

# ***The Beacon***

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



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# From the Bishop

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It's sowing time! My greenhouse is currently full of seedlings pushing their way towards the light. Soon all this new life will be big enough to be planted out into the garden. Peas and courgettes, dahlias and zinnias; all ready to grow, blossom and be fruitful.

It's not only seedlings that grow. Churches do too! Just like all that's happening in my greenhouse, this doesn't happen by accident. Evidence shows that churches are most likely to grow when they plan and prepare for this to happen. Church growth is intentional.

This article of Manna contains stories about how churches in our Diocese have planned for growth and of the fruit they're seeing as a result. There's no 'one size fits all' for how this has happened. Just as in our gardens, what grows in one place won't necessarily thrive in another.

Important as planning and preparing may be, these things aren't the vital ingredient for growth. Growth comes when God is alive and at work within us and our churches. In his first letter to church he's helped establish in Corinth, St Paul also uses a gardening metaphor to describe the growth he's seeing. Paul says 'I planted, Apollos [Paul's co-worker] watered, but God gave the growth.' (1 Cor 3:6).



Without God's input, any plans we have to grow our churches will be little more than strategy, our efforts like those of ants running frantically to and fro. This is why our prayer for growth is essential. Prayer invites God to give us wisdom about what to do. It opens our treasure stores to resource the plans we want to put in place. It asks God to go before us to touch the hearts and minds of those we'd like to reach. It invites God to bless and prosper the work we do.

So be inspired! The accounts contained in this edition of Manna show what can happen when we ask God to grow our churches, offering God our prayer, our faith, our effort and our trust. (See page 14.)

Let the sowing time begin!

✠ Michael Beasley  
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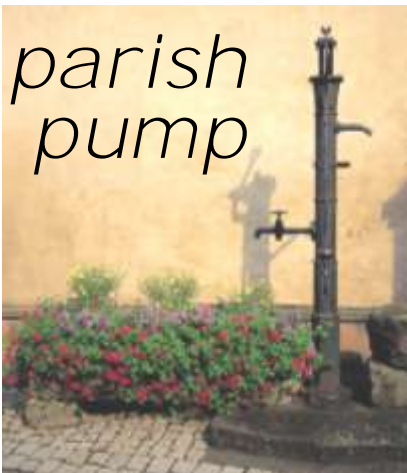
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# May Events

|                  |     |  |  |
|------------------|-----|--|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Thu | -  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Fri | <b>Yarlington Fringe</b> - see page 26   | Yarlington   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sat | <b>Yarlington Fringe</b> - see page 26   | Yarlington   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Sun | 3-5.00pm <b>Village Gathering &amp; VE Day Event</b><br><b>Sunday Services</b><br><b>Yarlington Fringe</b> - see page 26   | Galhampton Village Hall<br>See centre pages for services<br>Yarlington       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Mon | <b>Bank Holiday</b>  |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Tue | 7-8.00pm <b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>   | Galhampton Church  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Wed | -  |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Thu | 12.30pm <b>Galhampton Lunch Club</b> - see page 18<br>7.00pm <b>VE Day Commemoration Service</b>   | Galhampton Village Hall<br>West Camel Church                                 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Fri | -  |  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Sat | 10-4.00pm <b>Yarlington House Plant Sale</b><br>12-4.00pm <b>North Cadbury VE Day Village Picnic</b>   | Yarlington House, Yarlington<br>North Cadbury Village Hall                   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Sun | <b>Sunday Services</b>   | See centre pages for services  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Mon | 9.30-11.30 <b>mainly music</b> - see page 7  | North Cadbury Church   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Tue | 10.00am <b>Holy Communion</b><br>7-8.00pm <b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b><br>7.30pm <b>South Cadbury Women's Institute</b>   | South Cadbury Church<br>Galhampton Church<br>South Cadbury Village Hall      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Wed | 7.30pm <b>North Cadbury Gardening Club</b><br>5.15pm <b>Yarlington APCM</b>  | North Cadbury Village Hall<br>Yarlington Church                              |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Thu | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE BEACON</u></b>   |  |
|                  |     | 10-11.30am <b>Community Coffee Morning</b><br>7.00pm <b>South Cadbury APCM</b>   | North Cadbury Church<br>South Cadbury Church                                 |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Fri | 11-6.00pm <b>Art Exhibition begins</b> - see page 15   | North Cadbury Reading Room   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sat | 10.30am <b>Gardening Club Plant &amp; Cake Sale</b>  | North Cadbury Village Hall   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Sun | <b>Sunday Services</b>   | See centre pages for services  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Mon | 9.30-11.30 <b>mainly music</b> - see page 7  | North Cadbury Church   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Tue | 7-8.00pm <b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>   | Galhampton Church  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Wed | 2.00pm <b>North Cadbury Gardening Club Visit</b>   | Westbrook House Garden   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Thu | -  |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Fri | -  |  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Sat | -  |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Sun | <b>Sunday Services</b>   | See centre pages for services  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Mon | <b>Bank Holiday</b>  |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Tue | 7-8.00pm <b>Alternative Celtic Worship</b>   | Galhampton Church  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Wed | 10am-12 <b>LegoFest</b> - see page 20<br>10.30am <b>N Cadbury Women's Group</b><br>7.00pm <b>N Cadbury Annual Parish Meeting &amp; N Cadbury &amp; Yarlington Parish Council</b> | North Cadbury Church<br>North Cadbury Reading Room<br>N Cadbury Reading Room |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Thu | 7.00pm <b>Deanery Ascension Day Service</b>  | All Saints Church, Castle Cary   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Fri | -  |  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Sat | 10.30am <b>Coffee Morning &amp; 200 Club</b>   | North Cadbury Village Hall   |



## **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.

The Secretary will be taking some time off at the end of May from Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month.

## **Midweek Communion**

The midweek Communion on the second Tuesday of the month at South Cadbury restarts in May with a service at 10.00am on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Annual Church Meetings**

During April and May the Vestry Meetings and Annual Parochial Church Meetings for all the Vale of Camelot Churches 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.

North Cadbury's Annual Meetings took place in April and the following are the dates for Annual Meetings in Yarlington and South Cadbury:

St Mary the Virgin, Yarlington  
5.15pm, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

St Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury  
7.00pm, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Danger on Rural Roads**

According to the NFU Mutual's Rural Road Safety report for 2023, the number of lives lost on rural roads was a staggering 70% higher than on urban highways. Also, collisions on rural roads were around four times more likely to result in a fatality than on an urban one.

The reasons as to why this should be include: changing speed limits, blind corners, field entrances, narrow carriageways, single lanes with no hard shoulders, limited or no road lighting, mud and debris on the road, livestock and wild animals on the road, and agricultural vehicles.

And so it is that the NFU has campaigned to improve rural road safety, and it has

now published its 'Code for Countryside Roads' to guide people as to how to drive safely. More info at:

<https://www.nfmutual.co.uk/campaigns/rural-road-safety/>

## **Why you should draw your curtains at night**

Most of us draw our curtains at night, in order to ensure privacy. But there is another very valid reason: to help protect local wildlife.



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**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May  
in Galhampton Chapel**

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

Cost: £2.50 per family, includes refreshments.

*Time flies like an arrow;  
fruit flies like a banana.*

It seems that insects who live in the countryside are very susceptible to bright lights, which can badly disrupt their overall health and general behaviour.

As one scientist explained: "We don't know exactly how fatal it is, but one estimate is that 33 per cent of all the insects attracted to light die before morning. And even if they don't die, they're spending all their time at the light instead of doing the things they're supposed to be doing."

Light pollution is now seen as adding to what some scientists have called "insect Armageddon", with a 75 per cent decline in insect populations in 30 years. As one scientist said: "Small individual actions such as drawing curtains can make a big impact to our smallest creatures."

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council and North Cadbury's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm in North Cadbury Reading Room. 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:**

**Albert William Haines** (aged 90). Died 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Burial of Ashes at St Mary Magdalene, Sparkford on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Marlene Peggy Masters-Harding** (aged 87). Died on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Yarlington on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**Michael Daniel Cook** (aged 74). Died on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Funeral at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**Marion Lucy Raymond** (aged 94). Died 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Burial of Ashes at St Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

## Baptism

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at St Michael's North Cadbury - **Darcie Veronica Caroline Nuttycombe**

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*The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned into a pillar of salt.*

*One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."*

## Holy Communion



**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10.00am**  
**at South Cadbury Church**

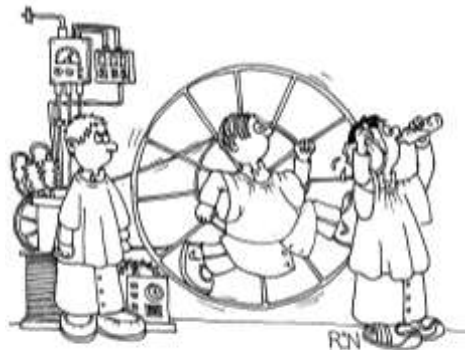
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# From a West Camel Methodist

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*This month's article is written by Geoff Chapman, a member of West Camel Independent Methodist Church, which shares the use of West Camel Church.*

One of the saddest incidents in Jesus's earthly life is recorded in John's Gospel chapter six: "From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." These were not from the inner group of twelve, but they had been following Jesus, hearing His teaching and witnessing His miracles. Yet, now they decided not to continue.

We all know people who have "turned back". Maybe they were once professing Christians, even regular churchgoers, but, like those disciples 2,000 years ago, decided to walk away. People often talk of "losing their faith", but actually it's a conscious decision to walk away, whether gradual or sudden. There can be many reasons for this, of course. It could be due to a time of illness, or bereavement, or hurt caused by some other professing Christian. However, it was still a conscious decision.

When Jesus heard about this, He turned to the twelve disciples, and asked, "You do not want to leave me too, do you?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Those who walked away were making a huge mistake. Are you one of those who have "turned back"? If so, just stop and think about what you have left behind, or if you have never had a faith, what you are missing. Peter understood this: "To whom shall we go?" he replied.

There is no other religion or philosophy that can give us what Jesus offers. After 70 years as a Christian, I could never contemplate walking away.

Those who turn to Him receive full and complete forgiveness for all their wrongdoing because of His death on the cross, a certain promise of everlasting life because of His victory over death, and the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct them. If you have a SatNav in your car, and you go the wrong way, you get a message telling you to "turn around." The message of the Christian Gospel is "Repent!" which means "turn around."

In Jesus's well-known parable of the Prodigal Son, the younger son decided to leave home, but when he lost everything, he decided to return. When he did, he found his father ready to welcome him with wide-open arms. That's a picture of God, and that's why He sent His Son to make a way back for us. As long as this earthly life lasts, there is an opportunity, but the Bible does warn us, "Now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation." (2 *Corinthians 6: 2*)

Very recently, a *YouGov* poll showed that, after years of decline, church attendance in Britain is rising. There are now 2 million more people attending church than six years ago, and the largest increase is in "Gen Z" — 18–24 year-olds. So why not join this return? Talk to your minister or a Christian friend. Come home to God!

*Geoff Chapman*

## **Life** *(John 6: 68)*

*Life is not always fair, or kind.  
Life batters,  
people betray, let us down,  
even those we trusted  
with our hearts and health.*

*Landscapes change,  
things we knew and understood  
are tossed in the air  
to come down damaged and different.*

*It all seems too hard,  
too hard to bear.  
And it isn't fair.  
What then?*

*Give up, turn back,  
collapse and concentrate  
on the disintegration?*

*Or with Peter, look up and say,  
"Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
We believe and know that  
You are the Holy One of God."*

*Life is not always fair, or kind.  
That's why Jesus came.*

By Daphne Kitching

**Bruton & Cary Deanery**  
**Ascension Day**  
**Deanery Eucharist**  
**Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7.00pm**  
**All Saints' Church**  
**Castle Cary**  
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**Revd Dr Megan**  
**Daffern,**  
**Canon Chancellor**  
**of Wells Cathedral**  
**All Welcome**

## **Prayer in the Parishes during May**

*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:*

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Sutton Montis  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Yarlinton  
6.00pm Galhampton  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Queen Camel  
6.00pm Sparkford  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Corton Denham  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 9.00am North Cadbury  
12.30pm West Camel  
6.00pm South Cadbury

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Queen Camel  
6.00pm Weston Bampfylde  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Sutton Montis  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 9.00am Yarlinton  
6.00pm Galhampton  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Corton Denham  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00am North Cadbury  
12.30pm West Camel  
6.00pm South Cadbury

## Remembering VE Day – 80 years on

80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, VE Day was held – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War II. It was celebrated as a public holiday, and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.

In reality, Hitler had committed suicide on 30<sup>th</sup> April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4<sup>th</sup> May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander General Eisenhower on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Reims, France. Soviet leader Josef Stalin had his own ceremony, in Berlin.

The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7<sup>th</sup> May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day, and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital, and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by

thousands of people, and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

In the United States, VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61<sup>st</sup> birthday: he dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course, the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11<sup>th</sup> May, and on 25<sup>th</sup> May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were "inexcusably" massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later.

### VE Day Celebrations

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3.00 - 5.00pm  
Village Gathering at Galhampton Village Hall (*see page 18*).

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm  
Commemoration Service - West Camel

Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon - 4.00pm  
VE Day Village Picnic at North Cadbury Village Hall (*see page 20*).

**A PARTY TO REMEMBER!**

*Come along to a VE Day 80 celebration*

**YOU'RE INVITED TO:**

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**WHEN & WHERE:**

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*Some modern politicians might take a lesson in graciousness from Edward Campbell, the great statesman of the 1930s. Once when Campbell was opposing Thackeray for a seat in Parliament, the two contenders, in the course of their campaigning, met and engaged in friendly conversation. On taking leave of his rival, Thackeray remarked: "May the best man win!" "Oh no," Campbell replied, "I hope not - I want to win!"*

## **INTERVIEW - Building community around the table**



*In the village Chilcompton, near Bath, a group of young parents meets twice a month for a Monday supper club. What began as a simple shared meal to ease loneliness has grown into a regular, valued part of community life. Revd Esther Smith, Rector of Chilcompton, shares its story.*

### **How did the idea begin?**

After lockdown, we were hearing that there was a lot of loneliness in the village. We'd started a toddler group, but we wanted to reach slightly older children. I thought, Everyone has to eat - let's do a family meal.

### **What's the purpose?**

It's not about preaching at people. It's

about offering generous hospitality in Jesus' name. We just want to build community and deepen relationships.

### **Who comes along?**

People come as it suits them - usually twice a month. We just offer the space and let it be what it needs to be. It's very informal. We started with simple food. The families bring puddings, and it's usually the dads who do the cooking.

### **Is it part of a church service?**

No, there's no sermon or singing. But it's still a way of being the church - by being present, welcoming, and real.

### **Has it grown the church?**

In a broader sense, yes. The families have become a precious part of the church, even if they don't come on Sundays. Some have joined the electoral roll. A few are on the flower rota, and they help organise our Christmas lights.

### **What would you say to others thinking of doing something similar?**

Be yourselves and be generous in Jesus' name. Don't try to be something you're not - just care about people, and let relationships grow.

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# Sunday Worship

|                           |  |                   |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b><i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i></b>     | White             |
| 9.00 am                   | Yarlington <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>       | <i>cw je</i>      |
| 9.30 am                   | Queen Camel <b>VE Commemoration Service</b>  | <i>rw</i>         |
| 11.00 am                  | North Cadbury <b>Holy Communion (CW org)</b> | <i>cw je</i>      |
| 4.00 pm                   | West Camel <b>Tea @ Four</b>                 | <i>Methodists</i> |

**READINGS** Morning - *Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19*

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|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b><i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></b>    | White             |
| 9.30 am                    | Galhampton <b>Communion (BCP piano)</b>      | <i>rw</i>         |
|                            | North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i> |                   |
|                            | West Camel <b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>        | <i>mw cw</i>      |
| 11.00 am                   | Sutton Montis <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>    | <i>mw cw</i>      |
|                            | Weston Bampfylde <b>Informal Service</b>     | <i>rw</i>         |
| 6.00 pm                    | West Camel <b>Methodist Service</b>          | <i>Methodists</i> |

**READINGS** Morning - *Acts 9: 36-43; Revelation 7: 9-17; John 10: 22-30*

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| <b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b><i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b>  | White             |
| 9.30 am                    | Queen Camel <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>   | <i>cw cc</i>      |
| 11.00 am                   | North Cadbury <b>Sunday Worship</b>       | <i>rw</i>         |
|                            | Sparkford <b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>      | <i>cw cc</i>      |
| 6.00 pm                    | West Camel <b>Methodist Service</b>       | <i>Methodists</i> |
| 6.30pm                     | Yarlington <b>Sung Evensong (BCP org)</b> | <i>rw</i>         |

**READINGS** Morning - *Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35*  
 Evening - *Daniel 6: 6-23; Mark 15:46—16:8*

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## CLERGY

|           |                      |
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| <i>cw</i> | Revd Caroline Walker |
| <i>rw</i> | Revd Ron Wood        |
| <i>ap</i> | Revd Alison Parris   |
| <i>rh</i> | Revd Rose Hoskins    |
| <i>me</i> | Revd Mark Ellis      |

## LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| <i>ah</i> | Alan Hoskins      |
| <i>av</i> | Andy Voysey       |
| <i>lg</i> | Lesley Gillingham |
| <i>mw</i> | Michael Walker    |
| <i>nn</i> | Nerissa Northover |
| <i>pe</i> | Peter Ebsworth    |

## READERS

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| <i>je</i> | Julie Ebsworth |

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| <b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b><i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>   | White                                      |
| 9.30 am                    | South Cadbury  | <b>Communion</b> (BCP org) <i>ap</i>       |
| 11.00 am                   | North Cadbury  | <b>Communion</b> (CW org) <i>rw</i>        |
|                            | Weston Bampfylde   | <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>me</i>            |
|                            | Yarlington   | <b>Sunday Worship</b> (kb, g) <i>ap</i>    |
| 6.00pm                     | West Camel   | <b>Methodist Service</b> <i>Methodists</i> |
| 6.30pm                     | Galhampton   | <b>Evening Service</b> (piano) <i>rw</i>   |
| <b>READINGS</b>            | Morning - <i>Acts 16: 9-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22—22:5; John 14: 23-29</i><br>Evening - <i>Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20</i> |  |

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b> | <b><i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b>  | White                                    |
| 9.00 am                    | Yarlington  | <b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP) <i>rh</i>    |
| 9.30 am                    | Queen Camel   | <b>Rogation Service</b> <i>je</i>        |
| 11.00 am                   | Corton Denham   | <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>rh</i>          |
|                            | North Cadbury   | <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW org) <i>ap</i> |
| 4.00 pm                    | West Camel  | <b>Tea @ Four</b> <i>Methodists</i>      |
| <b>READINGS</b>            | Morning - <i>Acts 16: 16-34; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21;</i><br><i>John 17: 20-26</i> |  |

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## **The Bells Rang Out in England**

*The bells rang out in England  
and songs of heartfelt joy,  
but 'midst the cheers were bitter tears  
for each lost man and boy.*

*The six long years of fighting  
had such a dreadful cost  
in blood and sweat and mortal threat  
and countless lives were lost.*

*It now, at last, had ended –  
in Europe's shores at least;  
our people brave feared not the grave  
to slay the Nazi beast.*

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

*The lessons learned stayed with us  
for eighty peaceful years.  
Yet now, again, some brutal men  
are raising wartime fears.*

*We should be celebrating  
this coming VE Day;  
yet not at ease, but on our knees  
for lasting peace, we pray.*

By Nigel Beeton



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# village view



## Galhampton

### MAINLY MUSIC

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This is followed by refreshments and play time for the children, and homemade cake for grown-ups! A great way to start the week and make new friends. Mondays in term time in Galhampton Church, 9.30-11.30am. Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May. £2.50 per session.

### MAY VILLAGE GATHERING

**and 200 Club Draw – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

There will be no walk in May. The next walk will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

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*Joy is the serious business of heaven.*

– C S Lewis

### LUNCH CLUB

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** 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 [trcarter1957@gmail.com](mailto:trcarter1957@gmail.com) When booking please tell us of any dietary requirements.

### MAY SERVICES

#### AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 11.00am *Sunday Worship*  
at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Evening Service  
(piano)

## North Cadbury

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### COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 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.

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## NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

### Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 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](mailto: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!

**Village Hall Coffee Morning & Exterior Tidy Up** – We will be tidying up the exterior of your village hall in preparation for the VE Day Celebrations. This will include putting up bunting, a bit of weeding and a bit of sweeping. Come and join us!

### VE Day Village Picnic – All welcome

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon – 4.00pm.  
2025 will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day & VJ Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May & 15<sup>th</sup> August. It is an opportunity for the nation to come together to honour and pay tribute to the Second World War generation from across the UK and Commonwealth through a series of national & local events and activities.

Bring a picnic and come and celebrate this momentous occasion with your family and neighbours at North Cadbury Village Hall.

## Local Contacts

### CIVIL PARISHES

#### North Cadbury & Yarlington

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#### Galhampton

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#### North Cadbury

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#### South Cadbury

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

The bar will be open for drinks and there will be a limited supply of cakes.

Long tables and chairs will be set up in the hall and outside (weather permitting). Get involved – Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables and chairs or tidy away afterwards.

### Gardening Club Plant Sale

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

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### **Art Exhibition**

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May in the Reading Room. Look out for more information posted on our social media platforms and around the village. (See advert on page 13.)

### **Rockin' the Joint**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

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#### **TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

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Contact Carol Turner (07955 346637) or Andy Bentley (07890 441763) if you require

any further information.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

We're a small friendly group with an interest in gardening. From September till April we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of the month at North Cadbury village hall to hear a talk – there's always tea, biscuits and chat too. In March, Lionel Horler fascinated us with his talk about bees and Avril entertained and informed us with the history of the village hall gardens.

From May to August meetings are more varied, outdoors and plant-based!

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May we have our **Plant and Cake Sale**, thanks to the wonderful generous donations from members. Please bring what you have nurtured or created from 8.30am and return at 10.30am to buy some other plants and cakes!

On 21<sup>st</sup> May we'll be visiting **Westbrook House Garden**, near Glastonbury, at 2.00pm, which includes a guided tour by the owner and homemade tea and cake. Please let us know in advance if you'd like



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Work in the village hall garden is ongoing and showing good results. It is led by Avril at 5.00pm on Wednesdays. She's very happy to have drop-in helpers or come at a time to suit you.

Looking ahead to **June**, we have a **members' discount evening** at Castle Gardens Sherborne. There'll be local **Open Gardens** (South Cadbury) with teas, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon.

£15 for annual club membership – no knowledge of gardening required, you are all welcome. To know more contact [susie.ncgardening@outlook.com](mailto:susie.ncgardening@outlook.com)

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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP)  
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Communion (CW org)

## **South Cadbury**

### **SOUTH CADBURY APCM**

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May in the Church. See page 6 for more details or contact your churchwarden.

### **WE REMEMBER SUBMARINERS TEA**

Thank you to everyone who supported us, we raised £1,460.00 which is a fantastic amount and will help a lot of people.

### **SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL**

South Cadbury will be celebrating Somerset Day (May 11<sup>th</sup>) by joining others

with a village picnic at the Hall and playing fields. All are welcome.

The next Village Café will be open 10.00am - 12 noon on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> to enjoy delicious cakes and bakes together with refreshments and friendly conversation. Payment by donation only to suits every budget.

Need a bit more physical flexibility then join a friendly village session with expert Olly Finbow, every Wednesday 10.45am. For more information contact [Olly\\_finbow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Olly_finbow@yahoo.co.uk)

This year's Fete will be on Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup> and will include a Dog Show, Morris Men, Castle Cary Signets, other entertainers and many stalls and as always free to enter.

### **SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON**

#### **MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall. We will be holding a short AGM - do come and find out what we've been up to, and join us learning more about how to play Mahjong - 'such fun'.

### **MAY SERVICES AT**

#### **ST THOMAS À BECKET**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

## **Yarlington**

### **YARLINGTON APCM**

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 5.15pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Church. See page 6 for more details or contact your churchwarden.



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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Evensong (BCP org)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Worship  
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## Real responses to school science exam questions:

- *Water vapour gets together in a cloud. When it is big enough to be called a drop, it does.*
- *Momentum is something you give a person when they go away.*
- *The word 'trousers' is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.*
- *To keep milk from turning sour, keep it in the cow.*

# Bible Readings

## MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> - *Philip & James, Apostles*  
Ephesians 1: 3-10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - John 6: 1-15
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - John 6: 16-21
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Revelation 5: 11-14
- 5<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 22-29
- 6<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 30-35
- 7<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 35-40
- 8<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 44-51
- 9<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 52-59
- 10<sup>th</sup> - John 6: 60-69
- 11<sup>th</sup> - **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Revelation 7: 9-17
- 12<sup>th</sup> - John 10: 1-10
- 13<sup>th</sup> - John 10: 22-30
- 14<sup>th</sup> - *Matthias* - Acts 1:15-26
- 15<sup>th</sup> - John 13: 16-20
- 16<sup>th</sup> - John 14: 1-6
- 17<sup>th</sup> - John 14: 7-14
- 18<sup>th</sup> - **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Revelation 21: 1-6
- 19<sup>th</sup> - John 14: 21-26
- 20<sup>th</sup> - John 14: 27-31
- 21<sup>st</sup> - John 15: 1-8
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - John 15: 9-11
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - John 15: 12-17
- 24<sup>th</sup> - John 15: 18-21
- 25<sup>th</sup> - **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Revelation 21: 10, 22—22:5
- 26<sup>th</sup> - John 15:26—16:4
- 27<sup>th</sup> - John 16: 5-11
- 28<sup>th</sup> - John 16: 12-15
- 29<sup>th</sup> - **Ascension Day**  
Acts 1: 1-11
- 30<sup>th</sup> - John 16: 20-23
- 31<sup>st</sup> - *Visitation* - Luke 1: 39-49



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Bede was born in about 673, and sent as a child to Wearmouth monastery, and then later transferred to the monastery at Jarrow. His was a quiet life: he probably never travelled further than Lindisfarne to the north, and York to the south. In about 692 Bede was ordained deacon, and then, in about 703, he was priested.

Bede once described his own life: "I have devoted my energies to a study of the Scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church: study, teaching and writing have always been my delight." It sounds unremarkable, but Bede's fruitfulness has been extravagant: his writings have informed and influenced millions of people over 14 centuries.

As a theologian, Bede translated the Gospel of John into Old English, completing it on the very day that he died. He also wrote commentaries on various books of the Bible.

But Bede's outstanding gift was as an historian. His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is one of the most important sources that we have for understanding early English history. Bede was scrupulous in his use of sources, clearly identifying them. He also was careful to distinguish between fact, hearsay and legend. He had a healthy scepticism, and certainly did not believe that everything he was told was necessarily true.

His *Ecclesiastical History* tells the history of Britain up to the year 729. It starts with the story of the Celtic peoples, who converted to Christianity in the first three centuries after the death of Christ. Bede then moves on to the invasion of Britain by the pagan Anglo-Saxons, in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries. They themselves were in turn converted by Celtic missionaries from the north and the west, and by Roman missionaries coming up from the south and the east.

Bede himself lived during the time of the Anglo-Saxon church, of which he was a wise observer of its various problems. He urged that episcopal visitations, confirmations, and Holy Communion should be held more frequently – for the good of the Church.

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*1290 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 735, the Venerable Bede died. This English Benedictine monk, historian, linguist, translator and teacher is known as 'The father of English history'. He helped to popularise the idea of dating years from the birth of Christ (Anno Domini – AD)*

*75 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1950, the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone. Also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.*

*25 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000, Vladimir Putin was inaugurated as President of Russia.*

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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
John chapter 5 verses 1-18

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda. People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

Sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.



Jesus went up to a man who had been sick for 38 years.



Do you want to be healed?

I've got no-one to put me in the pool, so I can never get in first.



Pick up your mat and walk!



He was healed! The man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath.

God had given the law that the Sabbath day was a rest day (Ex 20: 8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Jewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rules so that anything that even might be work was banned.

The Jewish leaders saw the healed man.



It's the Sabbath! You can't carry a mat, that's 'work'!

The man who healed me told me to carry it.



Which man?

I don't know.

Later, Jesus found the man in the temple.



You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

Now the man knew who Jesus was ...



he went straight back to the Jewish leaders to tell them.

and they went to Jesus



You were working on the Sabbath!

My father, God, doesn't stop working on the Sabbath so I keep on working as well

Not only does he disobey our Sabbath rules, but he says he is equal to God!



We definitely have to kill him.



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