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From the Rectory

As we look around at the international scene at the moment, we can see a number of disturbing developments which challenge our capacity to look at them through the eyes of faith and hope. Perhaps we ourselves are facing personal crises of which the same could also be said. And even the bleakness of the weather at this time of year does not help.

In church we have just come into the season of Lent. Our readings last Sunday examined how Jesus was both tempted but also tested in the wilderness. Without any human companionship and with only the wild beasts around him, he endured both the devil's temptations and also the testing conditions of the wilderness with its lack of any sustaining resources or nourishment.

In such circumstances, Jesus was entirely dependent on God and the provision of God's angels for help. However, He could look back to the wonderful affirmation of His baptism where the heavens opened and God's voice declared that He was God's beloved Son. And He could also look forward to the promise of the fruitful ministry that God had in store for Him.

Thinking about this pattern, I was reminded about the renovation works on the property which our family is due to move into on my retirement. When we started and were about to



apply for planning permission, I remember an architect friend of ours saying that this was a very exciting time when we were just drawing up all our plans. And she also said that we would be excited when we saw the work completed. However, she warned us that there would be a long period in the middle when we would wonder why we had ever embarked on this project!

We are now just about getting to the stage where we can see the work being completed. However, the time through which we have come has certainly been a testing one and when there are just piles of rubble around in the various rooms and walls that have been knocked down, the words about wondering why we had started on this certainly rang true with us.

For, when times are testing, we can all find it a challenge to meet them with faith and hope. But, if we are able to do so, then we find that these tests also strengthen and refine us.

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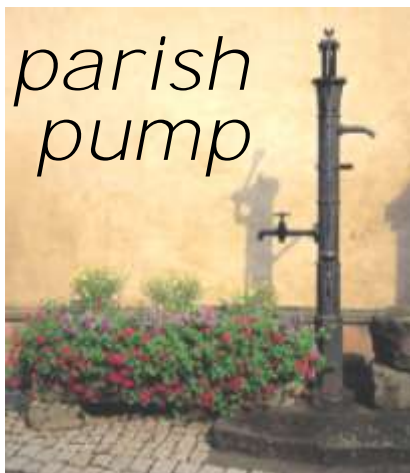
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March Events

1 st	Fri			
2 nd	Sat	8.30-9.30	Saturday Breakfast - see page 19	Holton Village Hall
		10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
		6.15 for 7.30	Film Night - <i>The Great Escaper</i>	Galhampton Village Hall
3 rd	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
4 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
5 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
6 th	Wed	2-4.00pm	Craft Group - see page 24	North Cheriton Village Hall
7 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 19	Galhampton Church
8 th	Fri		-	
9 th	Sat	10am-12	South Cadbury Village Café	South Cadbury Village Hall
10 th	Sun		Mothering Sunday	See centre pages for services
11 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
12 th	Tue	10.00am	Holy Communion	South Cadbury Church
		2-3.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7.30pm	South Cadbury Women's Institute	South Cadbury Village Hall
13 th	Wed		-	
14 th	Thu	12.30pm	Galhampton Lunch Club - see page 19	Galhampton Village Hall
15 th	Fri		<u>DEADLINE FOR APRIL EXCALIBUR</u>	
		6 for 7pm	Family Friendly Easter Bingo	Galhampton Village Hall
		7.00pm	Film Night - <i>Typist, Artist, Pirate, King</i>	North Cadbury Village Hall
16 th	Sat	8.30am	Saturday Breakfast - see page 18	Blackford Reading Room
		10-2pm	Church Spring Clean	North Cadbury Church
17 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
		4.00pm	Introduction to St Matthew Passion	Yarlington Church
18 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
19 th	Tue	2-3.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
20 th	Wed	7.30pm	North Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
21 st	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
		2-4.00pm	Galhampton Sewing Bees	Galhampton Village Hall
22 nd	Fri		-	
23 rd	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
		7.30pm	Film Night - <i>The Great Escaper</i>	Blackford Reading Room
24 th	Sun	9.30am	Palm Sunday	See centre pages for services
		12.15pm	Soup Lunch	North Cadbury Church
25 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
26 th	Tue	2-3.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
27 th	Wed	10.30am	N Cadbury Women's Group	North Cadbury Reading Room
		7.00pm	N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	Galhampton Village Hall
28 th	Thu	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Galhampton Church
29 th	Fri	10.30am	Good Friday Walk - see back page	North Cheriton Church
		2.00pm	Good Friday Service	South Cadbury Church
30 th	Sat	10-11.00am	Easter Trail - see page 24	South Cadbury Village Hall
		10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
		7 for 8pm	Take Art - <i>The Regulars</i> - see page 13	North Cadbury Village Hall
31 st	Sun		Easter Sunday	See centre pages for services



Revd Alison Parris

Alison has retired as a licenced Assistant Priest to the Camelot Group of Parishes. However, subject to other commitments, she is still willing and available to take services within the Group under the Permission to Officiate given to her by the Bishop.

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. Contact details for the Parishes Secretary can be found at the bottom of page 2.

Introduction to Bach's St Matthew Passion

On Sunday 17th March at 4.00pm, in place of Evensong in Yarlington, Clare Leavold will be presenting "An introduction to Bach's St Matthew Passion, Part One" (up to the arrest of Jesus).

The Camelot Choir with Karen's clarinet and guest organist, will be performing with

the help of recordings in places, to give you the whole experience of Bach's masterpiece of music, composed for 2 choirs and 2 orchestras. It will only be around an hour. It will be a good start to Holy Week and Easter.

Flood Alerts in Camelot

The Environment Agency has installed new river level gauges including Yarlington, North Cadbury and Blackford. It's intended to give Amber and Red Alerts of risk of flooding.

The Blackford Gauge is now live and anyone can get alerts as follows. The main way we plan to share alerts is via WhatsApp:

Follow the Upper River Cam & Tributaries. Flood Alerts from Blackford River Level Gauge channel on WhatsApp: <http://tinyurl.com/BlackfordAlerts> Remember to click "follow" to get future alerts.

We do not record or share names or telephone numbers. Chat is disabled so you will only receive alerts with no unwanted "noise". This link may be shared with anyone - friends, family, other parishes etc.

Further details from Tim Adams

Tim.adams@gmail.com

YMCA British Boys for British Farms 9th Reunion

The YMCA British Boys for British Farms 9th Reunion will be taking place at North Cadbury Court on Thursday 23rd May 2024. The Montgomery family kindly allowed the YMCA to have up to 30 boys, aged 14 – 16 mainly from the inner cities, to stay at North Cadbury Court while they worked for eight to twelve weeks on local farms from 1950 to 1966.

This Reunion will be the third Reunion to be held at North Cadbury Court. The first reunion was held in May 2014 at North Cadbury Court and we had BBC Countryfile filming over two or three days, in June 2014 they showed 15 minutes on TV.

The YMCA BBBF Farm Training scheme started in 1932 to 1968, at different times during those years, there were 14 YMCA BBBF hostels across England and more than 20,000 boys went through this farm training scheme.

Further information is available from:
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during the winter**

Tuesday from 7 – 8.00pm
5th March

Tuesdays from 2 – 3.00pm
12th, 19th & 26th March

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 27th March 2024 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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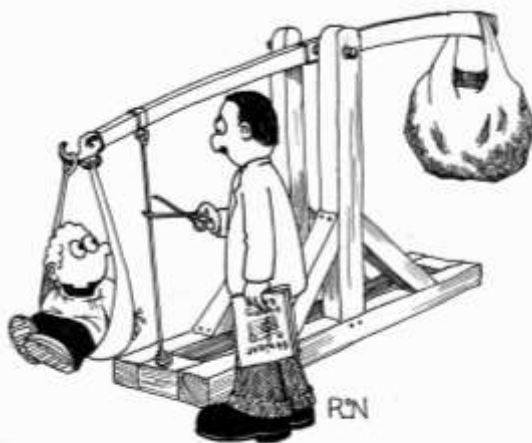
James Harry ('Jim') Martin (aged 85). Died on 1st January 2024. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Yarlington on Monday 22nd January.

Pamela Irene ('Pam') Baker. Died on 14th January 2024. Funeral at St Nicholas, Holton on Friday 2nd February.

Baptism

On 11th February 2024 at St John the Baptist, North Cadbury -

Felicity Jacqueline Simmonds.



Toby persistently sang flat

Holy Communion



**Tuesday 12th March
10.00am
at South Cadbury Church**

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:
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*All the armies that ever marched,
and all the navies that ever were built,
and all the parliaments that ever sat,
and all the kings that ever reigned,
put together, have not affected the life
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Lenora, 95-years-old and in excellent health, confided that she was terribly worried: "Every one of my friends has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went!"

*If it's true that we are here to help others,
what are the others doing here?*

*If you're headed in the wrong direction,
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From the Bishop

Sowing seeds, chitting potatoes, choosing varieties. Easter acts as starter's orders for the gardening year. Beds are cultivated, lawns mown, plans for all the growth and new life that spring and summer will bring made and then turned into action.

There's a much greater connection between gardening and Easter than it merely being the time to dust off forks and spades. For in the Bible, a garden is the setting for Easter itself.

In John's Gospel (John 20: 1-18) Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus in a garden. Indeed, Jesus's appearance to Mary is so unexpected that at first she can't believe it's really him. So she mistakes the man she meets 'supposing him to be the gardener' (John 20: 15).

In John's account, all the new life contained in the first Easter chimes with a much earlier story set in a garden too. This is of the new life of another man and woman, the creation story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and contained in the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:4- 3:24). In that story, Adam is the gardener (Gen 2: 15), only for things to go wrong. In John, Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam – come to bring new life that has no end.



New life for all the world

What would happen if we were to think of our churches as gardens, primed to welcome the spring that is the new life of Jesus this Easter? What would happen if we imagined ourselves called to be gardeners – like our father Adam and the new Adam, Jesus? What would we expect to grow? What might need pruning or weeding? What new plans for the coming season would we make and turn into action? What would be the harvest that we'd sow for, tend and then reap?

For I reckon we should see Easter as the starting point of all that God wants to do among us and with us. Jesus's resurrection opens us to being part of God's new creation. Easter offers us a fresh start for life,

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✝ Bishop Michael

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(John 19: 17, 1: 4)

*Carrying the cross by himself
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*Sent out,
yet choosing to go.*

*Word of life,
choosing death,
knowing the end from the beginning.*

*Carrying the cross by himself
he went out.*

*The only one who could,
the only way he could,
he went out
to the Skull Place,
for me.*

by Daphne Kitching

INTERVIEW - A time to reflect



*Grant Swarbrooke, Head of
Swainswick School in Bath, shares
their Easter plans.*

How do you mark Easter at your school?

At Swainswick we have two curriculums, our subject curriculum and our Wider Curriculum that focuses on the children's personal development that is centred around our Christian values. This is lived out in our Easter celebration, which the children have got total ownership of.

What is planned this year?

We always have a beautiful music concert that is entwined with Easter. The children will be performing individually and in bands. They will write and perform their own poetry, prayers and readings.

What message do the children take away?

Easter is a time of reflection and the story of Jesus dying on the cross offers us a time to stop and reflect on

the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. It also offers us a time to reflect about ourselves, the world around us, and each other.

That is at the centre of our values and our learning. Easter is a lovely way to encourage the children to think about those important things - in this very busy world.

How else do you live out your Christian values?

In our lesson called Future Fridays we discuss 'Our Global Responsibility'. Every Friday the children run a refill shop for the community, and have invited speakers, such as Amnesty International and Red Card to Racism.

We've also recently introduced the Archbishop's Young Leaders Award.

What is the award?

It is designed to equip children and young people in character education, to build their leadership skills and faith development, and to empower them to undertake a variety of transformational social action projects in their local communities.

We feel it fits well with the work we are already undertaking at Swainswick.

Noah had problems, too

*When Noah sailed the waters blue,
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before he found a place to park.*



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The Rules of Living Well After 60

The King is 75. Last year he did 516 engagements, and before his recent diagnosis for cancer, he had no intention of slowing down. Instead, he was keen to be ‘back up and running’ as soon as possible after his prostate operation. Was he right?

“Absolutely he was – you shouldn’t slow down,” says Sir Muir Gray, 80, former chief knowledge officer for the NHS. “Ageing exists as a normal biological process but until the age of 90, it has little effect on your ability to look after yourself, engage with others or get about independently. In fact, paradoxically, as we get older, we need to become more active – physically and mentally. Ageing doesn’t make you feel old – disease and loss of fitness will.”

A study from the Yale School of Public Health found that people who had positive ideas about their own ageing (“I have as much pep as last year”) lived for an average of 22.6 years after they first participated in the study, while the people who felt less positively about ageing, lived for just 15 years more on average.

Of course, getting older does involve some loss of energy. But slowing down a bit is never something to be ashamed of, and getting enough rest is the very cornerstone of leading a good life.

Exercise is also crucial as we get older. Focus on the four Ss: stamina, strength, skill (balance) and suppleness. Maintain your stamina by brisk walking every day for 30 minutes.

When you are ill, get up again as soon as you reasonably can. Otherwise, you are at risk of ‘deconditioning syndrome’, a physiological decline where muscle strength can decrease dramatically if you are over 70.

Thoughtfully review of your personal life-balance. Try to find the ‘sweet spot’ between activity and rest. Gray advises: “If you’re only doing activities, you are inevitably going to burn out. But if you only rest, you will become sedentary and you’re more likely to fall ill, feel disconnected and lonely.”

Finally, don’t run on a hamster wheel of someone else’s making. This Lent, before God, rethink your real purpose and calling in life. And live it!

125 years ago, on 6th March 1899, the German pharmaceutical company Bayer patented aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid).

75 years ago, on 10th March 1949, the 1948 Arab-Israeli War ended in an Israeli victory.

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Sunday Worship

3rd March ***The Third Sunday of Lent*** Purple
CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

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

READINGS Morning - *Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22*

10th March ***The Fourth Sunday of Lent*** Purple
MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

READINGS Morning - *Numbers 21: 4-9; Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21*
or readings for Mothering Sunday

17th March ***The Fifth Sunday of Lent*** Purple

9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	Communion (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>
	Blackford - <i>Service at Compton Pauncefoot</i>		
11.00 am	Maperton	Morning Service (org)	<i>trs</i>
	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	<i>rw</i>
4.00 pm	Yarlington	Introduction to Bach's	<i>trs</i>
	St Matthew Passion with the Camelot Choir		

READINGS Morning - *Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33*

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

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24th March *Palm Sunday* Red

CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

9.30 am	North Cheriton	Communion (CW org)	<i>trs</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Group Service (org)	<i>rw trs</i>
<i>Procession from North Cadbury Village Hall at 10.50am</i>			
READINGS	Morning - <i>Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 15: 1-39</i>		

31st March *Easter Day* Gold or White

9.30 am	Blackford	Communion (Extended org)	<i>gr</i>
	Bratton St Maur	Communion (CW org)	<i>trs</i>
	Compton Pauncefoot	Communion (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>
	South Cadbury	Communion (BCP org)	<i>ap</i>
11.00 am	Holton	Communion (CW org)	<i>ap</i>
	Maperton	Communion (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>
	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)	<i>trs</i>
	North Cheriton	Communion (Extended org)	<i>gr</i>
6.30 pm	Yarlington	Evensong (+ Communion) (org)	<i>trs</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11;</i> <i>Mark 16: 1-8 or John 20: 1-18</i>		
	Evening - <i>Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Luke 24: 13-35</i>		

7th April *The Second Sunday of Easter* White

CAMELOT WORSHIP SUNDAY

9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)	
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)	
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Group Communion (CW org)	
READINGS	Morning - <i>Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 1—2:2; John 20: 19-31</i>		

CLERGY

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<i>rw</i>	Revd Ron Wood
<i>ap</i>	Revd Alison Parris

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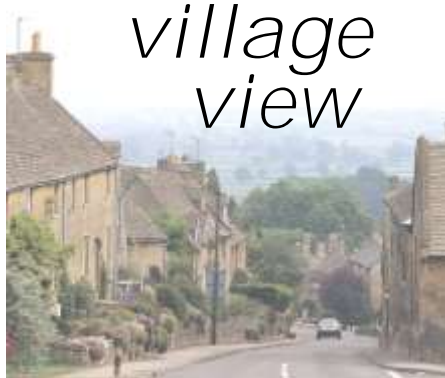
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LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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<i>tb</i>	Tony Beadles

Fight truth decay – study the Bible daily.

*Treasures in heaven are laid up only
as treasures on earth are laid down.*



village view

Blackford

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for our monthly village breakfast on Saturday March 16th 2024 at 8.30am in the Reading Room.

BOOK CLUB

For details contact 01963 440754.

FILM NIGHT - *THE GREAT ESCAPER*

Saturday March 23rd 2024 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. Tickets £5 to include ice-cream. Call Sophia on 07714 329209 to book. See advert on page 11 for details of the film.

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 10th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 17th 9.30am at Compton Pauncefoot

Good Friday Walk — Service at 12.30pm

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**

9.30am Communion by Extension (org)

Bratton Seymour (Bratton St Maur)

MARCH SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**

9.30am Communion (CW org)

Compton Pauncefoot

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 10th 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 17th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Good Friday Walk — Service at 1.15pm

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**

9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Galhampton

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MARCH VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 2nd 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.

FILM NIGHT

Saturday 2nd March at the village hall. We will be showing **The Great Escaper**, a very popular 2023 film based on the true story

of an 89 year old WW2 Royal Navy veteran who 'escaped' from his care home to attend the 70th anniversary D-Day commemorations in France. Starring the acting greats Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson in their very last film roles and rated a highly impressive 83% on Rotten Tomatoes.

Doors open 6.15pm and the film commences at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 adult, £6 under 16s and include a light supper before the film. Licensed bar. Tickets from Paul Carter on 07875 206875 or email village@galhampton.com

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Galhampton Walkers meet outside the church on 7th March at 9.15am. All welcome. Coffee and cake afterwards in the pub.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 14th March. 12.30pm at 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

FAMILY FRIENDLY EASTER BINGO

Friday 15th March at the village hall. Doors open 6.00pm with eyes down at 7.00pm. All ages are welcome for a fun evening with plenty of prizes. Refreshments are available: teas, coffees, cakes and biscuits. Money raised will go towards providing a defibrillator at the village hall.

GALHAMPTON SEWING BEES

Thursday 21st March - 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the village hall. Bring your sewing, knitting or embroidery.

Local Contacts

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North Cadbury

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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 booking@galhampton.com 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 see what is going on in the village hall and to check availability, there is a calendar on the website with details of all the classes and events that are happening.

MARCH SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 10th 11.00am Mothering Sunday
Service (piano)

Sunday 17th 11.00am Sunday Worship
at North Cadbury Church

Holton

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

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

MARCH SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS

Sunday 10th 11.00am Sunday Worship
(kb, g)

Good Friday Walk — Service at 11.15am

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**
11.00am Communion (CW org)

*People are like tea bags –
you have to put them in hot water
before you know how strong they are.*

Maperton

CHURCH SERVICES

The service at 11.00am on March 17th will not be a Communion. Instead it will be a more informal service with hymns and an organist and coffee and cake afterwards. All are welcome, especially families. On Easter Sunday, March 31st, there will be a Communion, with hymns and an organist.

MARCH SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

Sunday 17th 11.00am Morning Service (org)

Good Friday Walk — Service at 11.55am

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**
11.00am Communion (BCP org)

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CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

in St Michael's Church North Cadbury on Saturday 16th March 10.00am - 2.00pm. It's the time of year when we blow away the cobwebs and put a sparkle back into our beautiful church. Any time you have to spare between 10.00am and 2.00pm please pop along and join us. The more the merrier.

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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 21st March, 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.

LENT LUNCH

There will be a soup lunch in North Cadbury Church after the Palm Sunday service on 24th March. A light lunch of home-made soup, bread and cheese will be served from 12.15pm – 2.00pm.

There is no charge for lunch and everyone is welcome to join us, however there will be a charity donation bowl on the door for anyone wishing to make a gift.

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Coffee Morning and 200 Club Draw on **Saturday 30th March** 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

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

Film Nights

March 15th at 7.00pm –

Typist, Artist, Pirate, King.

April 19th at 7.00pm – *The Great Escaper.*

A live show with “The Regulars”

Saturday 30th March. In a show brought to you by Takeart, for one night only, your Village Hall is about to become your local and turn into The North Cadbury Arms. Pull up a chair, lean in close, and as the drinks flow you might start to wonder how blurred the lines are between fact and fiction.

Have you ever wondered who might have nursed a pint at this table before you? It is a celebration of the outlandish, sometimes incredible stories you hear over a drink (or 2!). In Teatro Vivo's new show, The Regulars of the past sit shoulder to shoulder with the Regulars of today.

Doors Open 7.00pm, show starts 8.00pm. Licensed Bar open until 10.00pm.

Tickets £10 on sale in the North Cadbury Village Stores and online on the Take Art website (plus small booking fee).

Charity Family Race Night -

Saturday 27th April. In conjunction with Brue Valley Rotary Club come and join us for a fun night out which all the family can enjoy. Doors open 6.00pm, races start at 6.30pm.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from North Cadbury Village Store or email Graham on gjenn2802@gmail.com.

Admission (including a light supper) £8; Accompanied Children U16 £5. Please bring cash on the night, cash bets only - £1 per horse per race. Licenced Bar and Raffle.

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.



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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.

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We generally meet on the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month in North Cadbury village hall. In December, the Gardening Club Christmas meal (with quiz!) which was catered for by Dorset Delights was very popular, festive and enjoyable.

In January at the AGM, in addition to the business we had a presentation by Jenny King Brain and also tastings of their ciders and cordials which was very welcome light relief. Since the AGM we have had the joyous news of a new chairman to replace hardworking Sarah who rescued the club 3 years ago. Ron Wood has volunteered to take on the role, so securing the club's future.

Now the programme for 2024 is now in full swing, with talks, garden and vineyard visits, discount events and a shared meal, hopefully outdoors, in the summer. We hope to be collecting any plants you may have to spare or even grow specifically for the Plant Sale in May, please!

At the meeting on the 20th March we have the head gardener of Minterne, Mark Bobin, to talk about Minterne and its Gardens, which are easily accessible to us, being only about half an hour to the south, and well worth a visit as I'm sure we'll hear.

Looking forward to April, the talk will be on important women gardeners of Gertrude Jekyll's era. Guests and visitors are always

welcome to meetings for a small fee, or just join and come as you please. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Please contact susie.ncgardening@outlook.com for more information

NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group meets on the fourth Wednesday, most months of the year, at 10.30am 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 2024 programme please contact Pauline Moylan on 440775 or pmoylan1@gmail.com

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 10th 11.00am *Mothering Sunday
Service at Galhampton Church*

Sunday 17th 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 24th **Palm Sunday**
10.50am Group Service (org)
Procession from the Village Hall

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**
11.00am Communion (CW org)

North Cheriton

CRAFT GROUP

The year has started with colourful bead flowers in January and felt brooches in February.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday March 6th from 2-4.00pm in the village hall and we will be making Easter decorations.



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MARCH SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 3rd 9.30am
Camelot Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 10th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 24th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Good Friday Walk — Service at 10.30am

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**
9.30am Communion by Extension (org)

South Cadbury

SOUTH CADBURY CHURCH

A fallen boss in the nave of St Thomas à Becket Church has necessitated restricted the use of some areas in the Church for the time being, for Health and Safety reasons. The Church will be closed except when it is in use for published services or agreed activities. It is likely that the Services on Good Friday and Easter Day will be held outside.

SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Come to the Village Café which will be open on **Saturday 9th March at the Village Hall from 10.00am-12 noon**, for tea, coffee, delicious homemade cakes and friendly chat with payment by donation only, so everyone is welcome.

Saturday March 30th witnesses the annual Easter Trail in South Cadbury. Pick up your maps at the Village Hall between 10.00am and 11.00am, enjoy the trail and return to the hall for refreshments with each child

guaranteed an Easter Egg. Tickets on the door only £2.50 per child.

South Cadbury Village Hall has a fully integrated AV system complete with a loop hearing system. So, whether you want a party, run a film night, make a presentation, hold a business meeting or anything else contact

Alison.Norton@SouthCadbury.org.uk

The village is in final negotiations for a new playground installation for toddlers which will be erected in the Spring.

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.

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

AFTERNOON TEA WITH PROSECCO

Saturday April 13th in South Cadbury Village Hall an Afternoon Tea with Prosecco from 2.30pm. Tickets £15.00, in advance please, contact Jackie Miles - 07807074340 or mil559@aol.com. All proceeds to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our March meeting we shall be hearing about "Lace Making". Tuesday 12th March in South Cadbury Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30pm.

MARCH SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

Tuesday 12th 10.00am Holy Communion

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Sunday 31st **Easter Day**

9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Yarlington

INTRODUCTION TO BACH'S

ST MATTHEW PASSION

On Sunday 17th March at 4.00pm, in place of Evensong in Yarlington, Clare Leavold will be presenting "An introduction to Bach's St Matthew Passion, Part One" (more details on page 6).

MARCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 3rd 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 17th 4.00pm Introduction to
St Matthew Passion (Choir)

Sunday 31st **Easter Day**
6.30pm Evensong (+ Communion)
(BCP org)

John 12

*The tomb was a cave
and Lazarus asleep:
Jesus walked in the light
on a pathway of tears,
carrying God's glory.*

*He lifted his eyes,
called into the darkness:
Lazarus rose and came out.*

*Jesus keeps on calling
into the darkness:
different names,
different caves.*

by Tim Lenton

*The best news the world ever had
came from a graveyard.*

Bible Readings

MARCH

- 1st - Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
- 2nd - Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
- 3rd - **3rd Sunday of Lent**
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
- 4th - Luke 4: 24-30
- 5th - Matthew 18: 21-35
- 6th - Matthew 5: 17-19
- 7th - Luke 11: 14-23
- 8th - Mark 12: 28-34
- 9th - Luke 18: 9-14
- 10th - **4th Sunday of Lent**
Ephesians 2: 1-10
- 11th - John 4: 43-54
- 12th - John 5: 1-3, 5-16
- 13th - John 5: 17-30
- 14th - John 5: 31-47
- 15th - John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
- 16th - John 7: 40-52
- 17th - **5th Sunday of Lent**
Hebrews 5: 5-10
- 18th - John 8: 1-11
- 19th - **Joseph of Nazareth**
Matthew 1: 18-25
- 20th - John 8: 31-42
- 21st - John 8: 51-59
- 22nd - John 10: 31-42
- 23rd - John 11: 45-57
- 24th - **Palm Sunday**
Philippians 2: 5-11
- 25th - John 12: 1-11
- 26th - John 12: 20-36
- 27th - John 13: 21-32
- 28th - **Maundy Thursday**
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
- 29th - **Good Friday**
John 18: 1-19: 37
- 30th - John 19: 38-42
- 31st - **Easter Sunday**
John 20: 1-18



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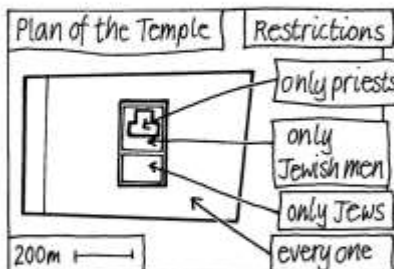
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:12-16, Mk 11:15-18, Lk 19:45-48

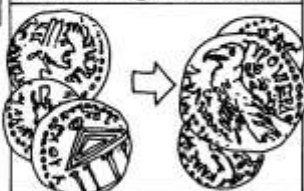
When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...



Restrictions

only priests
only Jewish men
only Jews
everyone

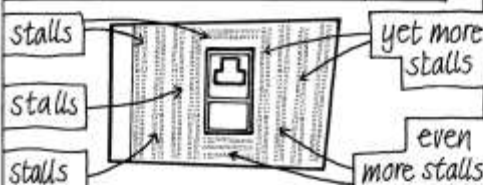
Visitors had to change their money to shekels



They had to buy special animals to sacrifice...



and the stalls filled the only place that non-Jews could come to worship God



The chief priests had no problem with this...



but it made Jesus very angry...



so he drove them out



* Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11

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Holy Week & Easter



Celebrations in the Camelot Parishes



PALM SUNDAY - March 24th
Group Service at North Cadbury Church
Procession from Village Hall at 10.50am



MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 28th
7.00pm Communion at Galhampton Church

GOOD FRIDAY - March 29th

Good Friday Walk starting at 10.30am in North Cheriton Church



11.15am	Holton Church
11.55am	Maperton Church
12.30pm	Blackford Church
1.15pm	Compton Pauncefoot Church
2.00pm Service at South Cadbury Church	



EASTER DAY

Celebrate the Resurrection



9.30am Communion by Extension at Blackford

9.30am Communion at Compton Pauncefoot

9.30am Communion at South Cadbury

11.00am Communion at Holton

11.00am Communion at Maperton

11.00am Communion at North Cadbury

11.00am Communion by Extension at North Cheriton

6.30pm Evensong (& Communion) at Yarlington