March - An evening of Foot Stomping Music with Opa Rosa.

Fancy something different? Opa Rosa are skilled purveyors of Klezmer, Balkan, Greek, Gypsy and Roma music and are fast gaining a reputation as one of Bristol's most dynamic and virtuosic bands. Enjoy a collection of vibrant and soulful melodies played with fiery precision, and let Opa Rosa take you on a foot-stomping journey through the Balkans and beyond!

Doors open 7.00pm and the show starts 7.30pm. Licensed Bar. Tickets are just £12 and are available from North Cadbury Village Store or via the TakeArt website (booking fee applies).

Clubs and Activities.

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

bookings@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk

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.

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

Thursday 27th to Saturday 29th April at North Cadbury Village Hall. North Cadbury's very own Camelot Players will be staging the well-established black comedy, Arsenic and Old Lace, a fun and entertaining play that is well worth seeing. Tickets £10 with more details to follow. Make a note in your diary!

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The 2023 programme is underway with the first of the speaker talks. Nick Ross and Tia Cusdon spoke to us about 'The Wild Garden', Galhampton which they bought



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They welcome visitors and plan to offer locals veg boxes again in coming months. The talk inspired many questions from the audience and was very interesting and informative.

On March 15th the talk will be on 'Kingston Lacy through the seasons' by the head gardener, Andrew Hunt.

We also welcome visitors (for a small fee) and we're delighted to have new members. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in NC village hall, doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 start. If you'd like to know more please contact Susie Dugdale at susie.ncgardening@outlook.com

NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the North Cadbury Women's Group is on Wednesday 22nd March at 10.30am in the Reading Room at North Cadbury village hall.

The Women's Group meets on the fourth Wednesday, most months of the year, at 10.30 in the Reading Room. Membership is £15 a year, or you can just attend occasionally for a £2 donation.

We are a very friendly group, and our meetings include a wide range of speakers

across the year, a lunch group, a summer outing to which partners and friends are invited and always plenty of coffee/tea/biscuits and chat!

If you would like more information or a copy of the 2023 programme please contact Pauline Moylan on 440775 or pmoylan1@gmail.com

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 5th 11.00am Communion (CW org) Sunday 12th 9.30am Communion (BCP) at Galhampton Church

Sunday 19th 11.00am Sunday Worship Sunday 26th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

North Cheriton

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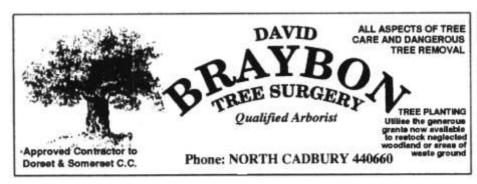
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LENT LUNCH

A Lent Lunch will be held in North Cheriton Village Hall on Saturday 4th March 2023 from 12.30 until 2.00pm in the village hall. Soup, bread, cheese, fruit and tea or coffee will be served between these times. No charge is made but donations are invited for The Blackmore Vale Riding for the Disabled Association (based in North Cheriton). This event is open to everybody in the Camelot Group, so please do join us.

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

We are holding our annual Village Meeting on the Wednesday, 5th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We hope you will be able





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to join us as this meeting to socialise with other residents and see what can be done to improve life in North Cheriton. We also hope that longer standing residents who may not have attended in recent years will come along as well to meet the newcomers.

CHURCH FLOWERS

No flowers in Lent.

MARCH SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 5th 9.30am

Camelot Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 12th 9.30am Communion (CW org) Sunday 26th 9.30am Morning Service (org)

South Cadbury

SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

The popular Village Café will be open again on Saturday 11th March 10-12 at South Cadbury Village Hall for tea, coffee, delicious cakes and friendly conversation.

Need a bit more flexibility in your body? Come and join Olly Finbow at South Cadbury Village Hall on Wednesdays at 10.45am and benefit from his brilliant pilates sessions. No experience needed and call Olly on 07842 206849 or email him at olly_finbow@yahoo.co.uk to discuss or reserve a place.

If you attended the South Cadbury Village Fete last year you will have been entertained by the Wyvern Jubilee Morris Dancers. They practice every Thursday at South Cadbury Village Hall, all ages are welcome to give it a go. Under 16's will need accompanying by a parent or guardian. Contact Alan Cocker at:

grandnaze@sky.com

We are very proud that The Camelot Pub,

one of the few in the area to be open on Mondays, is Sustainable Pub of the Year for Somerset and now features in the Green Pub Guide. What to improve your French? Wednesdays are French conversational evenings at the Camelot and you can stay for Moules Frites.

SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were very pleased to welcome some new members and the return of some old friends at our February meeting.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in South Cadbury Village Hall. Look forward to seeing you.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday March 14th, when we will have a talk on "My Life with Animals" with our speaker Kevin Little.

On Tuesday April 11th at 2.30pm there will be a visit to the Blooming Wild Nursery.

CHURCH FLOWERS

No flowers in Lent

MARCH SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

Tuesday 14th 10.00am Communion (BCP)
Sunday 26th 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Yarlington

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 5th 9.00am Communion (BCP)
Sunday 19th 4.00pm Evensong (BCP org)
Sunday 26th 11.00am Sunday Worship (kb, g)

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A reflection on The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6: 1-18)

Our Father in heaven, please help us. We, your children, learn slowly.

So often we say nothing when your name is mis-used.
Often our lives do not reflect your ways,
Mostly we do what we want on earth,
and this can make
heaven unimaginable.

We expect so much more than we actually need each day.
Sometimes we think we don't need forgiveness, sometimes we think we are unforgivable, and we forget that other people make these same errors of thinking.

When it comes to temptation,
we find our own ways,
we are confused
about what is and is not evil,
we are confused about deliverance,
we are confused...

And here is the wonder, the grace and the mystery, that you know us completely, our failings, our secrets, and still love us forever and ever.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us. – St David

Bible Readings

MARCH

1st - Luke 11: 29-32

2nd - Matthew 7: 7-12

3rd - Matthew 5: 20-26

4th - Matthew 5: 43-48

5th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

6th - Luke 6: 36-38

7th - Matthew 23: 1-12

8th - Matthew 20: 17-28

9th - Luke 16: 19-31

10th - Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

11th - Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

12th - 3rd Sunday of Lent Romans 5: 1-11

13th - Luke 4: 24-30

14th - Matthew 18: 21-35

15th - Matthew 5: 17-19

16th - Luke 11: 14-23

17th - Mark 12: 28-34

18th - Luke 18: 9-14

19th - 4th Sunday of Lent Ephesians 5: 8-14

20th - Joseph of Nazareth Matthew 1: 18-25

21st - John 5: 1-3, 5-16

22nd - John 5: 17-30

23rd - John 5: 31-47

24th - John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

25th - *The Annunciation* Luke 1: 26-38

26th - 5th Sunday of Lent Romans 8: 6-11

27th - John 8: 1-11

28th - John 8: 21-30

29th - John 8: 31-42

30th - John 8: 51-59

31st - John 10: 31-42

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It can be read in the Bible in Jn 1: 29-34, Mt3:13-17, Lk3:21-4:13, MK1:9-12

A short story from the Bible

People came to John to be baptised-washed in the river Jordan- to say sorry for what they had done wrong. Then Jesus came.





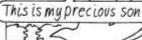
No, it should be the other way round.

No, this is the right way now) to complete God's plan



so John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan

The Holy Spirit filled Jesus and God spoke.





Jesusthen went into the desert for 40 days.



He didn't eat or drink, and at the end was very hungry



The Devil came to test him

Show me you are God's Son by turning this stone into bread



The Bible says You need more than I bread to keep you alive



The Devil took him to the highest roof of the temple in Jerusalem.



Why don't you jump? God would make sure His angels would catch you

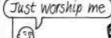
(The Bible says' Don't try to manipulate God.



The Deviltook Jesus to where he could see the whole world



this, and I could give it to you





Go away! Only God is to be worshipped

Then angels came to care for Jesus



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