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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

A story that's often told in our churches comes from the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. It tells of Jesus, in the blinding heat of midday meeting a Samaritan woman at the well in a town called Sychar. The woman is hoisting up heavy buckets of water in the hot sun. She's there because she's a woman with 'a reputation' and it's the only time of day she can avoid the muttering of her neighbours who meet at the well at cooler hours.

In an extraordinary encounter, Jesus sees deep into the woman's heart. Through their conversation Jesus brings about her healing and restoration into the community from which she is estranged. It's a story of life, possibility, new beginnings and forgiveness.

The woman at the well is not the only Biblical story set in Sychar. There's another, contained in the 34th chapter of the Book of Genesis. This is a tale of terror that's never heard in our churches; the rape of a girl called Dinah. It's a dark, nasty tale of violence that wrecks the life of individuals, families and the entire community. So we don't speak about it. We keep it hidden.

Sometimes people say to me of safeguarding 'It's just a tick box exercise', an onerous compliance



requirement. Rather I would say that our work in safeguarding asks fundamental questions about the kind of places we want our churches to be. Just like the Bible passages I've mentioned, we can be places of hiddenness, silence, and hurt. Or places of life, new beginnings and restoration.

Accounts like the Makin review have shone light on our story. We've also been working hard to bring about change. While we cannot be complacent, I am intensely proud of all that was revealed about safeguarding in Bath and Wells by our independent audit that happened earlier this year. This told us that we are moving towards a much better story. So let's build on the momentum we have created. Let's walk into the light.

✠ Michael Beasley
Bishop of Bath and Wells

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November Events

1 st	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
		7.00pm	Murder Mystery Night	North Cadbury Village Hall
2 nd	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
		6.00pm	All Souls Service - see page	Queen Camel Church
3 rd	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
4 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7.00pm	Curry Evening for ASHA - see page 9	Galhampton Village Hall
5 th	Wed		Little City - Children's Play Event	North Cadbury Village Hall
6 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 18	Galhampton Church
7 th	Fri	-	-	-
8 th	Sat	-	-	-
9 th	Sun	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
10 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
11 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7.30pm	South Cadbury Women's Institute	South Cadbury Village Hall
12 th	Wed	-	-	-
13 th	Thu	12.30pm	Luncheon Club - see page 18	Galhampton Village Hall
14 th	Fri	-	-	-
15 th	Sat	<u>DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER/JANUARY BEACON</u>		
16 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
17 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
18 th	Tue	12 noon	Holy Communion - see page 29	South Cadbury Church
		7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7 for 7.30	Deanery Synod	The Davis Hall, West Camel
19 th	Wed	7.30pm	North Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
20 th	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
		7.15pm	Child Exploitation Talk - see page	Sparkford Village Hall
21 st	Fri	-	-	-
22 nd	Sat	7 for 7.30	Live Music - True Foxes - see page 11	North Cadbury Village Hall
23 rd	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
24 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
25 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
26 th	Wed	10.30am	N Cadbury Women's Group	North Cadbury Reading Room
		7.00pm	N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	Galhampton Village Hall
27 th	Thu	-	-	-
28 th	Fri	-	-	-
29 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
30 th	Sun	10.30am	United Benefice Service & Lunch	Queen Camel Church
			- see page 15 for details	

365 years ago, on 12th November 1660, English writer and preacher John Bunyan was arrested and imprisoned for preaching without a licence. He remained in prison for almost 12 years, as he refused to abstain from preaching. While there, he wrote Pilgrim's Progress.



The Beacon Double Issue

Items for inclusion in the December and January double issue of The Beacon should be sent to the Parishes Office (preferably by e-mail - see page 2 for the address) by Saturday 15th November. Don't forget to include details of your January events.

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.

Help with The Beacon

Just a reminder that if anyone would be interested in taking on the role of Editor of the Beacon magazine, please contact the Parish Administrator for more information. Contact details on page 2.

Archbishop of Canterbury

Bishop Michael has welcomed the news that the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE is to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. "I am delighted that the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has been appointed as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. This is wonderful news for the Church of England, and the wider Anglican Communion. As our country's former Chief Nurse and as someone who has served as bishop of one of our largest and most complex dioceses, Sarah brings an abundance of leadership skills to the role which will be hugely important as we move forward together as a Church, as a country, and as part of a global society.

"Having worked closely with Sarah in her role as lead Bishop for Health I have experienced at first hand Sarah's ability, wisdom and empathy. Sarah's nomination also marks a wonderful milestone for our Church. In England, our journey has taken us from the ordination of women as priests in 1994 to the consecration of our first woman bishop in 2015. Now the first woman will serve as Archbishop of Canterbury and her appointment will change our Church and the whole Anglican Communion forever. I and all of us in Bath and Wells, will be praying for Sarah, Eamonn and their family as Sarah prepares to take on this role."

Castle Cary and Ansford Twinning Association

We have been twinned with the small town of Rémalard in lovely rural Normandy for over forty years, so many people have enjoyed taking part in our exchanges. Despite its name, the Association is not limited to residents of Castle Cary and Ansford, but is open to anyone interested

in cultural exchanges with our French counterparts. We have members from many local towns and villages.

We welcomed our French guests here again last May and shared a memorable evening with supper and folk dancing. The following day we visited Abbotsbury Gardens and Swannery in perfect spring weather. Next year it is our turn to visit France. We plan to travel by coach and ferry via Portsmouth and Caen on Thursday 28th May, returning on Sunday 31st. If you are interested in joining the association, please contact me, (Susan Keen, Chairwoman at keensue5@gmail.com) or our membership secretary Dave Stickland at daddytroll@gmail.com.



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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 Wednesday 26th November 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:

Annie Emily Lake (aged 96). Died on 19th August 2025. Funeral at St Barnabas', Queen Camel on Wednesday 17th September.

David Lawrence Loe (aged 89) formerly of North Cadbury. Died on 29th August 2025. Cremation at Mendip Crematorium on Monday 22nd September.

Gordon Frederick Attwell (aged 94). Died on 3rd September 2025. Graveside funeral at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Wednesday 24th September.

Kevin Leslie William Newport (aged 62). Died on 6th September 2025. Funeral at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Thursday 25th September.

Yvonne Anne Rooks (aged 86). Died on 5th September 2025. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary Magdalene, Sparkford on Thursday 2nd October.

All Souls Service

All Souls is a time in the Church's year when we remember loved ones who have died. This year's All Souls Service for the Vale of Camelot

Churches will be at 6.00pm on Sunday 2nd November at St Barnabas Church in Queen Camel.

During the service we will remember in prayer all who have died, especially those who have died in the last year, offering a moment of quiet reflection and the opportunity to light a candle in their memory. All who have lost a loved one are welcome to join us.

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5: 9

*Peace-loving God,
on this Remembrance Sunday,
your church remembers
all who have fallen in war;
those who re-live war daily through
injury or broken spirit,
those left behind,
grieving for a loved one.*

*And as we remember,
we pray for those who seek peace:
for those who are good negotiators –
working with dedication
and persistence;
going the extra mile for peace.*

*We pray for peace.
But also...
help us to find new ways
of addressing aggression;
constructive ways
of challenging harsh regimes,
seeking justice as well as peace.*

Martin Hazell (from Opening Doors,
URC 2014 Prayer Handbook)

Book Recommendation for Advent and Epiphany

Order in November ready to start reading at the beginning of December.

In preparation for the Christmas season and festivities I would like to recommend this book for reading: *A Handful of Light* by Michael Mitton.

The Advent and Christmas season is one we associate with both darkness and light - the darkness as the days draw in, and the light of candles, of hope, the flame of our faith stoked up by the birth of Jesus.

A Handful of Light, is based around the themes of hope, light and darkness in the Scripture. Looking at how what we believe in makes us feel, it has daily Bible readings and reflections for

every day from December 1st to January 6th, but can also be used at any other time of the year for those who wish to delve deeper into their relationship with God.

A Handful of Light is ideal for those looking for their first Advent book, or for those looking particularly for devotional material. Enjoy!

Revd Caroline Walker - Interim Minister for Vale of Camelot Churches

Mid Week Communion

There will be no mid-week Communion at St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury in December or January. See page 29 for details of the service on Tuesday 18th November.

Curry Evening

Tuesday 4th November

7.00pm

Galhampton Village Hall

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From one of our Lay Worship Assistants

Last week, while waiting for a new tyre to be fitted to my car, I found myself sharing the small waiting room with just one other person — a young man in his early twenties. As often happens in such situations, we began to chat. Our conversation started with cars, as he was particularly enthusiastic about older models from the 1980s and 90s. However, it soon became clear that his interest extended far beyond classic vehicles; he was fascinated by older technology in general.

He spoke with pride as he produced a small, basic mobile phone from his pocket — a device capable of making calls and taking low-resolution photographs, but little else. He explained that he had no desire for a modern smartphone, believing that such devices have made life more cluttered rather than more convenient.

As our conversation continued, he described his bedroom setup, which sounded like a museum of late 20th-century technology: a VHS recorder, a cassette tape player, a bulky CRT television, and an old computer still running Windows Vista. He told me he spent time maintaining and repairing these devices, enjoying the sense of involvement that comes with understanding how things work. There was something refreshing about his attitude. While some might have dismissed him as

eccentric, it was clear that his outlook was both genuine and deeply considered.

He spoke thoughtfully about the pace of technological change and the way it has reshaped our daily lives. He lamented that the internet has, in many ways, replaced face-to-face communication, and that online shopping has contributed to the decline of the high street — observations that sounded more like those of someone twice his age. Yet, he expressed no bitterness, only a quiet conviction that he preferred a simpler way of living. His choice to embrace older technology was deliberate, not nostalgic. He valued it for its design, its reliability, and the sense of connection it offered.

Our conversation made me reflect on my own relationship with technology. My wife will happily confirm that I have always been fond of gadgets. I enjoy the convenience they bring, from smart speakers to the many apps that promise to make life easier. Yet, in recent months, I have found myself stepping back from certain aspects of the digital world — particularly social media. I realised that it was consuming too much of my attention and often left me feeling less content, not more.

We cannot turn back the clock, nor should we wish to. But perhaps we can learn from that young man's perspective. Technology should

enhance our lives, not dominate them.

Many passages in the Bible encourage us to live thoughtfully and not be mastered by the things around us. Technology can be a wonderful servant but a poor master, and we all have to decide what truly adds value to our lives. When we slow down and make space to focus on what matters most we can discover a kind of peace that no device or download can offer, a peace from God which St Paul describes in his letter to the Philippians as “a peace which surpasses all understanding”.

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Peter Ebsworth.

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NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

Latest news and topics discussed at recent PC meetings:

Report from Somerset Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Messenger reported that Somerset Council (SC) were currently in deficit by £100m for FY 2026/27. SC planned to spend £20m on 'Transformation' to find ways to save money! FY 2024/25 was a 'successful' year, however, it was unlikely that this could be maintained due to the cost of children's and adult social care.

Rimpton Parish Council had assigned What3Words for every drain in the village and residents had adopted a drain each to keep them unblocked. Rimpton PC had also increased the precept to pay for a second gully clearing. This is something that our villages could consider?

Hedges and Highways: As agreed at the June meeting, Cllr Hobhouse visited various locations within his ward with Tracy Harris, SC Assistant Highway Service Manager, to identify the landowners against whom enforcement action will be taken. Since the visit, Cllr J Rundle reported that SC had deployed a team to cut back one of the hedges encroaching on the footpath along Cary Road, the invoice from which would be sent to the landowner for payment. However, there were two outstanding issues with hedges encroaching on the public highway and RoW; a section of hedge on Cutty Lane and on the corner of Rowlands, Cary Road. The Clerk agreed to confirm with SC Highways which landowners had been served notice to cut back their hedges and any enforcement action in progress. Cllr Rundle also wished to remind residents to carry secateurs when walking the RoW to help maintain them by keeping stiles and gates clear.

Brookhampton Development: Updates on workshops with Origin 3 (Planning Consultants) and residents are detailed in the minutes from the PC meetings held in July and September, which can be found on the parish website via the following link: <https://www.northcadbury.org.uk/meetings.php>

Wessex Internet: Will attend the next meeting on 26th November to discuss design proposals in place to connect North Cadbury to full fibre broadband in autumn 2026.

PC Communications: The Chairman previously circulated a working paper with thoughts on the subject of how the PC could communicate successfully with the Parish which was discussed at the September meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would re-instate the PC summary of the minutes in The Beacon. The PC would produce a quarterly newsletter to be posted on the parish website and via email with the format to be confirmed at the November meeting with an alternative report. The PC also agreed to change to a gov.uk

domain for website and councillor emails with address options to be confirmed. Cllr R Rundle agreed to review the current website provider against others in the market for consideration at the December meeting.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate: Zoe Young, Community Liaison Officer reported that the farm build is progressing well with the building of the internal track and concurrent work of the drainage. A progress board will be put up on site with regular build updates. The beginning of the handover for Yarlington Lodge was also progressing well, we are now on a 6-month timeline to be open and operational for April 2026.

Grant Application North Cadbury Village Hall: The PC recently approved a grant of £3,000 from Community Infrastructure Levies received (charges on new development) towards the purchase of new audio visual equipment for community events at the Hall.

Pegel Alarm Flood Alert App: Somerset Cllr Hobhouse's presentation on how to use the Pegel Flood Alert App can be found on the parish website under 'news updates' and the link to Pegel Alarm is also on the website via 'useful links' <https://pegelalarm.at/en/> PegelAlarm shows all current water levels and forecasts and will warn you reliably about emergencies as soon as a water level reaches a critical state. It would also be useful if residents could submit any data from private rain gauges to the Clerk.

Somerset Strimmer Scheme: Thank you to Tim Gilbert, Parish Strimmer, who has recently moved from the area. The Somerset Strimmer Scheme, in partnership with local councils, provides training and loans equipment to cut back vegetation along public Rights of Way, ensuring they are open and clear for users throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer strimmer please contact the Clerk; the PC would pay for your training and equipment would be supplied.

Refurbishment of North Cadbury Telephone box. Thank you to Andrew Moore for carrying out such a fantastic job of refurbishing the telephone box.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26th November in The Reading Room, North Cadbury.

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INTERVIEW -

Everyone has a part to play

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is the key link between the diocese and a parish concerning safeguarding matters. Jenny Wakefield serves as the PSO for St James' parish in Taunton. She also a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel. She shares with us what her role means.



PSOs were invited to The Bishop's Palace this summer.

What does your role as a Parish Safeguarding officer involve?

Briefly, my role involves safer recruitment of parish volunteers, keeping records up to date, supporting the PCC with safeguarding matters, ensuring everyone's safeguarding training is current. I often feel my role is to "humanise the procedural" so it doesn't feel like simply rules to follow. It's about the overall purpose of the church being a safe place for everyone.

Why is the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer an important one within the church?

I see it as a bridge, between the necessary procedural things and the overall purpose of the church. It is helping people understand that safeguarding isn't just about rules but about protecting others and staying true to our vision.

Why do you think it is it important for every parish to have a safeguarding officer?

It gives people confidence. Having clear procedures helps deter those who want to do harm. It'll never be 100% safe, but we can make it a lot safer by increasing alertness and creating a culture where people feel able to speak up and know who to approach. Safeguarding isn't one person's job; everyone has a part to play.

What do you find most rewarding about your role?

When you get feedback from people that shows they have begun to understand the deeper purpose of safeguarding; that it is integral to the gospel and connected to how we care for one another, rather than just being a word or a set of rules.

What progress have you seen locally?

I've been in my parish role for over 20 years, and I've seen how Bath and Wells has really progressed on its safeguarding journey. Safeguarding now has a central place in diocesan life and is shared across teams. The more active the church is in outreach or community engagement, the more safeguarding oversight is needed so the work can feel heavy at times but it's vital.

Find out more about safeguarding in Bath and Wells at
bathandwells.org.uk/safeguarding

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind – every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. - John Glenn

St Barnabas Church
Queen Camel

UNITED 5th SUNDAY BENEFICE SERVICE
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Sunday Worship

2nd November *The Fourth Sunday before Advent* Red or Green

9.00 am	Yarlington	Breakfast Church (org)	<i>pe je</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>rw</i>
4.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Four	<i>Methodists</i>
6.00 pm	Queen Camel	All Souls Service	<i>cw rh</i>

READINGS Morning - *Isaiah 1: 10-18; 2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1-10*

9th November *Remembrance Sunday* Red or Green

10.45 am	Queen Camel	Remembrance Service (org)	<i>cw</i>
	Sparkford	Remembrance Service (org)	<i>av</i>
	Weston Bampfylde - <i>Service at Sparkford</i>		
10.50 am	Corton Denham	Remembrance Service	<i>cc</i>
	North Cadbury	Remembrance Service (org)	<i>rh</i>
	South Cadbury	Remembrance Service	<i>mw</i>
	Sutton Montis	Remembrance Service (org)	<i>ah</i>
	West Camel	United Remembrance (org)	<i>Methodists</i>
	Yarlington	Remembrance Service (org)	<i>lg</i>

READINGS Morning - *Remembrance Sunday Readings*

16th November *The Fourth Sunday before Advent* Red or Green

9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>ah cw</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	<i>rw</i>
	Sparkford	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>ap</i>
	Weston Bampfylde	Morning Worship	<i>ah cw</i>
3.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
6.30 pm	Yarlington	Sung Evensong (BCP org)	<i>cw</i>

READINGS Morning - *Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21: 5-19*
 Evening - *Daniel 6; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*

*The Bible tells us to love our
 neighbours, and also to love our
 enemies; probably because they are
 generally the same people.*

- GK Chesterton

Prayer in the Parishes - see page 30.

*The finest test of character is seen
 in the amount and the power
 of gratitude we have.*

- Milo Gates

23rd November *Christ the King*

Red or White

9.30 am	South Cadbury	Morning Worship (org)	<i>rh</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>rh</i>
	West Camel	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>cw je</i>
3.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
4.00 pm	Galhampton	Evening Service	<i>cw je</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43</i>		

30th November *Advent Sunday*

Purple

10.30 am	Queen Camel	United Benefice Service	<i>cw</i>
3.00pm	West Camel	United Service	<i>Safe Families</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44</i>		

7th December *The Second Sunday of Advent*

Purple

9.00 am	Yarlington	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>cw</i>
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Morning Worship	<i>nn rw</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>nn rw</i>
3.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Three	<i>Methodists</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12</i>		

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

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<i>av</i>	Andy Voysey
<i>lg</i>	Lesley Gillingham
<i>mw</i>	Michael Walker
<i>nn</i>	Nerissa Northover
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Key: CW = Common Worship,

BCP = Book of Common Prayer,

org = organ, kb = keyboard, g = guitar.

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village view

Corton Denham

CORTON DENHAM WEBSITE

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

AT ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 9th 10.50am

Remembrance Service

Sunday 30th 11.00am United Benefice

Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church

Galhampton

NOVEMBER VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 1st November 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.

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.

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. £2.50 per session. Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November.

BONFIRE NIGHT

With sad regret Galhampton will not be holding a Bonfire Night this year. After much discussion the village hall committee decided that for many reasons that we could not hold one this year.

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Galhampton walkers meet again on 6th November at 9.15am outside the church. Long and short walks. Dogs welcome.

GALHAMPTON SINGERS

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LUNCH CLUB

The next Luncheon club will be on Thursday November 13th. Lunch is served at 12.30pm. Please book by contacting Ruth Carter trcarter1957@gmail.com and don't forget to tell us any dietary requirements.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 16th 11.00am Sunday Worship
at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 23rd 4.00pm Evening Service
(piano)

Sunday 30th 11.00am United Benefice

Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church



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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 20th November, 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 29th November 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!

Quiz Night – Saturday 25th October, 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall. Entry £8 includes refreshments at half-time. Come along

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

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

Little City – Children's Play Event - Wednesday 5th November.

Live Music – True Foxes Folk Band – Saturday 22nd November

In a show brought to you by your Village Hall and TakeArt, True Foxes, are an acclaimed folk/americana family duo who are quickly gaining popularity. Hailing from Cornwall they have been described as the British First Aid Kit.

They mix Folk and Americana with a little Pop. Their powerful vocals with soulful song writing have been compared to Laura Marling and Brandi Carlile, a show not to be missed.

They have supported Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Flats and Sharps among others and are supporting Steve Knightly on his winter tour. Their performances have received rave reviews from prestigious venues like the Liverpool Philharmonic, The Royal Glasgow Concert Hall, and The Water Rats in London.

Tickets available via North Cadbury Village Store (via card or cash) or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/take-art/t-yarzjmv>

Tickets £12 (plus booking fee online). Doors open 7.00pm, show starts 7.30pm. Licensed Bar.

Camelot Players Present – Mother Goose Thursday 4th December to Saturday 6th

December. See under Camelot Players below - page 24.

Christmas Coffee Morning & 200 Club – Saturday 13th December 10.30am – 12 noon.

AN EVENING WITH JAMES PUREFOY Wednesday 17th December -

We are delighted to announce we have an 'audience with' type evening with renowned Taunton born actor James Purefoy.

During his varied career he has starred in many roles including Fisherman's Friends, A Knights Tale and more recently Outrageous (based around the Mitford sisters) and The Veil. The list goes on!!

This will be a gentle meander through the life of a Somerset actor with a 45 minute talk from James, reflecting on his career highs and lows, and will be followed by a 30 minute Q&A session.

This is part of his initiative to help support local communities and promises to be an entertaining evening not to be missed. More details and ticketing information will be available shortly and found on the Village Hall website

www.northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk

Saturday 25th April – Barn Dance 7.00pm

Fundraising Project

Do you want to join North Cadbury Village Hall Committee in making a difference to your local community?

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Every donation will help. **Thank you** in advance for your valued contribution to this project which will benefit all members of North Cadbury and the wider community.

Please use <https://gofund.me/3c36foa7a> to show your support for this Go Fund Me.

Clubs and Activities

The village hall has a variety of clubs and activities open to all. These include Table Tennis, Gardening Club, Folk Nights, Band practices, Art Class, and Women's Group. Oh, did we mention, we also have a full-sized tennis court?! Just email us for further details.

Should you require any further information or you would like to host your own club please contact
bookings@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk

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

CAMELOT PLAYERS

Tickets are on sale for Camelot Players production of Mother Goose by Nigel Holmes. Performances run from Thursday 4th - Saturday 6th December at 7.30pm, plus a 2.30pm Relaxed Matinée on the Saturday at North Cadbury Village Hall. Tickets cost £12 for Adults and £9 for under 16s and are available at North Cadbury Village Stores, by phone on 01963 440554 and online at www.camelotplayers.co.uk/box-office (online booking charges apply.)

Mother Goose tells the story of the titular Mother Goose who runs a Geese farm and dreams of riches, one day she discovers a large goose named Priscilla in her barn. The magical Fairy Glimmer helps our Dame by giving her the ability to lay golden eggs thus paying off Mother Goose's debts.

The evil Demon King tries to trick Mother Goose into swapping Priscilla for the whereabouts of the famous Fountain of Youth. Will Mother Goose give up Priscilla for youth and beauty? Join us and find out this December at North Cadbury Village Hall. For more information about this production and about our relaxed performance, visit
www.camelotplayers.co.uk/mothergoose

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.

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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

The North Cadbury and District Horticultural Society, as it was called until 2013, was founded in the late 1970s by **Gordon Attwell** - a lifelong, enthusiastic and very productive gardener who was born, lived in and worked in the village, originally doing a milk round from an early age. Born in 1931, he worked as cowman for Pitman, Longman's and Montgomery and knew all there was to know in the village. He regularly won numerous vegetable and flower categories of the annual show and was also a brilliant wood worker.

He has sadly recently died and will be missed in the village. The Gardening Club has donated £100 to his chosen charity, the Air Ambulance.

In October, William Newsom kindly stepped in to talk to us on 'Gardening the

Globe', the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission – admirable work of great interest particularly at this time of year.

On November 19th **Vegetable Gardening** is the topic of the talk by a Castle Gardens speaker.

December 17th will be our **Christmas lunch**. Please book if you'd like to come along.

We meet in North Cadbury Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7pm for teas, talk at 7.30pm.

Visitors, guests and new members are always very welcome for a small fee. Annual membership is £15, renewable at the **AGM** on 21st January 2026

Contact susie.ncgardening@outlook.com

NOVEMBER SERVICES

AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 2nd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 9th 10.50am
Remembrance Service (org)

Sunday 16th 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 23rd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 30th 11.00am *United Benefice*
Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church

Queen Camel

NOVEMBER SERVICES

AT ST BARNABAS

Sunday 2nd 6.00pm All Souls Service (org)

Sunday 9th 10.45am
Remembrance Service (org)

Sunday 16th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 30th 10.30am *United Benefice*
Service for Advent (org)

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HIGH TEA AND RAFFLE

Unfortunately, the High Tea & Raffle planned for Saturday November 29th at South Cadbury Village Hall has had to be cancelled.

SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON

MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 11th November 2025 from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

NOVEMBER SERVICES AT

ST THOMAS À BECKET

Sunday 9th 10.50am

Remembrance Service

Tuesday 18th 12 noon Communion (BCP)

Sunday 23rd 9.30am Communion (BCP Org)

Sunday 30th 11.00am United Benefice

Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church

Bible Readings

NOVEMBER

1st - *All Saints' Day*

Luke 6: 20-31

2nd - **4th Sunday before Advent**

2 Thessalonians 1

3rd - Luke 14: 12-14

4th - Luke 14: 15-24

5th - Luke 14: 25-33

6th - Luke 15: 1-10

7th - Luke 16: 1-8

8th - Luke 16: 9-15

9th - **3rd Sunday before Advent**

Remembrance Sunday

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

10th - Luke 17: 1-6

11th - Luke 17: 7-10

12th - Luke 17: 11-19

13th - Luke 17: 20-25

14th - Luke 17: 26-37

15th - Luke 18: 1-8

16th - **2nd Sunday before Advent**

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

17th - Luke 18: 35-43

18th - Luke 19: 1-10

19th - Luke 19: 11-28

20th - Luke 19: 41-44

21st - Luke 19: 45-48

22nd - Luke 20: 27-40

23rd - **Christ the King**

Colossians 1: 1-11

24th - Luke 21: 1-4

25th - Luke 21: 5-11

26th - Luke 21: 12-19

27th - Luke 21: 20-28

28th - Luke 21: 29-33

29th - Luke 21: 34-36

30th - **Advent Sunday**

Romans 13: 11-14

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 9th 10.45am
Remembrance Service
Sunday 16th 11.00am Communion (CW Org)
Sunday 30th 11.00am United Benefice
Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church

Sutton Montis

SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON

MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 11th November 2025 from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 9th 10.50am
Remembrance Service
Sunday 30th 11.00am United Benefice
Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church

West Camel

NOVEMBER SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 2nd 4.00pm Tea @ Four
Sunday 9th 10.50am United
Remembrance Service
Sunday 16th 3.00pm Methodist Service
Sunday 23rd 11.00am Communion (BCP)
3.00pm Methodist Service
Sunday 30th 11.00am United Benefice
Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church
3.00pm United Service

*Talk and you'll say what
you already know, but listen
and you'll learn something new.*

Prayer in the Parishes during November

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 3rd 9.00am Queen Camel
6.00pm Sparkford
Tue 4th 5.00pm Sutton Montis
Wed 5th 9.00am Yarlington
6.00pm Galhampton
Mon 10th 9.00am Queen Camel
6.00pm Weston Bampfylde
Tue 11th 5.00pm Corton Denham
Wed 12th 9.00am North Cadbury
12.30pm West Camel
6.00pm South Cadbury

Mon 17th 9.00am Queen Camel
6.00pm Sparkford
Tue 18th 5.00pm Sutton Montis
Wed 19th 9.00am Yarlington
6.00pm Galhampton
Mon 24th 9.00am Queen Camel
6.00pm Weston Bampfylde
Tue 25th 5.00pm Corton Denham
Wed 26th 9.00am North Cadbury
12.30pm West Camel
6.00pm South Cadbury

Weston Bampfylde

NOVEMBER SERVICES

AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday 9th 10.45am Remembrance
Service at Sparkford Church

Sunday 16th 11.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 30th 11.00am United Benefice
Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church

Yarlington

NOVEMBER SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 2nd 9.00am Breakfast Church
(org, g)

Sunday 9th 10.50am
Remembrance Service (org)

Sunday 16th 6.30pm Sung Evensong
(BCP org)

Sunday 30th 11.00am United Benefice
Service for Advent at Queen Camel Church

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