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From the Rectory

As I approach retirement, one question that I am asked is what it is like knowing that you are going to do something for the last time. This is particularly relevant as we approach Holy Week and the immediate run up to Easter.

First of all, what comes to my mind is that everything has a heightened sense of significance. Good Friday and Easter are, of course, always extraordinarily significant times of year. And we can also say that as we enjoy the presence of the risen Christ with us that it is always Easter in our hearts.

And though I may in the future well take part again in leading worship in the Easter period, I know that this will be in a different role and a different place. So, in our church services now as we journey with Jesus towards the Cross and Resurrection, each moment has for me a heightened sense of significance. Rather than thinking or planning how might I do this next time, I am purely concerned with what is happening in the moment. Sometimes, this means that you notice in familiar passages such as the readings for Palm Sunday some detail that previously passed you by.

So, this year, as we follow the readings in Mark's gospel, I have noticed some telling details which are unique to this particular gospel. Why after all the commotion of Palm Sunday does Jesus calmly have a look round the Temple and then decide to go back to Bethany and to bed? The next morning, of course, will be a different matter when



He overturns the moneychangers' tables and cleanses the Temple. But, for now, it seems that He decided just to 'sleep on it'. And why did Jesus promise the owner of the donkey that He would send the donkey back immediately He no longer needed it? What does all this tell us about Jesus?

And perhaps everyday activities also had for Jesus in the last week of His life a heightened sense of significance. At the Last Supper, He knows that this is the last meal that He will eat with His friends. And so, He invests the ordinary, everyday elements of the table, the bread and the wine with an extraordinary power and purpose. This is my body He tells the disciples and this is my blood. For He will no longer eat the Passover with them or drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes (see Luke 22: 18).

And that phrase brings us back to what I said a couple of months ago about an ending being also a new beginning. Yes, in one sense, it is the last time that He will eat with them.

*With my love and prayers,
Thorian*

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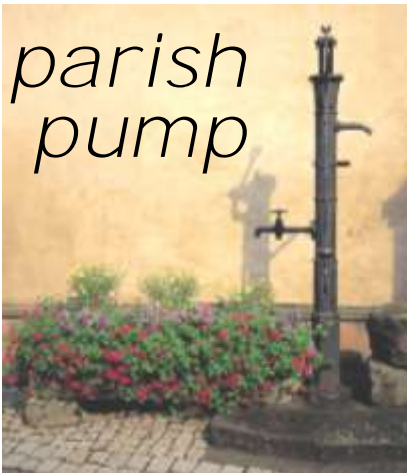
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April Events

1 st	Mon		Easter Monday Bank Holiday	
2 nd	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
3 rd	Wed	2-4.00pm	Craft Group - see page 24	North Cheriton Village Hall
4 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 18	Galhampton Church
5 th	Fri		-	
6 th	Sat	8.30-9.30	Saturday Breakfast - see page 20	Holton Village Hall
		10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
7 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
8 th	Mon		-	
9 th	Tue	10.00am	Holy Communion	South Cadbury Church
		7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7.30pm	South Cadbury Women's Institute	South Cadbury Village Hall
10 th	Wed		-	
11 th	Thu	10am-12	LegoFest - see page 22	North Cadbury Church
		12.30pm	Galhampton Lunch Club - see page 19	Galhampton Village Hall
12 th	Fri		-	
13 th	Sat	10am-12	South Cadbury Village Café	South Cadbury Village Hall
		2.30pm	Afternoon Tea with Prosecco	South Cadbury Village Hall
14 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
15 th	Mon		<u>DEADLINE FOR MAY EXCALIBUR</u>	
		9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
16 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod - see page 6	North Barrow Village Hall
17 th	Wed	7.30pm	North Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
18 th	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
19 th	Fri	7.00pm	Film Night - The Great Escaper	North Cadbury Village Hall
20 th	Sat	8.30am	Saturday Breakfast - see page 18	Blackford Reading Room
		9-11.00am	Men's Breakfast - see page 19	Galhampton Village Hall
		6.30 for 7	Ukraine: Conflict in Context	North Cadbury Village Hall
21 st	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
22 nd	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
23 rd	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
24 th	Wed	10.30am	N Cadbury Women's Group	North Cadbury Reading Room
		7.00pm	Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting & N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	Yarlington Village Hall
25 th	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
		11.00am	South Cadbury APCM - see page 6	South Cadbury Church
26 th	Fri	11.15am	Maperton APCM - see page 6	Maperton Church
27 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
		6 for 6.30	Charity Race Night - see page 13	North Cadbury Village Hall
		7.30pm	Film Night - The Two Popes	Blackford Reading Room
28 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
29 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
30 th	Tue	1.00pm	Bratton St Maur APCM - see page 6	Bratton St Maur Church
		7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church



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.

Annual Church Meetings

During April and May the Vestry Meetings and Annual Parochial Church Meetings for all the Camelot Parishes will be taking place. Everyone resident in the parish or on the Church Electoral Roll is entitled to attend the Annual Vestry Meeting, which only has one remaining function - to elect the parish's churchwardens for the coming year.

Those on the Church Electoral Roll can also take part in the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) which hears reports on the fabric, finance and life of the church and elects representatives to the Deanery Synod and the members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

There is also usually a short PCC meeting after the APCM to elect the PCC's officers

for the coming year.

The following dates for Annual Meetings were known at the time of printing:

April 25th - South Cadbury - see page 26

April 26th - Maperton - see page 20

April 30th - Bratton St Maur - see page 18

May 2nd - Holton - see page 20

May 9th - North Cheriton - see page 24

May 10th - Yarlington - see page 28

May 13th - Blackford - see page 18.

May 20th - North Cadbury - see page 22

Check Church notice boards for further details.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod postponed from March will now be held on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm. Venue to be arranged - see the Deanery website for the latest information at: www.brutonandcarydeanery.net

The meeting will provide an update on the pastoral reorganisation of the Deanery and current vacancies and appointments. There will also be a presentation on the nature of lay ministry within the Deanery.

Tuesday Worship at Galhampton Church

During the spring and summer this will take place in the evenings. See the advert opposite for details.

Don't Hesitate to Use Hearing Aids

Here is something you didn't expect: using hearing aids if you are a bit deaf can be of great benefit to your overall health.

Crystal Rolfe, director of health at the Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) said: "Hearing aids bring enormous

benefits for people with hearing loss. Research shows that wearing hearing aids may reduce the risk of cognitive decline, and it is well known that they have positive effects on physical, social, emotional, and mental wellbeing.

According to hearing loss charity RNID, 12 million adults in the UK are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus and an estimated seven million people could benefit from hearing aids, but only about two million use them.

The researchers hope the findings, published in The Lancet Healthy Longevity journal, will encourage more people to wear hearing aids. As one doctor said: "If you have hearing loss, get hearing aids. The benefits could be limitless."

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council and Yarlington's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7.00pm in Yarlington 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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*What we see in others
often reveals something about us.*

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**Mondays 15th, 22nd
& 29th April**

in Galhampton Chapel

Doors open at 9:30, sessions start at 10am and finish by 11:30am.

Cost: £2.50 per family,
includes refreshments

Camelot People

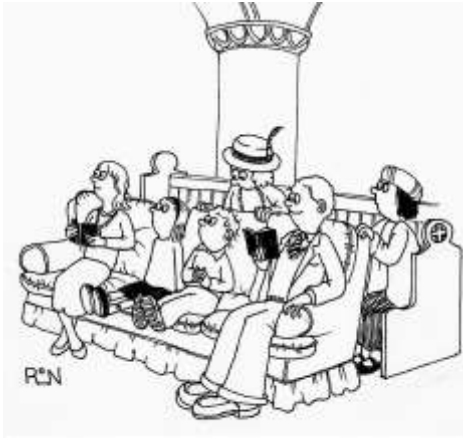
We give thanks to God for:

Sheila Lawrence (aged 85). Died on 16th February 2024. Funeral at St Nicholas, Holton on Friday 8th March.

Baptism

On 9th March 2024 at St Nicholas, Holton -

Amelia Willow Patten Anderson.



Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class

Seen in a West Country church:

*Whenever I see a little church,
I always pay a visit.
So when at last I'm carried in,
the Lord won't ask 'Who is it?'*

Holy Communion



**Tuesday 9th April
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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– C H Spurgeon

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– Anon

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From the Assistant Bishop



In January I was back in my old Diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before. What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels and hymns, including some, such as 'Onward Christian soldiers' that remain popular today. He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field.

For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever

gifts anyone possessed for the common good.

But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man's life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. 'To

worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God,

to devote the will to the purpose of God'.

The interview on page 12 is one of several encouraging stories of New Christian Worshipping Communities in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: 'It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important, and conduct tests it.'

✠ Bishop Michael

Michael Langrish,
Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells

***Worship
is key***

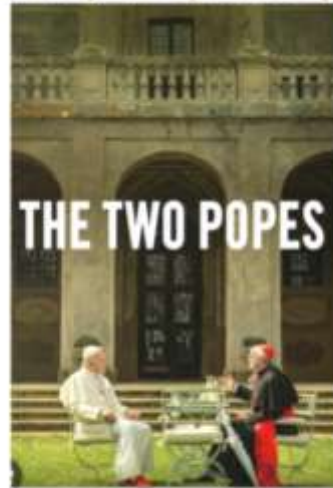
Wordsearch - St George

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages.

In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Libya from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.

George
Patron
Saint
England
Officer
Roman
Army
Diocletian
Terror
Martyred
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INTERVIEW -

A shared life of prayer and mission

The Revd Liz Dudley (former Vicar of Castle Cary) with Pioneers Elizabeth and Andrew Alden share plans for a new Christian Community in Frome.



*Preparations are underway
at Mary's House.*

What is happening in Frome?

Work is underway at the former vicarage at St Mary's to prepare the house for a new Christian community of four self-supporting adults. They will live there for a year and work locally.

What will Mary's House offer?

It will offer a lifestyle grounded in contemplative prayer and a Christian commitment to the environment. As a community, their shared life will be marked by a daily pattern of prayer, weekly work in the local community, and a rule of life with shared values and approaches to missional living.

Why Frome?

The combination of St Mary's site, the congregation's missional outlook, and the pioneering work at The Giant's Garden presents a compelling opportunity to explore and

potentially establish a new Christian community here.

What's the local reaction to the new community?

Frome is open to the spiritual side of life, there is a common concern for those on the edge of society and we hope that those who choose to live here will be able to connect with that aspect of life here. Mary's House offers an opportunity to show that you can live out in the world and live in a Christian community with a rhythm of prayer and rule of life; that it is possible to do the two together.

What's your hope for the community?

That this community will contribute to God's work of regeneration in the churches and the town, increasing the missional impact of God's people. Long term it could develop a model that could be replicated elsewhere in the diocese.

The community will include a dispersed element of people living in their own homes but following a similar rule of life.

When do you expect to open?

We hope those called to help establish the residential expression of the community will move into Mary's House from September onwards.

Read more at
bathandwells.org.uk/st-marys-frome

The church should be a community of encouragement. – Fred Catherwood.

*Every day is a gift;
that's why they call it the present.*

Ukraine: Conflict in Context

An illustrated presentation

Saturday April 20th 7.00 pm (Doors open at 6.30 pm)

North Cadbury Village Hall

The war in Ukraine has now been underway for two years and there is no end in sight. Due to the complex origins, the shifting cast of players and the nature of the fighting, this is 'a different kind of war' to what had been expected.

Marcello Fantoni is a historian of the area and is doing his Doctorate on the peoples of southern Russia, especially the Cossacks. He has spent considerable time in the war zone and was indeed in Ukraine on the day Russia invaded.

The insights he has brought back are surprisingly different from those found in the mainstream media. Based on his own experiences and on-the-ground research, this illustrated lecture will provide a picture of what is happening now, and may happen in the future. It will simultaneously shock and enlighten.

A question and answer session will follow and refreshments, including a glass of wine, will be served in the interval. Tickets will be available for purchase from the North Cadbury Village shop from Saturday 6th April, price £12.

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A great night out for everyone to enjoy



North Cadbury C of E Primary School recently celebrated the official opening of their new classrooms in style, with the High Sheriff of Somerset (Robert Drewett esq) gracing them with his presence. The children were fascinated with his regal outfit and asked some really interesting questions about the role of High Sheriff in modern times, although there was a lot of interest in the High Sheriff's sword!



The school also invited a number of special guests for the service, and these included Bernie Green who is the CEO of PPAT – the trust that the school is proud to belong to, as well as representatives from local builders Fisher & Dean who built the beautiful new classrooms throughout the course of last year.



Patently waiting for the officials to arrive



Mrs Claire Harding cutting the ribbon to officially open the classrooms



Enjoying the celebratory buffet supplied by The Cake Box

St George, Patron Saint of England

The English have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who, just possibly, may not have existed at all. But that didn't stop St George being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that St George was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that St George was held as an example of a 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the Middle Ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers – 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day (April 23rd) presents an opportunity to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' – one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause.

Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty – they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our admiration.

200 years ago, on 19th April 1824, Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died of sepsis/fever while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. Aged 36.

175 years ago, on 10th April 1849, American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.

90 years ago, on 3rd April 1934, British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud. He set up a company to manufacture them and in 1937 he was awarded a government contract to mass produce them for national use.

75 years ago, on 4th April 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.

Sunday Worship

7th April *The Second Sunday of Easter* White
 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</i>

READINGS Morning - *Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 1—2:2; John 20: 19-31*

14th April *The Third Sunday of Easter* White

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

READINGS Morning - *Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48*

21st April *The Fourth Sunday of Easter* White

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

READINGS Morning - *Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18*
 Evening - *Exodus 16: 4-15; Revelation 2: 12-17*

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

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28th April ***The Fifth Sunday of Easter*** White

8.00 am	Blackford	Communion (BCP)	<i>trs</i>
9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	Matins (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>
	North Cheriton	Morning Worship	<i>trs</i>
	South Cadbury	Communion (BCP org)	<i>ap</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)	<i>rw</i>
	Yarlington	Sunday Worship (kb, g)	<i>ap</i>
6.30pm	Galhampton	Evening Service (piano)	<i>trs</i>

READINGS Morning - *Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8*
Evening - *Isaiah 60: 1-14; Revelation 3: 1-13*

5th May ***The Sixth 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 - *Acts 10: 44-48; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17*

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rw Revd Ron Wood
ap Revd Alison Parris

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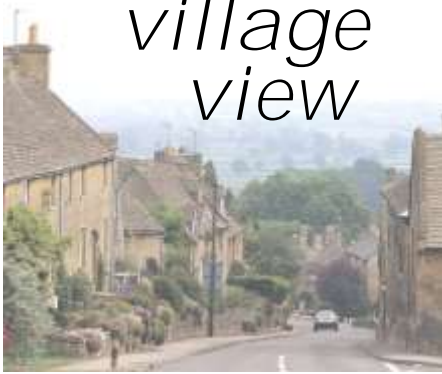
*There is a God who answers prayer
who intercedes before the throne,
the Son of God who ever cares,
do not believe you walk alone.*

*When life seems hard, no answers come,
he knows the path that you now tread.
Believe on him though all seems lost,
he knows about the tears you shed.*

*Hold on to him who is your strength,
although it seems
there's no way through,
though pain and heartache
both are near,
who holds the world holds also you.*

*There is a day when all is clear,
a day when we all understand
that all our lives but marked a way
that led us to the Promised Land.*

By Megan Carter



village view

Blackford

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for our monthly village breakfast on Saturday April 20th 2024 at 8.30am in the Reading Room.

FILM NIGHT - *THE TWO POPES*

Saturday April 27th 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.

BLACKFORD APCM

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Monday 13th May in the Reading Room. See page 6 for more details.

BOOK CLUB

For details contact 01963 440754.

APRIL SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 14th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 21st 9.30am at Compton Pauncefoot

Sunday 28th 8.00am Communion (BCP)

Don't stay away from church because there are so many hypocrites. There's always room for one more. – A R Adams

Bratton Seymour (Bratton St Maur)

BRATTON ST MAUR APCM

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 1.00pm on Tuesday 30th April in the Church. See page 6 for more details.

APRIL SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

There are no Sunday services in the Church in April.

Compton Pauncefoot

APRIL SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 14th 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 21st 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 28th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Galhampton

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.

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GALHAMPTON WALKERS

The next walk will be on 4th April at 9.15am outside the Church, followed by coffee in the Orchard Inn. All welcome including our four legged friends.

MARCH VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 6th April 10.00am to 11.30am at the village hall with draw and notices at 10.30am. Enjoy a cup of fresh brewed coffee and a delicious home-made cake or two, join fellow villagers for some convivial company and see if you have won in the monthly 200 club draw. All are most welcome at this very popular event which is a great way of catching up with what is going on in the lovely village of Galhampton. Do come and join us.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 11th April. 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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 20th April 9.00am to 11.00am at the village hall. Doors open at 9.00am with coffee being served, followed by a breakfast of bacon or sausage butties available between 9.30am and 10.30am – all for just £5. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Common sense isn't. – Anon

Local Contacts

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APRIL SERVICES

AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 14th 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 21st 11.00am *Sunday Worship
at North Cadbury Church*

Sunday 28th 6.30pm Evening Service
(piano)

Holton

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The next Saturday Breakfast will be on Saturday 6th April in the Village Hall. It's only £7 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!

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

We need additional members for our PCC to help maintain our village church. There are only 3 or 4 meetings each year to attend and then just general help with looking after the church. Could you spare a few hours and join us? Please call Lisa 01963 34821 or Chris 01963 824163 if you can help. New PCC members can be elected at the APCM on May 2nd (see below).

HOLTON APCM

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd May in the Village Hall. See page 6 for more details.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN & GARDENING

The Holton Village Volunteer Spring Clean and Gardening will take place at the Church and the Village Hall on Saturday 4th May from 10.00am.

APRIL SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS

Sunday 14th 11.00am Sunday Worship
(kb, g)

Maperton

MAPERTON APCM

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 11.15am on Friday 26th April in the Church (time and venue to be confirmed). See page 6 for more details or contact your churchwarden.

APRIL SERVICES AT

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

Sunday 21st 11.00am Communion (BCP)

North Cadbury

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Thank you to everyone who came along to help with the Church Spring Clean on Saturday 16th March. Your efforts are much appreciated and have not gone unnoticed. The church looks glorious. Thank you to one and all.

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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 18th April, 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 APCM

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 7.00 or 7.30pm on Monday 20th May in the Village Hall (time and venue to be confirmed). See page 6 for more details or contact your churchwarden.

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Coffee Morning and 200 Club Draw on **Saturday 27th April** 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

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 Night

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

Charity Family Race Night -

Saturday 27th April. In conjunction with Brue Valley Rotary Club and raising funds for the Village Hall and KEY4LIFE. 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.

Should you require any further information or you would like to host your own club please contact

bookings@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk

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

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT

GARDENING CLUB

The club generally meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month, in the village hall, for a talk, tea and chat at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

In February, Neil Ross came to speak on 'Behind the Scenes at Sissinghurst'. Having trained and worked there as a young man



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he was one of the gardening fraternity who were familiar with the development and renovation of the house and garden. His knowledge of former owner Vita Sackville-West's habits and way of life, and his photos, brought the estate to life for us in a very enjoyable talk.

Looking forward, Christine Stones will be talking on 'Not Just Gertrude Jekyll' on April 17th, which will focus on the other notable female garden designers of Gertrude's time.

On Saturday 18th May at 10.30 in the village hall we'll have the Plant and Cake sale which relies on contributions of seedlings, plants or cake from members and other generous locals. Please drop off between 9.00 and 10.00am.

Various outdoor and social events follow in the warmer months including a visit to Wraxall Vineyard in August.

Also we plan to develop a voluntary group to maintain the VH garden, for an hour or so a week - more on that next month.

Guests and visitors are very welcome for a £5 fee - annual membership is £15. If you'd like to know more or get involved please contact susie.ncgardening@outlook.com

NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP

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

At our meeting on April 24th there will be a talk on Castle Cary Museum, so do come and join us - all ladies in North Cadbury and District welcome.

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 Angela Hunt on 440929 or anniehunt2004@gmail.com

APRIL SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 14th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 21st 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 28th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

North Cheriton

NORTH CHERITON APCM

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May. See page 6 for more details.

CRAFT GROUP

Our next meeting is on Wednesday April 3rd from 2-4.00pm in the village hall when we will have a go at felted soap! Everyone is welcome to join us. All ages, all abilities and all crafts. Bring your own project or join in with the group fun. Or, come along for a cuppa, cake and a chat. £2 each please. Bring a friend!

For more information contact Belinda bjs58@live.co.uk.


APRIL SERVICES AT

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 3rd 9.30am
Camelot Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 14th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 28th 9.30am Morning Service (org)



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South Cadbury

SOUTH CADBURY APCM

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 11.00am on Thursday 25th April in South Cadbury Church. See page 6 for more details or contact your churchwarden.

SOUTH CADBURY CHURCH

A fallen boss in the nave of St Thomas á 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.

SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Come to the Village Café which will be open on **Saturday 13th April 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.

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

Many thanks to Jean Tatham from South Cadbury for a fascinating talk on lace making in March. Jean shared with us the many different types of lace from all regions over Britain and Europe. We were given the opportunity to examine some of the lace she had made and some of the many bobbins she has collected.

On Tuesday April 9th at 7.30pm, Tim Stevens from WESSEX WATER will be our speaker. Competition - A flower.

The meeting on Tuesday May 14th will be our AGM followed by "games".

APRIL SERVICES AT

ST THOMAS À BECKET

Tuesday 9th 10.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 28th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)


Yarlington

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Yarlington's Annual Parish meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This will also be a meeting of the North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council. See advert on page 7 for more details.

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YARLINGTON APCM

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APRIL SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 7th 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 21st 6.30pm Evensong (BCP org)

Sunday 28th 11.00am Sunday Worship
(kb, g)

Emmaus

(Luke 24: 13-32)

*In the breaking of the bread
our eyes were opened,
we knew him then.*

*The Lord was with us in Emmaus,
there was no doubt.*

*He was alive and with us,
the scriptures made sense.*

What a difference!

*But thinking back
to that journey –*

*to the grief that overwhelmed us,
the discussions, disagreements
and debilitating disappointment –
a different opening of the eyes,
we never were alone.*

*Before the word and bread,
because of the word and bread
he was there,
he is here,
always,
walking with us.*

by Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings

APRIL

1st - Matthew 28: 8-15

2nd - John 20: 11-18

3rd - Luke 24: 13-35

4th - Luke 24: 35-48

5th - John 21: 1-14

6th - Mark 16: 9-15

7th - **2nd Sunday of Easter**
1 John 1:1—2:2

8th - **The Annunciation**
Luke 1: 26-38

9th - John 3: 7-15

10th - John 3: 16-21

11th - John 3: 31-36

12th - John 6: 1-15

13th - John 6: 16-21

14th - **3rd Sunday of Easter**
1 John 3: 1-7

15th - John 6: 22-29

16th - John 6: 30-35

17th - John 6: 35-40

18th - John 6: 44-51

19th - John 6: 52-59

20th - John 6: 60-69

21st - **4th Sunday of Easter**
1 John 3: 16-24

22nd - John 10: 1-10

23rd - **St George** - John 15: 18-21

24th - John 12: 44-50

25th - **Mark the Evangelist**
Mark 13: 5-13

26th - John 14: 1-6

27th - John 14: 7-14

28th - **5th Sunday of Easter**
1 John 4: 7-21

29th - John 14: 21-26

30th - John 14: 27-31



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