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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

In August I was privileged to dedicate the restored clock in the tower of Montacute church. It's not just any old clock. In fact, Montacute's is amongst the oldest in the country. Built in the village in around 1400, the clock is so old that it is held in place by iron wedges. At the time of its construction, the nut and the bolt wouldn't be invented for another hundred years!

The Montacute clock is an artefact that seems to generate generosity.

In the 1980s the clock was

restored by Humphrey

Hamlin, for whom it is now named.

Humphrey poured

time and energy into

its mechanism,

preventing it from being scrapped. During

the last two years, heroic

efforts by the people of Montacute

have led to its further restoration. All

this was marked last month by a

whole village gathering. The

community choir sang, morris men

danced, the local pub provided a hog

roast, cake was dispensed in huge

quantities.

Montacute is a beautiful example of how generosity begets generosity.

Like a chain reaction, one act of

generosity, the restoration of the

clock, led to another, another and

another. As a result, a whole

community was brought together in



celebration and joy.

In his second letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul writes of the church in

Macedonia that 'their abundant joy

and their extreme poverty

have overflowed in a

wealth of generosity' (2

Cor 8:2). Having

nothing, the

Macedonians

discovered that they

could still give. In turn,

their generosity enabled

Paul to challenge and

encourage the church in Corinth to

do the same. All to help the

struggling Church in Jerusalem.

As I travel around our diocese, I see

this pattern of generosity begetting

generosity happening in so many

places. One person starts, another

adds their contribution, more join in

and soon we learn that together we

are so much more than the sum of

our parts. This is the economy of

God. It's an economy that all of us

are invited to join.

✠ Michael Beasley
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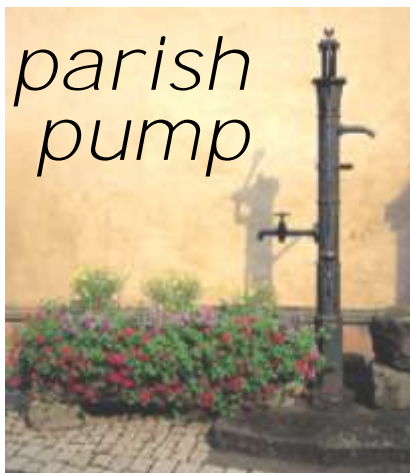
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September Events

1 st	Mon	-		
2 nd	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
3 rd	Wed	-		
4 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 18	Galhampton Church
5 th	Fri	-		
6 th	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
7 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
8 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
9 th	Tue	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	4-5.15pm	Galhampton Singers - see page 18	Galhampton Village Hall
12 th	Fri	-		
13 th	Sat	-		
14 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
		8.30-3pm	Somerset Sight Car Boot & Fair	Yarlington House, Yarlington
15 th	Mon		<u>DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER BEACON</u>	
		9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
16 th	Tue	12 noon	Holy Communion - see page 9	South Cadbury Church
		7 for 7.30	Galhampton Village Hall AGM	Galhampton Village Hall
		7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
17 th	Wed	7.30pm	North Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
18 th	Thu	7.00pm	The Future of Yarlington Church	Yarlington Church
19 th	Fri	-		
20 th	Sat	7 for 8pm	Live Music - The Business - see p. 15	North Cadbury Village Hall
21 st	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
		4.00pm	Harvest Evensong followed by	Yarlington Church
			Harvest Supper - see page 13	Yarlington Village Hall
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
25 th	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
		7.00pm	N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	N Cadbury Reading Room
26 th	Fri	-		
27 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
		7 for 7.30	Quiz Night	North Cadbury Village Hall
28 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
		11.00am	Harvest Festival Service - see p. 13	North Cadbury Church
		12.15pm	Harvest Lunch	North Cadbury Village Hall
29 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	North Cadbury Church
30 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church



The Churches Secretary

The Vale of Camelot Churches Secretary / Parish 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.

We now have a new e-mail address for the Office/Administrator:

office.valeofcamelotchurches@gmail.com

I can still receive e-mails from the old address but it was becoming increasingly difficult to send e-mails and the new address reflects the new benefice name.

Living Generously

For Christians generosity isn't optional or extra to our faith, it is part of who we are. Jesus showed us how to live generously by giving himself completely, in love, in service and in sacrifice. He calls us to do the same, trusting that in giving we find

life.

Natalie Wainwright, Bath and Wells Lead Giving and Funding Adviser, says "Generosity is central to who we are as Christians, but it is easy to lose sight of it in the busyness of church life. Generosity Week, which is planned for Sunday 28th September to Sunday 5th October but can be held in at any time throughout the year, allows us to reflect on what giving really means and to explore what it looks like in practice. There are simple resources available as part of that help support us to do this."

Generosity is a response to God's love, lived out in our everyday choices. Generosity can be expressed through time, encouragement, hospitality, prayer and finance. It starts with intention and grows through practice.

Natalie says we are often inspired when we think about giving in different ways, and holding a Generosity Week helps us to do that. She says, "Giving isn't something we do once; it is something we do for life."

This may include discussions about legacies and what we pass on to future generations. Natalie says, "Many of our churches have monuments, plaques and windows dedicated to those who left generous gifts in their wills. These are stories of faith in action and may encourage us to reflect on the kind of legacy we may want to leave."

This may also inspire younger generations to contemplate what a generous life looks like. Children and young people often notice what is celebrated and are shaped by an invitation to take part. This could be encouraging them to see generosity not as something for later in life, but part of following Jesus now.

Generosity Week can become part of the



A fun music group for parents/primary care-givers to enjoy with their pre-schoolers (0-5 years). Run weekly during school term times, it's fun and interactive, 30 minutes of songs with musical instruments, games and dance. Followed by eat/chat/play time. An enjoyable way to have quality time together and meet new friends.

Mondays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th September
in Galhampton Chapel

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

Cost: £2.50 per family, includes refreshments

rhythm of your year, taking a moment to pause, and reflect on what it means to live generously in response to God's love.

Find out more about Generosity Week churchofengland.org/generosity-week

*Our whole life is taken up with
anxiety for personal security,
with preparations for living,
so that we really never live at all.*

Leo Tolstoy

*Our eyes are placed in front
because it is more important to look
ahead than to look back. Anon.*

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2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
September

Also Tuesdays from 6.00pm

Bible Study:

The Bible in One Year
by Dr Bill Creasy

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 25th September 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:***

Robert ('Bob') James Singer (aged 88). Died 12th July 2025. Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium on Thursday 21st August. Interment of Ashes at St Mary Magdalene, Sparkford on Tuesday 26th August.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Marie Jessica Nancy Luisiana Jasmin and Benjamin Jonathan Wood** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Wednesday August 6th 2025.



Mrs Todger became a Living Artwork -
"Woman who saw a snake"

Teacher

(John 13:13)

*Jesus was a teacher -
the best.
He spoke, demonstrated,
and embodied His message.
He lived it out
and died it out
and brought it back to life.
Jesus was a teacher -
the best.*

*Timeless teachings
building for the kingdom today
as believers learn and love.
Jesus is a teacher still -
the best.*

Praise Him.
Follow Him.
Obey Him.
Trust Him.

*"You are right to call me
teacher and Lord,
for that is what I am."*

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Sense

Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel.

Later he looked it up: 'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.'

CLARA SANABRAS: "Titanic to the Tempest"



7.00 p.m. Saturday October 11th
St. Michael's Church, North Cadbury

Internationally acclaimed vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Clara Sanabras presents an evening of cinematic songs, interlaced with original music. Based on classic themes from the stage and screen, from Titanic to the Tempest, Lord of the Rings to James Bond. Including "Diamonds are Forever", "Skyfall", "My Heart Will Go On" and other musical delights.

"Clara's voice is full of rich tones and musicality. Beautiful work." Sir Ray Davies

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IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - NEW VENTURE NOT TO BE MISSED

Did Week Holy Communion



Every third Tuesday we are holding a
said bcp Holy Communion service at
St Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury

Why not come and join us?

followed by (optional) drink at pub
and lunch

Next one is - 12 noon September 16th

Further details Caroline Walker
carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

From Rose

This month's article is written by Revd Rose Hoskins, one of the retired clergy assisting in the Vale of Camelot Churches.

So, here we are September, I hope you have had a lovely summer, with time to rest, refresh and enjoy. It may be that some haven't had their holidays yet. Alan and I will be off on hols pretty much at the moment this piece hits your inbox. But having been around in the UK for the summer one of the things we have really enjoyed has been watching various sports on TV. Wimbledon and the Women's Euros have kept us well entertained. As I walked out on the Monday morning following the Lionesses victory and that momentous penalty shoot-out, (Chloe and Hannah you are our heroes), round and about in our villages everyone had a smile on their face. Good news makes everyone feel great.

But sadly, there is a darker side to this. Jess Carter who played a major part in the Lionesses victory and Katie Boulter who is one of our best British tennis players have been brave enough to speak out about the level of abuse they have been subjected to by online predators posting death threats, obscenities, and more. This online abuse is not restricted to players of a particular gender, colour, race, creed but is inflicted on anyone who seems to have in some way

'fallen short' of their critics expectations. All of this leaves me pondering why people feel they can post words on line, from behind the safety of a screen, that they would never have the courage to say if they were standing in front of the person or even writing an old fashioned letter. Surely this is cowardly! The creativity of human language is one of the things that, reputedly, lifts us above the animals, but you do sometimes wonder!!

As one who spends much of my life crafting and delivering words, (one dear friend recently described me as being a bit of a 'Wordsmith') by which I think she meant, very kindly, and according to the wisdom of google AI, "*One who expertly crafts beautiful sentences and uses language to move and resonate with readers and listeners.*" This being said, I am all too aware of the impact words can have for good or for bad. Which is why, before we let them loose we need to weigh them carefully and sometimes use them sparingly. Here are a few wise thoughts on this subject:

Controlling your tongue
is like controlling a large ship
with a tiny rudder.

If you can control your tongue,
you probably have larger things
under control in your life as well.

James Chapter 3 verse 4

Prayer in the Parishes during September

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 1 st	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 16 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde	Wed 17 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
Tue 2 nd	5.00pm	Corton Denham		12.30pm	West Camel
Wed 3 rd	9.00am	North Cadbury		6.00pm	South Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel	Mon 22 nd	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	South Cadbury		6.00pm	Sparkford
Mon 8 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 23 rd	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
	6.00pm	Sparkford	Wed 24 th	9.00am	Yarlington
Tue 9 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis		6.00pm	Galhampton
Wed 10 th	9.00am	Yarlington	Mon 29 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Galhampton		6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Mon 15 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 30 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde			

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We are masters of the unsaid words,
but slaves of those we let slip out.

Winston Churchill

The six most important words:

I admit I made a mistake.

The five most important words:

You did a good job.

The four most important words:

What is your opinion?

The three most important words:

If you please.

The two most important words:

Thank you.

The one least important word:

I.

Anonymous.

There is a voice that doesn't use
words, listen.

Rumi (13th Century Sufi mystic)

Words have the power to inflame or
inspire, to build up or to bring down,
they can start a war or establish a
peace and they often reveal far more
about their author than the person to
whom they are addressed.

The Revd Rose

*My sister's dog had been deaf and blind
for years. When she started to suffer
painful tumours, it was time to put her
down.*

*As I explained this to my seven-year-
old son, he asked if Dotty would go to
heaven. I said I thought she would, and
that in dog heaven, she would be
healthy again and able to do her
favourite thing: chase squirrels.*

*Jacob thought about that for a minute,
then said, "So dog heaven must be the
same as squirrel hell."*

Do you care about the future of St Mary's Church, Yarlington?



Would you like to learn about the current situation and the possible vision for the future?

We would love to share this with you,
so please come along to a meeting in the church
for all residents of Yarlington on
Thursday September 18th
at 7.00pm

Our Interim Minister - Revd Caroline Walker
will be there to discuss and to answer questions.
Refreshments will be provided - glass of wine and nibbles!
(Adjourning to the pub afterwards)

We look forward to sharing with you.
For further details speak to Clare Leavold 01963 441581
Karen Goddard 07813 535498 or
Caroline Walker carolinehwalker@btinternet.com
07765 126355

Harvest Festival
St Michael's North Cadbury
Sunday 28th September
11.00am

Followed at 12.15pm by
Lunch in the Village Hall

Everyone is invited to the service
and the lunch

A collection will be made for



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Harvest Service
Sunday September 21st
4.00pm
St Mary's Yarlington

followed by a Harvest Supper
in the Village Hall.

*This is an opportunity for the
village to come together to
celebrate Harvest time.*

*Please sign the list in the
Yarlington Church if you want to
come and select your offering by
Monday 8th September.*

*Bring your own drinks and
donations for a local charity will
be collected on the night so
bring your cash as well.*

Breakfast like a King

The old saying 'breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dine like a pauper' could well turn out to be the very best of advice if you want to lose weight and stay healthy. According to a study by King's College, the modern lifestyle of eating more as the day goes on, instead of less, is causing havoc to our body clocks and digestion.

INTERVIEW - Generosity of Heart

Revd Cheryl Hawkins, Vicar of St. Andrews Church, Burnham on Sea together with the PCC met the Giving and Funding team to discuss what a Generosity Week might look like where they are.



Why are you planning a Generosity Week?

We all naturally think generosity is that we've got put our hand in our pockets but it's a lot wider than that. At the heart of generosity is showing God's love. We want to focus on the generosity of giving, both in time and in volunteering, and think about monetary giving as well.

How did you begin to plan this?

We met with Natalie from the Giving team and did a sort of generosity health check. It got us thinking and praying about what generosity means for us as a church. Later we met with Natalie again to look at what our generosity and stewardship campaign would be.

How will you mark it?

During the archdeacon's Benefice Visit we'll have a special service to celebrate generosity. We're planning

to invite community groups and the wider community to come to the service to celebrate generosity and what happens in our parish.

Why is involving the community important?

Our doors are broad and open to the community; we are part of the community. We want this to be a celebration of both what we do as a church, but also what the wider community do as well.

Is generosity just financial?

No, I think it is love in action. It's serving, listening, encouraging, and showing Christ's love to the people around us.

Why did you feel it was important to undertake a Generosity Week?

I love the expression generosity of heart, to me that is God's love. How can we be generous in showing that? We don't know whether it's going to be a success, but we've got to start somewhere.

What would you say to others thinking about doing this?

The Giving team has helped us to see that where are we at the moment and has encouraged us to push that a little bit further. In that way it doesn't feel like a risk. It has enabled us to see where our gifts are and use them in a way that helps us to engage with generosity. Others can do that too.

The church is the only society in the world that never loses any of its members, even by death.

HARVEST FESTIVALS

in the Vale of Camelot Churches

Celebrate God's continuing goodness and faithfulness in your local parish church.

September 21 st	4.00pm	Yarlington	<i>(followed by supper)</i>
September 28 th	11.00am	North Cadbury	<i>(followed by lunch)</i>
October 5 th	11.00am	Queen Camel	
October 12 th	11.00am	Corton Denham <i>with Sutton Montis</i>	
	11.00am	West Camel	
	4.00pm	Methodist Harvest at West Camel Church	
October 19 th	11.00am	Sparkford <i>with Weston Bampfylde</i>	
October 26 th	11.00am	Galhampton	



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Sunday Worship

7th September	<i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>		Green
9.00 am	Yarlington	Breakfast Church	pe je
9.30 am	Queen Camel	All Age Service	rw
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	rw
4.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Four	Methodists
READINGS	Morning - Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33		

14th September	<i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>		Green
9.30 am	Galhampton	Communion (BCP piano)	cw
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>		
11.00 am	Corton Denham	Holy Communion (CW)	cw
	Sutton Montis	Morning Worship	rw
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	Methodists
READINGS	Morning - Exodus 32: 7-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10		

21st September	<i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>		Green
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (CW)	av cw
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	pe cw
	Sparkford	Holy Communion (CW)	av ap
	Weston Bampfylde	Morning Worship	rw
4.00pm	Yarlington	Harvest Evensong (BCP org)	rw
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	Methodists
READINGS	Morning - Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13 Evening - <i>Harvest Readings</i>		

The Lord's Larder

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

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



28th September	<i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>		Green
9.30 am	South Cadbury	Morning Worship	<i>je</i>
	West Camel	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>rh</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Harvest Festival Service (org)	<i>ap</i>
6.00pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
6.30pm	Galhampton	Evening Service (piano)	<i>ap</i>
READINGS	Morning - Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6: 6-19; Luke 16: 19-31 or Harvest Readings		
	Evening - Nehemiah 2; John 8: 31-38, 48-59		

5th October	<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>		Green
9.00 am	Yarlington	Holy Communion (BCP org)	<i>lg ap</i>
11.00 am	Queen Camel	Harvest Festival Service	<i>cw</i>
	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>lg rw</i>
4.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Four	<i>Methodists</i>
READINGS	Morning - Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10 or Harvest Readings		

CLERGY

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

READERS

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

LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>ah</i>	Alan Hoskins
<i>av</i>	Andy Voysey
<i>lg</i>	Lesley Gillingham
<i>mw</i>	Michael Walker
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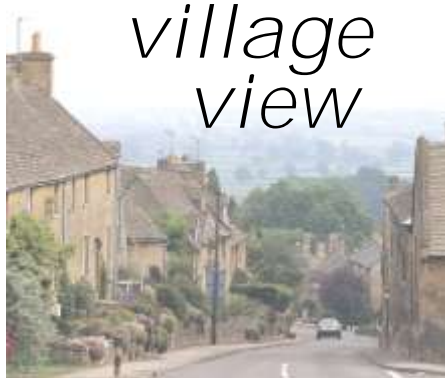
Key: CW = Common Worship,
BCP = Book of Common Prayer,
org = organ, kb = keyboard, g = guitar.

Holy means set apart. Not like a set of cutlery that comes out only on Sundays. More like a Swiss army knife – remove a splinter, cut a rope, open a bottle, any time, anywhere. Whatever the boss needs.

Milton Jones

Who can imagine by stretch of fancy the feelings of those who, having died in faith, wake up to enjoyment!
John Henry Newman

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.
Martin Luther King



village view

Corton Denham

CORTON DENHAM WEBSITE

Information about events in Corton Denham can be found on the Corton Denham Village and Parish website at <https://cortondenham.org.uk/>

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

AT ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 14th 11.00am Communion (CW)

Galhampton

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Galhampton walkers will meet at 9.15am on 4th September outside the church. All welcome for a walk around the village for about 1½ hours. There is a shorter walk for the less able. All welcome.

SEPTEMBER VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 6th September 10.00am to 11.30am at the village hall. 200 Club draw and notices at 10.30am. Enjoy a cup of freshly brewed coffee and some delicious homemade cake. Everyone welcome.

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GALHAMPTON SINGERS

The choir is starting back on Thursday 11th September. This is our 7th year.

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GALHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will take place on Tuesday 16th September, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the village hall. Everyone welcome.

LUNCH CLUB

The next Luncheon club will be in October. We will contact villagers who attend regally near the time but also welcome new people. For more details contact Ruth Carter - trcarter1957@gmail.com

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AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

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Sunday 21st 11.00am Sunday Worship
at North Cadbury Church
Sunday 28th 6.30pm Evening Service
(piano)

North Cadbury

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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 25th September, 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 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 28th September. Our Harvest Service is at 11.00am in the Church, followed at 12.15pm by a Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. Whether you join us for some well-loved harvest hymns in the church, or chat and catch up with friends and neighbours over a relaxed lunch in the Village Hall, we would be pleased to see you. Everyone is welcome at either or both.

Anyone wishing to give harvest food donations can leave them at the church during the week, or bring them to the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 28th

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NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Saturday 27th September 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!

A date for your diaries – Saturday 20th September – LIVE MUSIC

It's time to dig out those dancing shoes again for a night of foot stomping music. Your favourite Rock n' Roll Band, Rockin' The Joint, are coming back as their alter egos **THE BUSINESS**.

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Licensed bar and raffle. Doors open 7.00pm. Band starts at 8.00pm. Tickets £12 in advance or £15 on the door. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Available from North Cadbury Village Store and www.ticketsource.co.uk/north-cadbury-village-hall

Quiz Night – Saturday 27th September, 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall. Entry £8 includes refreshments at half-time. Come along with your team (suggested 2-7 people) or on your own and join up with others. Quiz Master Jo Horsman. Cash prizes for 1st & 2nd teams. Table reservations advised by calling 01963 440474 or email claire@sprydon.com

Harvest Lunch – Sunday 28th September - All welcome. Service at St Michael's followed by a Harvest Lunch in North Cadbury Village Hall from 12.15pm, bar open.

Film Night – Details to follow, changing to Thursdays evenings.

Little City – Children's Play Event - Wednesday 15th October.

Cary Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS)
Murder Mystery Night – Saturday 1st November, 7.00pm.

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



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CAMELOT PLAYERS

Camelot Players start rehearsals this month for December's pantomime "Mother Goose" which runs from Thursday 4th - Saturday 6th December including a relaxed matinee on the Saturday. Tickets are now on sale via their website

www.camelotplayers.co.uk/box-office,
Adults £12 and under 16s £9 (plus online booking charge).

If you would like to be involved we are still looking for Adult chorus members and help with costumes, rehearsals run Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm at North Cadbury Village Hall. If this interests you please email our director Adam at
adam.camelotplayers@gmail.com.

CARY AND CAMELOT TABLE TENNIS CLUB

CCTC currently have vacancies for competent players who wish to play friendly social table tennis. Come and give us a try – we charge just £3 per session, but your first session is free!

Club Night is on Tuesday evenings at North Cadbury Village Hall, 6.30pm until 8.30pm. We have 3 tournament grade tables and can supply bats if you do not have your own. Matches are mainly doubles but some singles play is usually available, depending on the numbers attending.

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 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 0777658702, Publicity: Susie Morris 441319.

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

During the summer we've enjoyed trips and garden viewings on long hot days!

At our garden party in July there were delicious shared savoury and dessert dishes and Pimm's. Some played croquet and boule while there was also lively chatting at the tables.

As the evenings draw in slightly, we return to our evening talks in North Cadbury Village Hall at 7 for 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of the month. We also enjoy tea, biscuits and a chat.

On September 17th the title of the talk is The Secret Nature of Dartmoor, to be given by Paul Rendell, a true expert on the subject as he has guided there for many years and is passionate about the area and its flora and fauna.

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SEPTEMBER AUGUST SERVICES

AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 7th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

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

Sunday 21st 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 28th 11.00am Harvest
Festival Service (org)

Queen Camel

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

AT ST BARNABAS

Sunday 7th 9.30am All Age Service

Sunday 21st 9.30am Communion (CW)

South Cadbury

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SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON

MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 9th September 2025 from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall. Join us for a talk by Ian Killick - "Photo Organising".

SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT

ST THOMAS À BECKET

Tuesday 16th 12 noon Communion (BCP)

Sunday 28th 9.30am Morning Worship

Sparkford

THE FUTURE OF

SPARKFORD CHURCH

There will be a meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday September 4th in St Mary Magdalene Church, Sparkford to consider the future of the Church. All welcome.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 21st 11.00am Communion (CW)

Sutton Montis

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AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 14th 11.00am Morning Worship

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 7th 4.00pm Tea @ Four
Sunday 14th 6.00pm Methodist Service
Sunday 21st 6.00pm Methodist Service
Sunday 28th 11.00am Communion (BCP)
6.00pm Methodist Service

Weston Bampfylde

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday 21st 11.00am Morning Worship

Yarlington

FUTURE OF YARLINGTON CHURCH

There will be a meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday September 18th in St Mary's Church, Yarlington to consider the future of the Church. All welcome. See the notice on page 12.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival Service will take place at 4.00pm on Sunday 21st September. Join us for the Harvest Service followed by a supper in the village Hall. This is an opportunity for the village to come together to celebrate Harvest time.

Please sign the list in the Yarlington Church if you want to come and select your offering by Monday 8th September. Bring your own drinks and donations for a local charity will be collected on the night so bring your cash as well.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 7th 9.00am Breakfast Church
Sunday 21st 4.00pm Harvest Evensong

(BCP org)

Bible Readings

SEPTEMBER

- 1st - Luke 4: 16-30
- 2nd - Luke 4: 31-37
- 3rd - Luke 4: 38-44
- 4th - Luke 5: 1-11
- 5th - Luke 5: 33-39
- 6th - Luke 6: 1-5

- 7th - **12th Sunday after Trinity**
Philemon 1-21
- 8th - Luke 6: 6-11
- 9th - Luke 6: 12-19
- 10th - Luke 6: 20-26
- 11th - Luke 6: 27-38
- 12th - Luke 6: 39-42
- 13th - Luke 6: 43-

- 14th - **13th Sunday after Trinity**
1 Timothy 1: 12-17
- 15th - *Holy Cross* - John 3: 13-17
- 16th - Luke 7: 11-17
- 17th - Luke 7: 31-35
- 18th - Luke 7: 36-50
- 19th - Luke 8: 1-3
- 20th - Luke 8: 4-15

- 21st - **14th Sunday after Trinity**
1 Timothy 2: 1-7
- 22nd - *Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*
Matthew 9: 9-13
- 23rd - Luke 8: 19-21
- 24th - Luke 9: 1-6
- 25th - Luke 9: 7-9
- 26th - Luke 9: 18-22
- 27th - Luke 9: 43b-45

- 28th - **15th Sunday after Trinity**
1 Timothy 6: 6-19
- 29th - **Michael & All Angels**
Revelation 12: 7-12
- 30th - Luke 9: 51-56

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Mt. 13: 3-8, Mk 4: 1-9, Lk 8: 4-8

crowds of people now came to hear Jesus, so
he used stories to teach them; those who really
wanted to learn would work out the meaning.

A farmer went out to
sow a field of corn.



Some seed fell on
the path



Some fell among
thorn plants and



and some on to rocks.

some fell on good soil.



The seed on the path
was eaten by birds

The seed that fell on the
rocks sprouted...



...but it had no water
so it dried out and died.

The seed that fell
among the thorns grew
well to start with,



then it was outgrown
by the thorn plants.



But in the good soil the
seed grew well and gave
a fantastic harvest!

Jesus explained to his
disciples what it meant.



Some people don't even
listen to what he says.

For some it is the best
thing ever!



But soon they move on to
another 'best thing'.

Some listen gladly...



but then worries and
busyness take over.

But some hear what Jesus
says and learn from it,



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