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*A magazine for the villages of
Galhampton, North Cadbury, South Cadbury & Yarlington in the
Vale of Camelot Churches*



The Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane by Leonid Radashkovsky from Pixabay

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From Bishop Ruth

When I was a priest in Nottingham, I remember thinking that as a parish we seemed to reflect more of the story of the crucifixion of Christ rather than His resurrection. Ours was a parish which had many personal stories of loss and suffering, of challenge and trial, and sometimes this made it difficult to lift our faces to the horizon to see the triumph and glory beyond the grave.

As we approach Easter, I want to encourage us to take time to 'walk the way of the cross', to notice God's grace as we do so, even in the painful moments as well as keeping our eyes fixed on the coming glory.

As I write this, I am catching glimpses of the kingfisher on its perch outside my study window. Always a delight! It sits on the branch across the moat in stillness, watching for the sign of a fish before it suddenly dives and then crests the water with its prize. A splash of colour rarely seen by many. It fills me with hope and joy, two gifts which I think Easter inspires.

Walking through Lent we are continually called to become conscious of our mortality and are reminded of the price Jesus paid on



**God is
good -
all the
time**

our behalf. Giving himself in death that we might have life. And we have that life because his death was not the end but the beginning of a new chapter, of life in all its fullness.

So, whatever the circumstances of your life this Easter, allow yourself to fully recognise and experience the challenges but never lose the prospect of the glory to come! 'God is good... all the time!'

† Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton

*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,
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the life of mankind on this earth
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that one solitary life.*

- James A Francis

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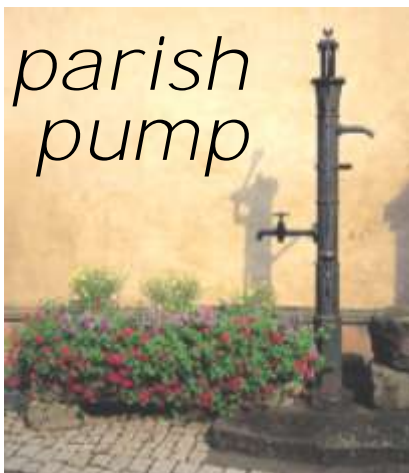
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April Events

1 st	Tue	12.30-2.30 7-8.00pm	Lent Lunch - see page 7 Alternative Celtic Worship	Corton Denham Village Hall Galhampton Church
2 nd	Wed		-	
3 rd	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 18	Galhampton Church
4 th	Fri	6.30 for 7.30	Bingo - see page 18	Galhampton Village Hall
5 th	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
6 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
7 th	Mon		-	
8 th	Tue	12.30-2.30 7.00pm 7-8.00pm 7.30pm	Lent Lunch - see page 7 North Cadbury APCM Alternative Celtic Worship South Cadbury Women's Institute	Corton Denham Village Hall North Cadbury Reading Room Galhampton Church South Cadbury Village Hall
9 th	Wed		-	
10 th	Thu	10-11.30am 12.30pm	Community Coffee Morning Galhampton Lunch Club - see page 18	North Cadbury Church Galhampton Village Hall
11 th	Fri		-	
12 th	Sat	10am-12	South Cadbury Village Café	South Cadbury Village Hall
13 th	Sun		Palm Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
14 th	Mon		-	
15 th	Tue		<u>DEADLINE FOR MAY BEACON</u>	
		12.30-2.30 7-8.00pm	Lent Lunch - see page 7 Alternative Celtic Worship	Corton Denham Village Hall Galhampton Church
16 th	Wed	7.30pm	North Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
17 th	Thu	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Galhampton Church
18 th	Fri	9.30am 2.00pm	Good Friday Walk starts An Hour by the Cross - see back page	North Cadbury Church Queen Camel Church
19 th	Sat		-	
20 th	Sun		Easter Sunday Services Easter Sunrise Service	See centre & back pages The Beacon, Corton Denham
21 st	Mon		Easter Monday Bank Holiday	
22 nd	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
23 rd	Wed	10.30am 7.00pm	N Cadbury Women's Group Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting & N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	North Cadbury Reading Room Yarlington Village Hall
24 th	Thu		-	
25 th	Fri		-	
26 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
27 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
28 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
29 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
30 th	Wed		-	

50 years ago, on 4th April 1975, Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.



Excalibur - The Beacon

With a new benefice of churches working together under a new name as The Vale of Camelot Churches, the decision has been taken to rename Excalibur as *The Beacon*. *The Beacon* will be distributed to Galhampton, North Cadbury, South Cadbury and Yarlington for the time being and may be extended to other villages in the Vale of Camelot Churches in the future.

The Churches Secretary

The Vale of Camelot Churches Secretary / Administrator is continuing to work flexibly, including some days working from home, but should be available in the Office (behind the garage at the Rectory in North Cadbury) most Monday and Thursday mornings. At other time please make contact by email or telephone. Please use the e-mail at the bottom of page 2 or, when the Office is unmanned, please ring 01749 850934 during office hours.

Midweek Communion

There will be no midweek Communion on the second Tuesday of the month at South

Cadbury in April. These services will restart in May.

Are you Creative? - would you like a Challenge?

Calling all creative designers across the new Benefice of The Vale of Camelot Churches.

We are now a Benefice of nine parish churches. We have agreed our new name of The Vale of Camelot Churches... however we need a logo. So we are running a competition to see if there is some one in our Benefice who can create us a new, eye-catching Logo please?

The challenge is to include a symbol of the cross and if possible to incorporate the names of all the villages that we cover:

Corton Denham * Galhampton
North Cadbury * Queen Camel
Sparkford * South Cadbury
Sutton Montis * West Camel
Weston Bampfylde * Yarlington

The deadline for entries is the Easter weekend 19/20th April. Any entires or queries to the Administrator at office@camelotparishes.org.uk

Thank you - look forward to seeing the entries.

Revd Caroline Walker
Interim Minister - Vale of Camelot Churches

Tuesday Worship at Galhampton Church

Please note that from April all the sessions of alternative worship in Galhampton Church on a Tuesday will take place in the evening from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. See advert on page 8 for dates.

Lent Lunches

Every **Tuesday** through Lent until Holy Week - there will be **Lent Lunches** held at **Corton Denham Village Hall 12.30pm - 2.30pm**. Soup and rolls and cake will be provided and we will be thinking about 'The Things Jesus carried'.

Please do contact Caroline 07765 126355 carolinehwalker@btinternet.com, Rose revroseanne@gmail.com or Ron four.posts@btinternet.com if you are interested in coming along and if you need a lift (that will help with catering and resources that will be provided).



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Monday 28th 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.

Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor. – John Goetsch

Annual Meetings

The Annual Vestry Meetings to elect churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to hear reports on your church's year and elect members of the PCC will be taking place in April and May:

St Michael's, North Cadbury
7.00pm, Tuesday 8th April
in North Cadbury Reading Room.

St Mary the Virgin, Yarlington
5.15pm, Wednesday 15th May.

St Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury
7.00pm, Thursday 16th May.

All residents are entitled to take part in the Annual Vestry Meeting and members of the Church Electoral Roll can take part in the APCM that follows.

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 23rd April 2025 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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Vale of Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

Allan Drake (aged 87). Died on 18th January 2025. Funeral at St Barnabas, Queen Camel on Friday 28th February.

Matthew "Fraser" Newton from South Cadbury. Funeral on Friday 21st February at Mendip Crematorium.

Louise Heleen Albrich (aged 48) from Galhampton. Died on 15th February 2025. Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity, Sutton Montis on Saturday 1st March.

Baptism

On 1st March 2025 at St Michael's North Cadbury -

Cordelia Rosanna Counsell.

Holy Communion



**Please note that there will be
no midweek Communion at
South Cadbury Church
in April**

Julie Sharp

As many of you know, dear Julie died on March 17th. She was an incredible person, who with her mother Freda, lived in Galhampton for 50 years. Her talent as an artist, produced some wonderful and delightful paintings - so many of them are cherished by villagers and the wider community. Her enchanting drawings were, for many years, on the front page of Excalibur.

To celebrate Julie as an artist & friend, we are holding an exhibition of her art work at Galhampton Village Hall, on April 5th at 4.00pm - which would have been her birthday. Anyone wishing to loan their paintings/artwork by Julie, they would be very welcome.

Please phone Pippa on 07443 424820 for more info. Thank you.

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*If this is God's world,
there are no unimportant people.*

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From one of our Lay Worship Assistants

This month's article is written by Alan Hoskins from Weston Bampfylde, one of our Lay Worship Assistants.

It seems strange to be writing this in the second week in Lent, for the Easter Magazine, but the resurrection stories are so central to the Christian gospel they are relevant at any time of year. They are also some of my favourite stories in the Bible, so I make no apologies for looking at them again. They are stories of human doubt and weakness, as well as stories of reassurance and hope.

Mary, the first to meet the risen Jesus, mistakes him for the gardener. It was an understandable mistake. She could not have thought that Jesus could have risen, but once Jesus said her name, she recognised him, and went to the disciples to declare "I Have seen the Lord".

Then Jesus appears in the upper room, but Thomas is not there and declares that he will only believe if he sees the nail marks and puts his hand in Jesus' side. Thomas only had to see Jesus in front of him to believe that he was risen.

My favourite story is of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. I think they left Jerusalem, disappointed and disillusioned. Jesus had promised so much, but now he was dead, and all those promises had come to nothing. No wonder they did not recognise Jesus when he walked with them and talked to them. It was only when he broke bread with them, something that he had done many times before, that they

realised that it was him. They had to see him do something familiar for them to believe. Then they returned to the disciples in Jerusalem to tell them that they had seen the Lord. The disciples told them that Jesus had appeared to Simon as well.

The disciples had returned to their boats to go back to their jobs fishing, once again disappointed and disillusioned. Jesus meets them in familiar surroundings, helps them find fish to catch, and cooks them breakfast. They know it is him but still find it hard to believe. I think that perhaps this was also something they were familiar with. Had Jesus cooked breakfast for them before?

I think that the disciples would have told each other these stories over and over again. To be able to say "The Lord is risen" "He is risen indeed" to each other brought hope and comfort at a time of great turmoil and disappointment in their lives. It was true, Jesus had risen from the dead. The truth they almost dared not believe.

We sometimes find it hard to believe in the risen Christ, and we need the encouragement of other Christians to say, "**He is risen indeed**", or maybe we need to be the encourager and say to someone else "**He is risen indeed**".

In Mark's gospel the father of the boy with an evil spirit asks Jesus to "help his unbelief" (Mark 9:24). Could this be something we could do, help someone's unbelief by declaring "**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**"

Alan Hoskins



Palm Sunday
April 13th
A special service
For the Vale of Camelot Churches
with blessing of Palms
and Donkey procession

Beginning at 10.45 a.m.
at Weston Bampfylde Village Hall
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Service in church
beginning at 11.00a.m.

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The Village Hall

All Welcome
for the procession, the service or both.



**Maundy Thursday
17th April 7.00pm
Galhampton Church
A Service
Remembering
The Last Supper**



***Communion
and Foot washing ...***

Prayer in the Parishes during April

Our Interim Minister, the Revd Caroline Walker, will be praying in and for our parishes on a regular basis and would welcome anyone wishing to join her in our churches at the following times:

Tue 1st 5.00pm Corton Denham
Wed 2nd 9.00am North Cadbury
12.30pm West Camel
6.00pm South Cadbury
Mon 7th 9.00am Queen Camel
6.00pm Weston Bampfylde
Tue 8th 5.00pm Sutton Montis
Wed 9th 9.00am Yarlington
6.00pm Galhampton
Mon 14th 9.00am Queen Camel
6.00pm Sparkford
Tue 15th 5.00pm Corton Denham

Wed 16th 9.00am North Cadbury
12.30pm West Camel
6.00pm South Cadbury
Mon 21st Bank Holiday
Tue 22nd 5.00pm Sutton Montis
Wed 23rd 9.00am Yarlington
6.00pm Galhampton
Mon 28th 9.00am Queen Camel
6.00pm Weston Bampfylde
Tue 29th 5.00pm Corton Denham
Wed 30th 9.00am North Cadbury
12.30pm West Camel
6.00pm South Cadbury

*Material abundance without character
is the surest way to destruction.*
– Thomas Jefferson

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



Another month has flown by at North Cadbury and spring has most definitely sprung. Our cheerful display of daffodils are back and welcoming us up the school steps every morning. It has been lovely to receive so many positive comments from our residents.



The last few weeks have seen us enjoying new and exciting topics throughout the school. Our Unicorn Class have been experiencing some of the realities of Victorian school life. They were most amused by the concept of standing every time an adult entered or left the room. To



end our topic the class all dressed in traditional Victorian costume and enjoyed some of the games and toys peculiar to that era.

This month we have also marked World Book Day, where the students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Some notable characters this year included Edmund, from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* (complete with Turkish delight!), Wally from *Where's Wally* and Matilda adorned with her delightful newt.



We also enjoyed a "Caught Reading" competition, where children were challenged to read in the most unusual places, for their chance to win an Amazon book voucher. There were some super entries!

We are now preparing for Easter and look forward to our service at St Michael's in North Cadbury, at 1.00pm on April 4th. All are warmly welcome!

With very best wishes,
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INTERVIEW - A Time to Reflect

Revd Tobie Osmond talks about the specially commissioned artwork that will form part of the reflection at Taunton Minster during Easter.



The artwork has been created by local artist Jenny Keogh

What's planned for Good Friday at the Minster?

A three-hour meditation from 12-3 pm, marking the time Jesus was on the cross. There will be hymns, silence, and reflections. This year, we've commissioned artwork by Jenny Keogh from Go Create in Taunton, to help us reflect on grief and the meaning of the cross.

What themes will the artwork explore?

The pieces reflect different stages of grief – such as anger, denial, guilt, and sorrow—helping us to explore what Jesus and those around Him experienced. The final stage, acceptance, leads to hope.

What do you hope people take away from this?

My hope is that by exploring these emotions, we will better understand what Jesus went through and be more attuned to what Easter truly means.

Why is it important to focus on Good Friday?

Good Friday reminds us of the loss of Jesus. By sitting with that grief, we prepare to fully celebrate His resurrection. After

journeying through grief, we come to the joy of knowing the victory has been won, and we are all invited back to be with God again.

What is planned for the Minster's Easter Sunday service?

Bishop Michael is joining us for this. We will begin at sunrise with a Holy Fire outside and will bring the light into the Minster. This year, we will also have a confirmation when people are asked to renew their baptismal vows, it will be a truly amazing moment.

Find out more from Tobie at: bathandwells.org.uk/Good-Friday-Taunton-Minster

On the first day of the week, in the evening

(John 20: 19-23)

*Locked in, afraid,
uncertain, even after Mary's story,
even after that,
behind closed doors seemed safest,
on the first day of the week,
in the evening.*

*And then, the world changed.
He was with us!
Suddenly and wonderfully with us.
Jesus, our Lord,
alive and with us
in a new and completing way,
to bless us with his Peace,
to send us out to witness
in the power of his own Spirit
breathed into us.*

What a day!

*The day of our risen Lord.
The first day of the week,
in the evening,
hallelujah!*

By Daphne Kitching

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Sunday Worship

6th April	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>		Purple
9.00 am	Yarlington	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>pe cw</i>
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Informal Service	<i>rw</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)	<i>je cw</i>
4.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Four	<i>Methodists</i>

READINGS Morning - *Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8*

13th April	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		Red
9.30 am	Galhampton	Communion (BCP piano)	<i>cw</i>
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>		
10.45 am	Weston Bampfylde Village Hall to the Church		
	Procession with Donkeys		
11.00 am	Weston Bampfylde	Informal Service	<i>rh rw</i>
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>

READINGS Morning - *Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 23: 1-49*

20th April	<i>Easter Day</i>		Gold or White
5.45am	The Beacon, Corton Denham		
		Sunrise Easter Service	<i>je</i>
9.00 am	Yarlington	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>rw</i>
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>cw</i>
	South Cadbury	Holy Communion (BCP org)	<i>ap</i>
	West Camel	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>rh</i>
11.00 am	Corton Denham	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>st</i>
	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>rw</i>
	Sparkford	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>ap</i>
	Sutton Montis	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>cw</i>
	Weston Bampfylde	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>rh</i>
6.00 pm	West Camel	Easter Praise	<i>Methodists</i>

READINGS Morning - *Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; Luke 24: 1-12*

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

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27th April	<i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	White
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org) <i>ap</i>
	Yarlington	Sunday Worship (kb, g) <i>rw</i>
6.30pm	Galhampton	Evening Service (piano) <i>lg</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31</i> Evening - <i>Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Luke 24: 13-35</i>	

4th May	<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	White
9.00 am	Yarlington	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>cw je</i>
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Informal Service <i>rw</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org) <i>cw je</i>
4.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Four <i>Methodists</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19</i>	

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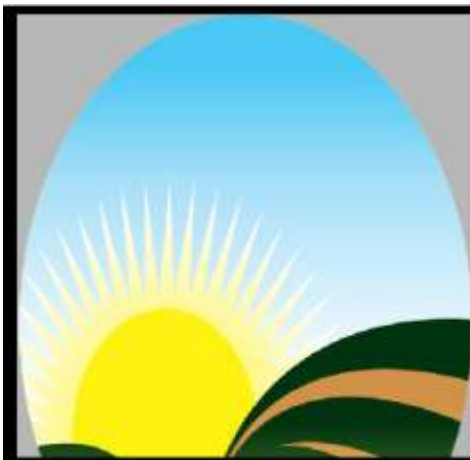
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READERS

<i>cc</i>	Christy Casley
<i>je</i>	Julie Ebsworth

LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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<i>av</i>	Andy Voysey
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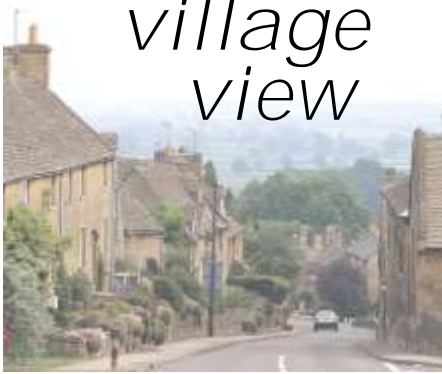
By kind permission of James and Liz Tabor we will hold an Easter Sunrise service at the Beacon, Corton Denham.

Come and join us on the Beacon at 5:45 am to witness the first light of dawn with some readings, prayers and fire.

Followed by sharing a simple breakfast in Corton Denham village hall.

For catering purposes please let Julie know if you are coming:

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village view

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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BINGO

Friday 4th April. Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. This is a family event with lots of lovely prizes to be won. Tea and biscuits at half time.

APRIL VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 5th 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 some delicious home-made cake. Everyone welcome. This month we

will also have a display by the local U3A group.

MAY VILLAGE GATHERING

and 200 Club Draw – Saturday 3rd May 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Please note the change of time for this month only. Enjoy a cup of tea and some delicious home-made cake and join in our celebration to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. 200 draw and notices at 4.00pm. Everyone welcome.

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Galhampton walkers meet on 3rd April outside the church at 9.15am for our next friendly walk. All welcome.

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 10th April 12.30pm at the village hall. A warm welcome awaits you. The meal is two courses and coffee and costs £12. Places must be booked by contacting Ruth Carter on 07875 206865 or ruth.carter@galhampton.com When booking please tell us of any dietary requirements.

APRIL SERVICES

AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 13th 9.30am Communion
(BCP piano)

Thursday 17th **Maundy Thursday** 7.00pm
Communion & Footwashing (CW org)

Sunday 27th 6.30pm Evening Service
(piano)

North Cadbury

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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 10th April, 10.00-11.30am, Community Coffee Morning in North Cadbury Church. Coffee, cake and company in North Cadbury Church. Everyone is welcome, and there's no charge. We look forward to seeing you.

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Saturday 26th April at 10.30am. Hot 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.uk

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 support our local community from afar. The ticket owner does not necessarily have to attend! Good luck!

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Saturday 20th September. 7.00pm. 50's & 60's Rock & Roll, Bar open, Raffle tickets for sale.

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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NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP

We have 4-5 talks a year, outings and sometimes a social meeting where we just meet to catch up over a buffet lunch. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month in North Cadbury Village Hall.

The group is incredibly welcoming and if you are interested in joining please come along to a meeting at North Cadbury Village Hall and find out for yourself. We have an events diary, on request, and posters advertise the next event each month. Further information from: Chairman: Angela Hunt 01963 440929, Treasurer: Noreen Rundle 441397, Events: Rita Gaulke 07777658702, Publicity: Susie Morris 441319.

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT

GARDENING CLUB

Snowdrops, daffodils, leaf buds and longer days – how lovely to be moving visibly towards spring and warmer weather.

In April, Hilary Little, who is herself an active plant hunter will be talking about her experiences in Peru doing just that. To include adventures in Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca and the southern mountains up to 5,000m.

In the darker months we meet in the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 for 7.30pm. Tea/coffee and biscuits follow the talk and there is a lot of friendly chat. Guests are always welcome for only £3 or to join the club the fee is £15 annually. Members are eligible for 25% discount at Castle Gardens Sherborne at certain times.

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APRIL SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 6th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 13th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Good Friday Walk — starts at 9.30am

Sunday 20th **Easter Day**
11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 27th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

South Cadbury

SOUTH CADBURY CHURCH

We are hopeful that the works to repair the church ceiling will be carried out in the coming weeks and look forward to welcoming everyone back. A huge thank you to all who donated so generously, including the National Churches Trust, the Benefact Trust and the two local organisations who wished to be anonymous.

The church has been the focal point of our village for hundreds of years, and we need everyone's support to ensure it looked after. With this in mind, once the repairs have been completed, we will be inviting everyone for celebratory tea and cake, to discuss what we need to do to ensure the future our beautiful church. In the meantime, please note there will not be a service on Sunday 23rd February, we will update you for the services in March.

AFTERNOON TEA & RAFFLE

Afternoon tea and raffle at South Cadbury Village Hall on March 29th from 2.30pm.

SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

The popular Village Café will be open again on **Saturday March 8th** 10.00am - 12 noon

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SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON

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Tuesday 8th April 2025 from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall. Come and listen to a talk by Andy Hill about **Hypnotherapy**. Establishing positive thought patterns that can help bring about lasting change.

APRIL SERVICES AT

ST THOMAS À BECKET

No Tuesday service in April.

Good Friday Walk — 10.15am

Sunday 20th **Easter Day**
9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Yarlington

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Yarlington's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 7.00pm in Yarlington Village Hall. This will also be a meeting of the North Cadbury

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YARLINGTON HOUSE PLANT FAIR

The 23rd Yarlington House Plant Fair (BA9 8DY) will take place on Saturday 10th May 2025 from 10.00am until 4.00pm. This is the chance to buy a wide range of plants from specialist dealers from across the South West. Free parking; dogs on leads welcome; refreshments & plant raffle. Entrance £5 (under 16's free).

APRIL SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 6th 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 20th **Easter Day**
9.00am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 27th 11.00am Sunday Worship
(kb, g)

Pontius Pilate: *"Joseph, I really don't understand you. You're one of the richest men in the region, and you've just spent a fortune on that new tomb for you and your family – and now you want to suddenly give it to this man Jesus?"*

Joseph: *"Well it's just for the weekend."*

The world will never starve for want of wonders; but only for want of wonder.

– G K Chesterton

Bible Readings

APRIL

- 1st - John 5: 1-3, 5-16
- 2nd - John 5: 17-30
- 3rd - John 5: 31-
- 4th - John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
- 5th - John 7: 40-52
- 6th - **5th Sunday of Lent**
Philippians 3: 4b-14
- 7th - John 8: 1-11
- 8th - John 8: 21-30
- 9th - John 8: 31-42
- 10th - John 8: 51-59
- 11th - John 10: 31-42
- 12th - John 11: 45-57
- 13th - **Palm Sunday**
Philippians 2: 5-11
- 14th - John 12: 1-11
- 15th - John 12: 20-36
- 16th - John 13: 20-32
- 17th - **Maundy Thursday**
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
- 18th - **Good Friday**
John 18: 1–19: 37
- 19th - John 19: 38-42
- 20th - **Easter Day**
Luke 24: 1-12
- 21st - Matthew 28: 8-15
- 22nd - John 20: 11-18
- 23rd - Luke 24: 13-35
- 24th - Luke 24: 35-48
- 25th - John 21: 1-14
- 26th - Mark 16: 9-15
- 27th - **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Revelation 1: 4-8
- 28th - **St George** - John 15: 18-21
- 29th - **Mark the Evangelist**
Mark 13: 5-13
- 30th - John 3: 16-21



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Our second concert of the year will be in Sherborne Abbey, at 7.30pm on Saturday 31st May, where we held our very successful 50th Anniversary Concert in aid of St Margaret's Hospice.

This concert will be in aid of the new Breast Cancer unit, Maple Ward, at

Yeovil Hospital. Tickets will be £10 (contact 01749 860352 or chrysk@henning1.plus.com) or on the door. There will also be a retiring collection.

Once again the concert will feature a wide range of music, and we will be joined by several of our professional friends who have supported us over the years including Tom Toomey, Marta Fontenals-Simmons, and Adelaide Brown.



Castle Cary Choir in Rehearsal

We are always keen to welcome new members, no auditions required, and you don't have to read music. Come and give us a try, we rehearse in the Methodist Church, Castle Cary on Monday evenings from 7.30pm. If you enjoy it you can then decide to join. Singing is so good for you! For further info contact Chrys (details above!)

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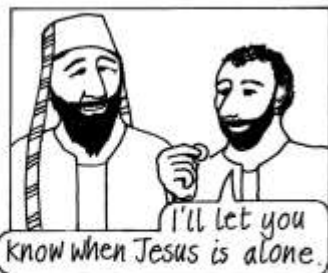
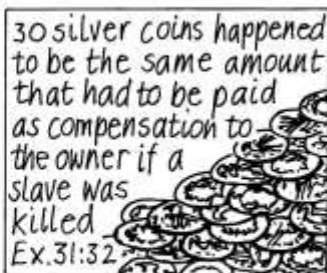
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Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



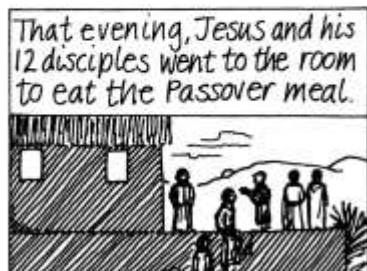
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Informal Service at Weston Bampfylde Church

Procession with Donkeys from the Village Hall at 10.45am



MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 17th

7.00pm Communion and Foot Washing at Galhampton Church

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18th



Walk of Witness starting at 9.30am in North Cadbury Church



10.15am South Cadbury Church

11.00am Sutton Montis Church

11.45pm Weston Bampfylde Church (Picnic Lunch)

1.00pm Sparkford Church

2.00pm Queen Camel Church - *an hour at the Cross to 3pm*



EASTER DAY



Celebrate the Resurrection

5.45am Sunrise Service at Corton Denham Beacon

9.00am Holy Communion at Yarlington

9.30am Holy Communion at Queen Camel

9.30am Holy Communion at South Cadbury

9.30am Holy Communion at West Camel

11.00am Holy Communion at Corton Denham

11.00am Holy Communion at North Cadbury

11.00am Holy Communion at Sparkford

11.00am Holy Communion at Sutton Montis

11.00am Holy Communion at Weston Bampfylde