

# Excalibur

THE CAMELOT PARISHES MAGAZINE

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*Merry Christmas to all our readers*

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## From the Rectory

I write this in November surrounded by the dead leaves and dry, subdued tones of late autumn. And in the church calendar there has been the solemnity of the season of remembrance through which we have been journeying. Almost buried underneath all this weight, we look for something new in which we can find hope. But we struggle to find this in the world immediately around us.

And yet God promises to do a new thing. The prophet Isaiah tells us that God is about to do a new thing (see Isaiah 43: 19). And this new thing is fulfilled in the coming of Christ, to which we look forward during Advent and which we celebrate at Christmas.

But the new is not completely unconnected with the old nor is it completely unforeseen. I was reminded of this recently when I was sitting in one of the new classrooms in North Cadbury Church School. The new classroom was still on the same site and its arrival had been prophesied for many years. Apparently, when one teacher was interviewed for a job in the school some thirty five years ago she was promised that the new classroom would be arriving very soon! And now many years later the new has finally come.

So, also with Jesus. His coming was prophesied in many different ways and His ministry fulfilled hopes that people already had. At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus quoted a prophecy of Isaiah about a person known as the Servant, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon

me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...' Then, simply and

dramatically, He sat down and said 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing' (see Luke 4: 18-21).

Along, however, with the excitement of hearing that in Jesus the new had come and that the old prophecies were fulfilled, there must also have been an element of shock and challenge. For, sometimes, our old ways even if they are not very productive or fulfilling are nonetheless comfortable and familiar. They can be difficult to break out of. Perhaps, for instance, we prefer the comfort of discussing and grumbling about the way the world is going rather than the challenge of actually doing something about it.

So as we look forward to Christmas this is indeed exciting and a celebration of the new thing that God is doing through Jesus. However, we need to welcome those new things which God wants to bring into our lives. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus may wish to change our lives in many ways. Perhaps, He may make us aware in a fresh way of our need to share in the sufferings of others and to seek to help them. Who knows what God might do with us? Are we ready for the challenge of the new in our lives?

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# December Events

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	8.30-9.30 10-11.30	<b>Saturday Breakfast</b> - see page 23 <b>Village Gathering &amp; Coffee Morning</b>	Holton Village Hall Galhampton Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun		<b>Advent Sunday Services</b>	See page 16 for services
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9.30-11.30	<b>mainly music</b> - see page 9	North Cadbury Church
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7-8.00pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	2-4.00pm	<b>Craft Club</b> - see page 28	North Cheriton Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	9.15am 6-9.00pm 7.00pm 7 for 7.30	<b>Galhampton Walkers</b> - see page 22 <b>Late Night Shopping at Teals</b> <b>Christmas Choir Practice</b> <b>Camelot Players - A Christmas Carol</b>	Galhampton Church Teals, South Cadbury Yarlington Church North Cadbury Village Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	6-8.00pm 7 for 7.30	<b>Cheese &amp; Wine</b> - see page 30 <b>Camelot Players - A Christmas Carol</b>	South Cadbury House North Cadbury Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	8.15am 10am-12 12 noon 6.00pm 7.00pm 7 for 7.30	<b>Men's Breakfast Club</b> - see page 24 <b>South Cadbury Village Café</b> <b>Dickens at Christmas</b> - see page 15 <b>Bratton Seymour Carol Service</b> <b>Yeovil Military Wives Choir</b> <b>Camelot Players - A Christmas Carol</b>	The Orchard Inn, Galhampton South Cadbury Village Hall Blackford Reading Room Bratton St Maur Church North Cadbury Church North Cadbury Village Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11.00am 4.30pm	<b>Sunday Services</b> <b>Patronal Festival Sunday Worship</b> <b>South Cadbury Carol Service</b>	See page 16 for services Holton Church South Cadbury Church
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9.30-11.30 6 for 6.30	<b>mainly music</b> - see page 9 <b>Wells Cathedral Choir</b> - see page 17	North Cadbury Church Yarlington Church
12 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30pm 2-3.00pm	<b>South Cadbury Women's Institute</b> <b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	South Cadbury Village Hall Galhampton Church
14 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	9.30 & 11 10-11.30am 12.30pm	<b>Little City Play Sessions</b> - see p. 24 <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> <b>Galhampton Lunch Club</b> - see page 22	North Cadbury Village Hall North Cadbury Church Galhampton Village Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	7.30pm	<b>Film Night - A Haunting in Venice</b>	Blackford Reading Room
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	8.00am 10.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	<b>Saturday Breakfast</b> - see page 20 <b>Coffee Morning &amp; 200 Club</b> <b>Village Carol Singing</b> - see page 30 <b>Camelot Carol Service</b>	Blackford Reading Room North Cadbury Village Hall South Cadbury Church North Cadbury Church
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	4.30pm	<b>Sunday Services</b> <b>Holton Carol &amp; Crib Service</b>	See page 16 for services Holton Church
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	10.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Blackford Carol Service</b> <b>N Cadbury Gardening Club Meal</b>	South Cadbury Church Blackford Church North Cadbury Village Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2-3.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b> <b>Compton Pauncefoot Carol Service</b> <b>Carols Round the Yew Tree</b>	Galhampton Church Compton Pauncefoot Church Galhampton Yew Tree
20 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30am	<b>N Cadbury Women's Group</b>	North Cadbury Reading Room
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	2-4.00pm	<b>Galhampton Sewing Bees</b>	Galhampton Village Hall

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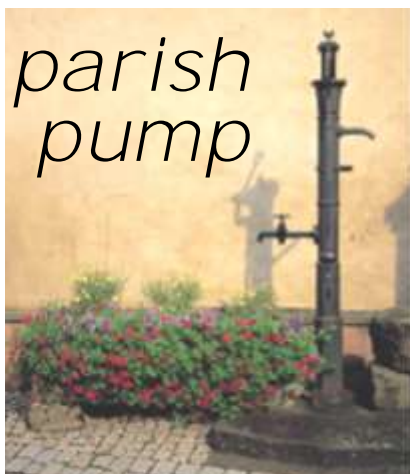


22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	6.00pm	<b>Yarlington Carol Service</b>	Yarlington Church
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	6.00pm	<b>Galhampton Carol Service</b>	Galhampton Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9.30am	<b>Christmas Communion</b>	Blackford Church
		4.00pm	<b>Christmas Tree Service</b>	North Cadbury Church
		11.30pm	<b>Midnight Communion</b>	North Cadbury Church
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		<b>Christmas Day</b>	<i>See page 17 for services</i>
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tue		<b>Boxing Day</b>	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	10.00am	<b>Communion and Carols</b>	Galhampton Church

## January Events

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mon		<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue	7-8.00pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed	2-4.00pm	<b>Craft Club - see page 28</b>	North Cheriton Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	9.15am	<b>Galhampton Walkers - see page 22</b>	Galhampton Church
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10-11.30	<b>Village Gathering &amp; Coffee Morning</b>	Galhampton Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b>	<i>See page 18 for services</i>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9.30-11.30	<b>mainly music - see page 9</b>	North Cadbury Church
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	South Cadbury Church
		2.00pm	<b>South Cadbury Women's Institute</b>	South Cadbury Village Hall
		2-3.00pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	1.30pm	<b>Community Tea - see page 14</b>	North Cadbury Primary School
		7.30pm	<b>N Cadbury Gardening Club AGM</b>	North Cadbury Village Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	12.30pm	<b>Galhampton Lunch Club - see page 22</b>	Galhampton Village Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10am-12	<b>South Cadbury Village Café</b>	South Cadbury Village Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b>	<i>See page 18 for services</i>
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		<b><u>DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY EXCALIBUR</u></b>	
		9.30-11.30	<b>mainly music - see page 9</b>	North Cadbury Church
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2-3.00pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7.30pm	<b>North Cadbury Gardening Club</b>	North Cadbury Village Hall
18 <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>	Sat	8.00am	<b>Saturday Breakfast - see page 20</b>	Blackford Reading Room
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b>	<i>See page 18 for services</i>
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23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tue	2-3.00pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30am	<b>N Cadbury Women's Group</b>	North Cadbury Reading Room
		7.00pm	<b>N Cadbury &amp; Yarlington Parish Council</b>	<i>to be confirmed</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.30am	<b>Coffee Morning &amp; 200 Club</b>	North Cadbury Village Hall
		7.30pm	<b>Film Night - The Unlikely Pilgrimage...</b>	Blackford Reading Room
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		<b>Sunday Services</b>	<i>See page 19 for services</i>
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9.30-11.30	<b>mainly music - see page 7</b>	North Cadbury Church
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2-3.00pm	<b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>	Galhampton Church

*800 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1223, St Francis of Assisi created the first nativity scene, in Greccio, Italy, after visiting Jesus' birthplace in the Holy Land.*



## Parishes Secretary

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

The Parishes Secretary will be taking a Christmas and New Year break from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## 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.

## Eco Advent

This year across Bath and Wells, church and school communities, as well as families, are being encouraged to have an Eco Advent. You can join in and combine the spirit of Advent with a commitment to the environment as you enjoy an eco-friendly journey to the manger... from the comfort of your own home.

Every day, as the countdown to Christmas continues, you can explore ways to reflect on and appreciate God's creation and share simple actions to take care of it better. Through Eco Advent, each day leading up to Christmas can be meaningful, both spiritually and environmentally.

Ruth Slade, Growing Faith and Everyday Faith Adviser says, "More and more people are aware of the environmental impact of Christmas and as Christians, of course, we are committed to caring for creation. We wanted to offer a fun resource to both celebrate our journey to Christmas and at the same time reflect on our duty to care for this beautiful world that God has gifted us.

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a starry spiral path to a manger, and follow the daily tasks we are sharing on our website and social media channels. In true eco-fashion, there's no need to buy any special resources, just use what you have to hand to craft what you need to create your starry spiral and manger."

A helpful guide to joining in with Eco Advent is available to download from [bathandwells.org.uk/eco-advent](http://bathandwells.org.uk/eco-advent), where you will also find the daily Advent tasks. They will also be shared on our diocesan [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) feeds.



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**Mondays 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
December and Mondays  
8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January  
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5<sup>th</sup> December & 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Tuesdays from 2 – 3.00pm  
12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December  
9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January

## **North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm - *date and venue to be confirmed*. 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:***

**Michael Raymond George Herman** (aged 91). Died on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

## ***Wedding***

Congratulations to **Victoria Jane Allan** and **Duncan James Guy Rasor** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## ***Wedding Blessing***

Congratulations to **Armelle Claire Lamont** and **Ross Thomas Cannon** whose wedding was blessed at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## **Holy Communion**



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
10.00am  
at South Cadbury Church**

## ***Baptisms***

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at St Nicholas, Holton -

**Nina Annie Williamson Down.**

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at St Michael's, North Cadbury -

**Bronte Diana Grace Rasor**

**Angus Charles Edward Rasor.**

## **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!**

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*Old age, believe me, is a good and  
pleasant time. It is true that you are  
gently shouldered off the stage, but  
then you are given such a comfortable  
front stall as spectator, and, if you  
really have played your part, you are  
more content to sit down and watch.*

– Jane Harrison

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## From the Bishop

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Each of us has a unique story about our birth. At Christmas we'll be recounting once again the story that we share about another birth - the birth of Jesus. Across the world we'll be re-telling and re-enacting what happened in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago. We'll recall the journey of Mary and Joseph, the birth in the stable, the arrival of the shepherds, the song of the angels, the visit of the Magi.

Our own birth stories are unique to each of us. Jesus's is common to us all. And not just because we all know about it. For in our recollection of Jesus' birth, we'll also be remembering that that in him, God came to be at one with us. In Jesus God arrived to share fully in our humanity, experiencing complete solidarity with every aspect of our human condition. Jesus is 'God with us' - in trenches in Ukraine, bomb shelters in Israel and Gaza, in hospital wards where loved ones die, in



relationships where there is conflict and distress.

### *A unique story*

Just as much as he is with us in our greatest joys and our deepest woes, Jesus is also for us. One of the earliest teachers of the Church said this: 'He became what we are so that we might become what he is.' The baby born in Bethlehem stands with us not only in all that we experience. This child also comes to offer us the possibility of opening every part of our lives to the transforming power of God's life of love and joy and peace. He comes so that every day we can become a little more like him.

This is the good news of Christmas and may it be yours this year.

A very Merry Christmas to you all.

✝ Bishop Michael

A very special Christmas Concert  
**Yeovil Military Wives Choir**

7.00 p.m. Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>  
(Doors open at 6.30 p.m.)

**Saint Michael's Church, North Cadbury**

The superb Christmas Concert provided by the Yeovil Military Wives Choir in December 2021 was a splendid start to the festive season in North Cadbury.

The Friends of Saint Michael's are therefore delighted that the choir will be coming back this year. We invite you to join us for the occasion, for which the choir is busy preparing a special programme.

The date and time are as above: please note them in your diary! Tickets will be available for purchase from the North Cadbury Village shop from 20<sup>th</sup> November, price £15.

As always, wine and refreshments will be served during the interval.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Film Night @ Blackford Reading Room**  
Friday, 15th December @ 7.30pm



To book call Sophia on 07714329209  
Tickets: £5 to include an ice cream

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## An Awesome Autumn

What a wonderful few weeks we have had as a school. As you will have noticed, our replacement classrooms have been completed and the children were able to move into them after the autumn term break. This caused great joy and excitement with one little fellow from Reception telling me very proudly that,

*"I don't have to get my hair wet now when I come to Collective Worship".*

We were also able to share our recent Ofsted report when we returned after the half term break, and are equally delighted to share with you that North Cadbury C of E Primary School is once again a 'Good' school. Publicly, I would love to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that has gone into this from my own staff team, but also our school community including parents, volunteer readers and the church community – thank you all.



During the next few weeks we will be opening up the school and inviting guests in to see the lovely classrooms and enjoy community carols with us. Our initial service (including mince pies & hot drinks) will be on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, on this occasion this will be by invitation only due to logistics. However I would love to extend an open invite to our first Community Tea afternoon on

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January from 1.30pm.**

If you would like to attend and be guaranteed a biscuit, then please do let us know that you're coming. You can do this by calling or emailing the lovely Liz in our office – 01963 440420, or [office@northcadbury.ppat365.org](mailto:office@northcadbury.ppat365.org)

Please do remember that we are still raising funds for the build of our new classrooms, and any donation big or small would be much appreciated, and can be given easily through the school office or our GoFundMe page – <https://www.gofundme.com/f/urgent-classroom-replacement>

We continue to thank you and our wonderful school community for your invaluable support and prayers.

With very best wishes,

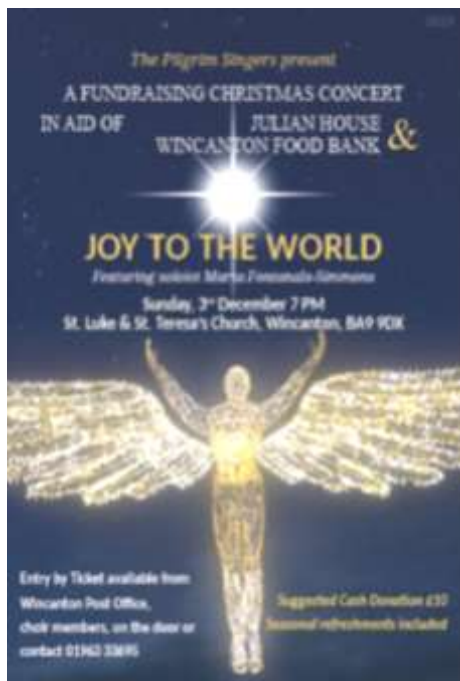
Mrs Lisa Thompson  
& the North Cadbury team

Head Teacher

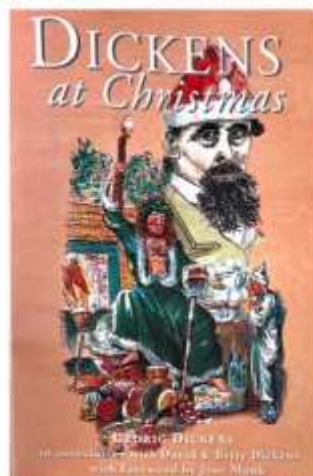
## The Lord's Larder

Do you know anyone who is short of food? Are you, perhaps?

Help is available, in confidence, from the Lord's Larder – not directly, but by phoning **01935 479398**.



Book re-launch and talk by  
Jane Monk, great great grand-daughter of  
Charles Dickens  
Blackford Reading Room  
Saturday, 9th December at noon (drinks and nibbles)



Book cost £5. All profits to Reading Room and  
St Michael's Church, Blackford

# WILD GARDEN

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# Sunday/Christmas Worship

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**     **Advent Sunday**     Purple  
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>Advent Carols</b> (CW org & choir)	trs rw
<b>READINGS</b>	Morning - <i>Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37</i>		

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**10<sup>th</sup> December**     **The Second Sunday of Advent**     Purple

9.30 am	Blackford	<b>Matins</b> (BCP org)	ap
	Compton Pauncefoot - <i>Service at Blackford</i>		
	Galhampton	<b>Communion</b> (BCP piano)	trs
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>		
	North Cheriton	<b>Communion</b> (CW org)	rw
11.00 am	Holton	<b>Patronal Sunday Worship</b> (kb, g)	rw
4.00 pm	South Cadbury	<b>Carol Service</b> (org)	trs
<b>READINGS</b>	Morning - <i>Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8</i>		

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

9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	<b>Communion</b> (BCP org)	rw
	Blackford - <i>Service at Compton Pauncefoot</i>		
11.00 am	Maperton	<b>Communion</b> (BCP)	trs
	North Cadbury	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	rw
4.30 pm	Holton	<b>Carol &amp; Crib Service</b> (org)	trs
<b>READINGS</b>	Morning - <i>Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28</i>		

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## 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

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

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& North Cadbury Churches**  
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24<sup>th</sup> December *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Purple  
Gold or White

9.30 am	Blackford	<b>Communion</b> (BCP org)	<i>trs</i>
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4.00 pm North Cadbury **Christmas Tree Service** (kb, g) *rw*

11.30 pm North Cadbury **Midnight Communion** (CW org) *trs*

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

**25<sup>th</sup> December**    *Christmas Day*

## Gold or White

9.30am Compton Pauncefoot **Communion** (BCP org) *trs*

South Cadbury      **Carols & Readings** (org)      *ap*

Yarlington                      **Communion** (BCP org)                      *rw*

10.00am North Cheriton **Carols & Readings** (org) *qr*

11.00 am Holton **Carols & Readings** (org) *ap*

Maperton                      Carols & Readings (org)                      rw

North Cadbury      **Communion** (CW.org)      *trs*

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

**31<sup>st</sup> December**    *The First Sunday of Christmas*

White

10.00 am	Galhampton	<b>Communion &amp; Carols</b> (BCP piano)	<i>rw</i>
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**READINGS** Morning - *Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-21*

*For details of Carol and other special Christmas services see back page.*

*For January's services see pages 18 and 19.*

# St Mary the Virgin, Yarlington

# Wells Cathedral Choir

**Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

## 6 for 6.30pm

## Entry Free - donations for St Mary's Church

# Sunday Worship

7<sup>th</sup> January

**Epiphany**

Gold or White

CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

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

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

14<sup>th</sup> January

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

White

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

**READINGS** Morning - *1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Revelation 5: 1-10; John 1: 43-51*

21<sup>st</sup> January

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

White

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

**READINGS** Morning - *Genesis 14: 17-20; Revelation 19: 6-10; John 2: 1-11*  
Evening - *Jeremiah 3:21—4:2; Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14*

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<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b><i>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i></b>	White
8.00 am	Blackford	<b>Communion</b> (BCP) <i>trs</i>
9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	<b>Matins</b> (BCP org) <i>trs</i>
	North Cheriton	<b>Morning Worship</b> (org) <i>ap</i>
	South Cadbury	<b>Communion</b> (BCP org) <i>rw</i>
11.00 am	Holton	<b>Communion</b> (CW org) <i>ap</i>
	North Cadbury	<b>Communion</b> (CW org) <i>rw</i>
	Yarlington	<b>Sunday Worship</b> (kb, g) <i>trs</i>
4.00pm	Galhampton	<b>Evening Service</b> (piano) <i>trs</i>
<b>READINGS</b>	Morning - <i>Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Revelation 12: 1-5a; Mark 1: 21-28</i> Evening - <i>1 Samuel 3: 1-20; 1 Corinthians 14: 12-20</i>	

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<b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b><i>The Second Sunday before Lent</i></b>	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)
<b>READINGS</b>	Morning - <i>Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31; Colossians 1: 15-20; John 1: 1-14</i>	

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# *Wincanton Choral Society*

*conductor Neil Moore*

## **G.F. Handel MESSIAH**

**R. Vaughan Williams FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
and other festive pieces

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 7.30pm**

**Wincanton Parish Church BA9 9JN**

tickets £15 (under 18s £6) on the door, via a member, and at

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincanton-choral-society)

**[www.wincantonchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.wincantonchoralsociety.co.uk)**



# village view

## Blackford

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for our monthly village breakfasts on Saturdays December 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 and January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 8.00am in the Reading Room.

### DICKENS AT CHRISTMAS

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at noon in Blackford Reading Room. Book re-launch and talk by Jane Monk, great great grand-daughter of Charles Dickens. Drinks and nibbles. Book cost £5. All profits to the Reading Room and St Michael's Church.

### FILM NIGHTS

7.30pm in Blackford Reading Room. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - *A Haunting in Venice* - and on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January - *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*. To book call Sophia on 077143 29209. Tickets £5 to include ice cream.

### CAROL SERVICE

Join us for a traditional village carol service at 6.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December in St Michael's Church.

### BOOK CLUB

For details contact 01963 440754.

## SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

### December 2023

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am at Compton Pouncefoot

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 9.30am

Christmas Communion (BCP org)

### January 2024

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am at Compton Pouncefoot

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 8.00am Communion (BCP)

## Bratton Seymour (Bratton St Maur)

### CAROL SERVICE

Join us for our carol service at 6.00pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December in St Nicholas' Church.

## SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

### December 2023

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service

## Compton Pouncefoot

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A successful Service of Remembrance for the villages of Blackford and Compton Pouncefoot was led by Tony Beadles and Chris Akroyd in St Mary's Church. The collection of £260 was forwarded to the Royal British Legion.

### CAROL SERVICE

The annual Christmas Carol Service will be held in St Mary's Church on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. This is a special village community event and we do hope that many people will attend.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am we will decorate St Mary's for the Carol

Service and Christmas. Do come and join us.

## SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

**December 2023**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service**

**Christmas Day 9.30am**  
**Christmas Communion** (BCP org)

**January 2024**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

## Galhampton

### DECEMBER VILLAGE GATHERING

**& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw –**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</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.

### 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 19<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 16<sup>th</sup>

## Local Contacts

### CIVIL PARISHES

#### Compton Pauncefoot & Blackford

CHAIRMAN Jane Monk 440666

#### North Cadbury & Yarlington

CLERK Rebecca Carter 240226

#### South Cadbury

CLERK Cherry Toop 440384

### UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

RAINBOWS Tracey Watson 440059

BROWNIES Tracey Watson 440059

GUIDES Joy Cross 350936

### OTHER ORGANISATIONS

#### Blackford

READING ROOM see advert on page 6

#### Galhampton

VILLAGE HALL enquiries 07534 919195

#### Holton

VILLAGE HALL Lisa Prior 34821

#### North Cadbury

ALLOTMENTS Lorraine Malton 440471

BRIDGE CLUB Nicola Wilson 440642

#### FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S

Donal O'Neill 441623

GARDENING CLUB Sarah Newsom 441533

SCHOOL Lisa Thompson 440420

TABLE TENNIS Andy Bentley 351629

TENNIS CLUB Steve Ingram 440125

TODDLERS Jodie Richards 441617

VILLAGE HALL Esther Watts 07468 484281

WOMEN'S GROUP Pauline Moylan 440775

#### North Cheriton

VILLAGE HALL Lesley Tyson 07753 420897

#### South Cadbury

VILLAGE HALL Alison 440997

WI Julie 220181

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

December to Ruth Carter at Chantel, March Lane or ring her on 07875 206865 and she will arrange collection. Thank you!

### **GALHAMPTON WALKERS**

Galhampton Walkers will meet on Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am outside the church, followed by coffee and cake in the pub. All welcome including our 4 legged friends.

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

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 8.15am to 10.00am, at the Orchard Inn, Galhampton. *For more details see page 24.*

### **LUNCH CLUB**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** 12.30pm at the village hall. All are welcome to attend this fun and lively three course 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 or [jenny.williams@galhampton.com](mailto:jenny.williams@galhampton.com)

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

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 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.

### **GALHAMPTON SEWING BEES**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the village hall. Christmas gathering with mince pies and tea or coffee. Bring your sewing, knitting or embroidery.

### **JANUARY VILLAGE GATHERING**

**& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 6<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 2024!

### **LUNCH CLUB**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January.** An excellent two-course lunch, followed by coffee, starting at 12.30pm in the village hall. Bring your own bottle. All dietary requirements catered for. Please let Jenny Williams know if you would like to attend - 07926 119199 or [jenny.williams@galhampton.com](mailto:jenny.williams@galhampton.com)

### **GALHAMPTON SEWING BEES**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** - 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the village hall. Time to start a summer wardrobe or renew an old one!

### **VILLAGE HALL BOOKING**

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

### **VILLAGE EVENTS**

Keep up to date via the calendar at [www.galhampton.com](http://www.galhampton.com)

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

### **SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON**

#### **December 2023**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion  
(BCP piano)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm  
Carols Round the Yew Tree

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service** (piano)

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Communion with  
Carols (piano)

### January 2024

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion  
(BCP piano)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship  
at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Evening Service  
(piano)

## Holton

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The next Saturday Breakfast will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</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 last orders at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome, bring your friends too!

### CHURCH FLOWERS

December - Vera.

### SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

#### December 2023

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Patronal Festival  
Sunday Worship (kb, g)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Carols & Crib Service  
(org)

Christmas Day 11.00am  
Carols and Readings (org)

#### January 2024

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship  
(kb, g)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

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*Constant kindness can accomplish much.  
As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes  
misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility  
to evaporate. – Albert Schweitzer*

## Maperton

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

#### December 2023

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (BCP)

Christmas Day 11.00am  
Carols and Readings (org)

#### January 2024

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January in Galhampton Church. £2.50 per session.

### THE BIG CURRY LUNCH

This was a lovely event which brought together local people along with ex-military personnel. Thanks go to Stephanie and Angela for providing such good curries and puddings. Also to the village hall team and other helpers who made it all possible. Well done.

### COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00-11.30am, Community Coffee Morning. Coffee, cake and company in North Cadbury Church, and this month we're delighted that Cadens are joining us to provide live

seasonal music as well as a mixture of contemporary and Renaissance folk and dance music. Everyone is welcome, and there's no charge.

Take a break and join us at our community coffee morning. Catch up with friends old and new, enjoy some home-made cakes, ground coffee or tea, and listen to some beautiful music. We look forward to seeing you.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00-11.30am, Community Coffee Morning in North Cadbury Church.** Join us for coffee, cake and company. Everyone is welcome, and there's no charge. A relaxed and informal get together. Catch up with friends old and new, and enjoy some home-made cakes, ground coffee or tea. We look forward to seeing you.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> December. The breakfast will start at 8.15am, ending shortly after 10.00am. There will be a full English breakfast served at the table in the conservatory.

This will be followed by a talk from David Goodenough, topically a former missionary in the Middle East, who will share his experience of how his faith began and developed. Everyone from any faith or none is welcome.

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](mailto:chmoulton70@gmail.com)

### **NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL**

#### **Coffee Morning & Christmas Draw**

Coffee Morning and 200 Club Christmas Draw on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at

10.30am. Warm 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](mailto:200club@northcadburyvillagehall.org)

Sidenote - If you are unable to attend our wonderful coffee mornings, tickets for the 200 Club are still available, they make fabulous gifts for Christmas as well as supporting our local community from afar. The ticket owner does not necessarily have to attend! Good luck!

**Camelot Players Performance Dates – 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December - see below.**

### **Little City – Children's Play Sessions December 14<sup>th</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Little City is an award-winning mobile role-play centre for children up to the age of 6, and it's coming to locations across North Dorset and South Somerset! The 'City' is made up of 10 bays representing the grown-up world our children observe us in everyday: will they get the food shopping done in the supermarket? Post letters in the post office? Care for the poorly animals in the Vets? Or maybe they'll treat someone to a fresh look at the hair salon! At Little City, children can do and be all of these things (and more!) all in just over an hour's playtime.

There are two session times to choose from - 9.30am and 11.00am. Each play session is 1 hour 15 minutes long.

Tickets are limited to ensure the best quality play experience for the children and are booked online at <https://littlecity.mysfs.com/app/group.php?NorthDorset>

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake Evening**

#### **Flats and Sharps**

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Their shows include a wide variety of influences, from a fresh and modern outlook on foot-stomping bluegrass material through to their powerful and well-crafted original songs.

Stuck for Christmas present ideas? – Get tickets and come and enjoy a foot stomping evening of live music! Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £12 on sale from mid December onwards from the Village Stores, Graham on 07504 827062 or the TicketSource website at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/north-cadbury-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/north-cadbury-village-hall)

### **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. Oh, did we mention, we also have a full-sized tennis court?! Just email us for further details.

Should you require any further information or you would like to host your own club please contact [bookings@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk)

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

### **CAMELOT PLAYERS**

Camelot Players present “A Christmas Carol”. Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas play, as per usual we put our own twist on this Dickens classic, adapted by Patrick Barlow (The 39 Steps).

Come for an evening's entertainment including laughs and a mix of carols and modern classics performed by a live choir. Tickets are available from North Cadbury Shop, Kitchen Essentials in Castle Cary, [www.camelotplayers.wixsite.com/productions/box-office](http://www.camelotplayers.wixsite.com/productions/box-office) and on 01963 440554, costing £12 for adults and £9 for under 16s (added booking fee for online bookings).

Performances are Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, doors open 30 minutes before. A Fully licensed bar with festive treats, raffle and sale of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure will be available.

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

We are a small friendly group with a shared interest in gardening who like to meet and chat in North Cadbury Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

In November we had a talk by Adam Wallace from Castle Gardens. He showed us a selection of plants to demonstrate how we can achieve winter (and all year) colour and texture; the most spectacular being the “Flame” sorbus with its delicate orange autumn leaves.

Our members' Christmas meal by Dorset Delights will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, advance booking required.

The next meeting in the hall is at 7.30pm on January 10<sup>th</sup> which is the AGM. There'll be a glass or two of wine and nibbles to see in the new gardening club year. New committee members will be welcomed



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with open arms. The committee only meets 6 to 8 times a year (with tea and cake) for an hour or two in the afternoon. We do need committee members for the club to carry on.

In the early part of the new year, speakers will include Neil Ross, a well travelled grand garden designer, prolific writer and highly qualified teacher and Christine Stones, an enthusiastic and accomplished garden historian and lecturer from Sherborne. All are welcome to these meetings including the AGM where you have the opportunity to join the club. Speaker meetings have a £5 guest charge. Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm start.

For details and enquires please contact  
[susie.ncgardening@outlook.com](mailto:susie.ncgardening@outlook.com)

## **NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP**

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](mailto:pmoylan1@gmail.com)

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

### **December 2023**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00am Advent Carols  
(org & choir)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion  
(BCP piano) at Galhampton Church

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service (org)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship

### **Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Christmas Tree Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion (CW org)

### **Christmas Day**

11.00am Christmas Communion (CW org)

### **January 2024**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP)  
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

## **North Cheriton**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

We will celebrate Christmas at North Cheriton on Christmas Day at 10.00am. All are very welcome.

### **CRAFT CLUB NEWS**

Glitter paste stencilling added extra sparkle to our November meeting with such pretty results. We meet next on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December when we shall be using paper serviettes to decorate glass jars for a tea light holder. In the new year we will meet on Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, 2-4pm, and all ages and abilities are welcome. Bring your own project or join in with a group activity or come for a cuppa and chat. £2 per person please. More details from Belinda [bjs58@live.co.uk](mailto:bjs58@live.co.uk)

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Carol Finlay

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December Libby Renwick

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am - all are welcome to help decorate the church for

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## Christmas.

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Belinda Salthouse
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Hazel Hodges
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Camilla Graham

## SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

### December 2023

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Camelot Matins  
(BCP org)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (CW org)

**Christmas Day 10.00am**  
**Carols & Readings (org)**

### January 2024

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Camelot Matins  
(BCP org)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Morning Service (org)

## South Cadbury

### CAROL AND GIFT SERVICE

We welcome everyone to come to our Carol and Gift Service on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm** 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.

### CHEESE AND WINE

#### AT SOUTH CADBURY HOUSE

Justin and Gay Fish and Jamie and Zizi Montgomery are hosting another wine and cheese evening to kick off the festive

season and welcome some of the recent newcomers to South Cadbury.

Sample the full range of Montgomery cheese prepared in various ways, and wash it down with mulled wine.

Entry £10 on the door and 100% of ticket sales will be donated to South Cadbury church. **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 6-7.30pm, at South Cadbury House, BA22 7HA.**

## SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Save these dates in your diary for events in South Cadbury.

**6<sup>th</sup> December** – representatives from sustainable energy company Gridserve are presenting at the Village Hall, with villagers being given the chance to swap their vehicle for an electric one for a week to see the difference and share their experience.

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – Teals are celebrating their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday with tastings, drinks, canapes with carols from Yeovilton Military Wives Choir and late night shopping 6.00pm-9.00pm

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – The Fish's and Montgomery's are generously hosting a Wine & Cheese Christmas Party at South Cadbury House - *see above for details.*

**Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>** is the Village Café open 10.00am - 12 noon open as usual for tea, coffee, delicious cakes and friendly chat with payment by donation only, so all are very welcome.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** we have our annual village Christmas Carols. Meet at the Church 5.30pm, set off 5.45pm to find Father Christmas and visits houses in the village singing carols ending up at the Village Hall for mince pies and mulled wine. All donations to the Church.

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The village is in the process of signing off on a new playground installation which will be erected early in 2024 – watch this space

Need a bit more flexibility in your body? Come and join Olly Finbow at South Cadbury Village Hall on Wednesdays at 10.45 am 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](mailto:olly_finbow@yahoo.co.uk) to discuss or reserve a place.

Become a Morris Dancer – Wyvern Morris Dancers practice in the Village Hall every Thursday – come and join them to have a go. Contact [wyvernbagman@gmail.com](mailto:wyvernbagman@gmail.com)

### **SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Ian Williamson was our Speaker for November, entertaining us with his climbing to Everest base camp and stay in Kathmandu. Ian gives many talks on his travels in Peru, Japan, Australia and New Zealand and Mt Kilimanjaro to name but a few. All proceeds in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice.

In December we will have our members dinner and next year we have many speakers lined up:- St John's Ambulance first aid demonstration; craft evening; lace making and many more - not forgetting the usual Summer outing.

Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (with exception of the outing).

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

26 <sup>th</sup> Nov & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Angela Hunt
10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Janet Bradford
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas - All

## **Bible Readings**

### **DECEMBER**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Matthew 11: 2-19
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Matthew 11: 20-30
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Advent Sunday**  
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 8: 5-11
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Luke 10: 21-24
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 15: 29-37
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 9: 27-31
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 9: 35—10: 1, 6-8
- 10<sup>th</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
2 Peter 3: 8-15a
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Luke 5: 17-26
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 18: 12-14
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 28-30
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 11-15
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 11: 16-19
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 17: 10-13
- 17<sup>th</sup> - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 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> - **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Christmas Eve**  
Luke 1: 26-38
- 25<sup>th</sup> - **Christmas Day**  
John 1: 1-14
- 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> - **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**  
Luke 2: 15-21

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## SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

December 2023

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm  
Carol & Gifts Service (org)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion

Christmas Day 9.30am  
Carols & Readings (org)

January 2024

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion  
(BCP org)

## Yarlington

### WELLS CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Wells Cathedral Choir will be singing in St Mary's Church on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Entry free - donations for St Mary's Church.

### CAROL SERVICE

Join us for a traditional village carol service at 6.00pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in St Mary's Church.

## SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

December 2023

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 6.00 for 6.30pm  
Wells Cathedral Choir

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

Christmas Day 9.30am  
Christmas Day Service (BCP org)

January 2024

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 4.00pm Evensong (BCP org)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship  
(kb, g)

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

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# SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## for Everyone in Camelot

**Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>:**

6.00pm Carol Service

Bratton St Maur

**Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>:**

4.00pm Carol Service

South Cadbury



**Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**6 for 6.30pm Wells Cathedral Choir** Yarlington

**Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**6.00pm Camelot Carol Service** North Cadbury

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>:**

4.30pm Carol & Crib Service

Holton

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

6.30pm Carol Service

Blackford



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

6.00pm Carol Service

Compton Pauncefoot

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

6.00pm Carol Service

Yarlington

**Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

6.00pm Carol Service

Galhampton



## CHRISTMAS EVE

9.30am Christmas Communion

Blackford

**4.00pm Christmas Tree Service** North Cadbury

**11.30pm Midnight Communion** North Cadbury

## CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Christmas Communion

Compton Pauncefoot

9.30am Carols & Readings

South Cadbury

9.30am Christmas Communion

Yarlington

10.00am Carols & Readings

North Cheriton

11.00am Christmas Communion

Holton

11.00am Carols & Readings

Maperton

11.00am Christmas Communion

North Cadbury