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Galhampton, North Cadbury, South Cadbury & Yarlington in the
Vale of Camelot Churches*



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From one of our Readers

Faith

Most of us have faith in something. Whether it's your early alarm call from your phone or a gentle purr or tail-wag from a pet. We place our trust in something beyond ourselves.

It seems to be a deep human need — to believe, to accept something as true even without proof.

As our knowledge has grown over the centuries and our contact with other cultures has expanded, so too have the possibilities of what we can believe in. Yet with information constantly bombarding us, hour by hour, it can all become overwhelming. In the search for truth, confusion often takes hold — and we may wonder if the effort is even worth it.

We've even created artificial intelligence — impressive in its own right — but for all its brilliance, where is its heart? Where is its love, its emotion, its connection to our real needs?

Humanity broke its connection with the divine creator early in our story. From that point life became hard, unforgiving, brutal - it was never meant to be this way. Within each of us there are two hearts: one that pumps and keeps us physically alive and one which is emotional and longs for connection.

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That reconnection came through the creator's own action — placing himself in the position to pay the cost of setting things right. The new story began when a young woman named Mary said “yes” to the divine creator — a debt that took thirty-three years to be fully paid, and is still remembered each year in the celebration we call Christmas.

We may, or may not have faith in God and yet each year we celebrate a festival that has, over time been overshadowed by consumerism.

As you prepare for your own Christmas this year, take time to seek the truth your heart longs to reconnect with. That is always freely available, no subscription required.

Julie Ebsworth

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a Happy New Year
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1 st	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 9	Galhampton Church
2 nd	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
3 rd	Wed		-	
4 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 22	Galhampton Church
		7.00pm	Camelot Players - Mother Goose	North Cadbury Village Hall
5 th	Fri	7.00pm	Camelot Players - Mother Goose	North Cadbury Village Hall
6 th	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
		2.30pm	Camelot Players - Mother Goose	North Cadbury Village Hall
		7.00pm	Camelot Players - Mother Goose	North Cadbury Village Hall
7 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 18 for services
8 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 9	Galhampton 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		-	
12 th	Fri	6-7.30pm	Wine and Cheese Evening	South Cadbury House
13 th	Sat	10.00am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
14 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 18 for services
		6.30pm	Queen Camel Carol Service	Queen Camel Church
		6.30pm	Sutton Montis Carol Service	Sutton Montis Church
15 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 9	Galhampton Church
		7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight Celebration	Weston Bampfylde Church
16 th	Tue	2.00pm	School Carol & Christingle Service	North Cadbury Church
		6.00pm	Scouts Carol Service	Sparkford Church
		6.30pm	Carols Round the Yew Tree	Galhampton Yew Tree
17 th	Wed	1.00pm	N Cadbury Gardening Club Meal	The George, Castle Cary
		7.00pm	Carols on the Green	West Camel
18 th	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
19 th	Fri	5.00pm	Lantern Procession from VH & Carol Service	Sparkford Church
20 th	Sat	4.00pm	South Cadbury Carol Service	South Cadbury Church
21 st	Sun		Sunday Services	See page 18 for services
		3.00pm	United/Methodist Carol Service	West Camel Church
		6.00pm	North Cadbury Carol Service	North Cadbury Church
22 nd	Mon	6.00pm	Corton Denham Carol Service	Corton Denham Church
		6.00pm	Yarlington Carol Service	Yarlington Church
23 rd	Tue		-	
24 th	Wed	4.00pm	Christmas Tree Service	North Cadbury Church
		6.00pm	Crib Service	Queen Camel Church
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion	North Cadbury Church
25 th	Thu		Christmas Day	See page 19 for services
26 th	Fri		Boxing Day	
27 th	Sat		-	
28 th	Sun	10.30am	United Benefice Service	Galhampton Church
29 th	Mon		-	
30 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
31 st	Wed		-	

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January Events

1 st	Thu		New Year's Day Bank Holiday	
2 nd	Fri		-	
3 rd	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
4 th	Sun		Sunday Services	<i>See page 20 for services</i>
5 th	Mon		-	
6 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
7 th	Wed		-	
8 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - <i>see page 22</i>	Galhampton Church
9 th	Fri		-	
10 th	Sat		-	
11 th	Sun		Sunday Services	<i>See page 20 for services</i>
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13 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7.30pm	South Cadbury Women's Institute	South Cadbury Village Hall
14 th	Wed		-	
15 th	Thu		<u>DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY BEACON</u>	
		10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
		7 for 7.30	An Evening with James Purefoy	North Cadbury Village Hall
16 th	Fri		-	
17 th	Sat		-	
18 th	Sun		Sunday Services	<i>See page 20 for services</i>
19 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - <i>see page 9</i>	Galhampton Church
20 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
21 st	Wed	7.30pm	N Cadbury Gardening Club AGM	North Cadbury Village Hall
22 nd	Thu		-	
23 rd	Fri		-	
24 th	Sat	7.00pm	Live Music - The BA22s and Friends	North Cadbury Village Hall
25 th	Sun		Sunday Services	<i>See page 21 for services</i>
26 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - <i>see page 9</i>	Galhampton Church
27 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
28 th	Wed	10.30am	N Cadbury Women's Group	North Cadbury Reading Room
		7.00pm	N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	Galhampton Village Hall
29 th	Thu		-	
30 th	Fri		-	
31 st	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall

If there had been three wise women...

they would have asked for directions
they would have been on time
they would have assisted with the birth
they would have cleaned the stable
they would have brought more practical gifts (nappies!)





The Parish Administrator

The Vale of Camelot Churches 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.

Christmas and New Year Holiday

The Parishes Secretary will be taking a Christmas and New Year break from Tuesday 23rd December to Monday 5th January.

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.

Midweek Communion

There will be no midweek Communion in St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury in December or January. The next midweek Communion will be on Tuesday 10th February at 12 noon in South Cadbury Church.

United Benefice Service with Canon Michael Mitton

On February 1st there will be a united benefice service at 10.30am in St Michael's, North Cadbury. The guest speaker will be the Revd Canon Michael Mitton, a writer, speaker and spiritual director.

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January

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Bible Study:

The Bible in One Year

by Dr Bill Creasy

He that made man was made man.

- C H Spurgeon

Castle Cary Community Choir Christmas Concert

All the C's including Carols!

Our annual Christmas Concert in the Cary Methodist Church, where we rehearse on Monday evenings, includes not only traditional and more unusual carols but also Christmas songs and amusing readings.

The choir doesn't normally do concerts for itself, as a Registered Charity (reg. charity no. 1188547) its work and pleasure is to raise money for other charities and good causes. The income from this particular concert is shared between the choir and the Methodist Church.

The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday the 19th

December. There are seasonal refreshments in the interval included in the ticket price of £10.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from Bailey Hill Bookshop, Castle Cary High Street, or on the door.

Look forward to seeing you there for an evening of Christmas fun and a chance to join in with some of the carols we all know and love.

For more information on the choir have a look at our website

<https://castlecarychoir.org.uk/>



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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 1st, 8th & 15th
December and Mondays
12th, 19th & 26th January
in Galhampton Chapel**

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

Cost: £2.50 per family, includes refreshments.

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7.00pm in Galhampton Village Hall (tbc). 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:

Dag Billington (aged 81) of Galhampton. Died on 28th September 2025. Funeral at Mendip Crematorium on Monday 20th October.

Derek William George Rashley (aged 87). Died on 26th September 2025. Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday 21st October.

Jack Elford (aged 90) of Queen Camel. Died on 27th September 2025. Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd October.

Michael Christopher Attwell (aged 89). Died on 21st December 2024. Funeral at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Monday 27th October.

Frederick Maurice Bradford (aged 89). Died on 1st October 2025. Funeral at St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury on Wednesday 29th October.

Joan Maureen Chard (aged 86). Died on 19th October 2025. Funeral at St Barnabas, Queen Camel on Thursday 13th November.

Betty Spear. Burial of Ashes at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Thursday 13th November.

Peter Sidney Gray. Burial of Ashes at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Friday 14th November.

Weddings

Congratulations to **Katherine Spours** and **William Richard James Bridges** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday October 25th 2025.

Also congratulations to **Holly Elizabeth Griffiths** and **Peter John Needle** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday November 1st 2025.

And congratulations to **Georgina Elizabeth Fox** and **Tobias Sebastian Habetha** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday November 22nd 2025.



"That's two t's in Matthew", said Osric



As we come to the end of a full and purposeful Autumn Term, I continue to feel enormously proud of the vibrant life of our school community. North Cadbury Primary has been a hive of activity with learning, service and personal growth woven into our school days.

Recently, we were delighted to deepen our global connections through our work with the ASHA charity. We welcomed students from Delhi and learned about their experiences first hand. We were also inspired by a visit from School in a Bag whose message about the importance of educational resources around the world resonated deeply with our pupils. Both charities reflect values close to our hearts and we look forward to supporting their work through fundraising across the year.



Our families have shown wonderful generosity and care by packaging up shoeboxes to send as part of the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal, spreading joy and kindness to children in need.

Our pupils have also enjoyed enriching cultural and outdoor experiences. We were thrilled to attend the Wells Literary Festival and hear from the author Sam Sedgman. The children all bought books and were delighted to have them signed. Our younger students have enjoyed a trip to The Newt to explore pollination and mushroom growing while our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils are looking forward to forestry school trips in the coming weeks.



Our commitment to nurturing personal development rooted in our Christian ethos remains steadfast. I am continually encouraged by the way our children strive not only for academic excellence but also for compassion, curiosity and character. Their achievements across the curriculum have been wonderful to witness and their enthusiasm for the arts has been equally uplifting.

Phoenix Class in particular have embraced their vocal coaching sessions with great energy and joy. They are eagerly preparing

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From the Bishop

We fear that we live in a world of increasing polarisation. Conflicts between and within nations play their part. The amplification of division and hostility by social media algorithms doesn't help. Culture wars exacerbate matters further. Sometimes it feels like common ground is disappearing from underneath our feet like a sandbar being overwhelmed by the tide.

In such a climate, it's good to return to the message that heralded the arrival of Jesus. 'I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be for all people' says that angel who announces the saviour's birth (Luke 2: 10). Jesus' story quickly includes all types and sorts of humanity. From local shepherds to exotic visitors from afar. I wonder what the conversation was like as they all crammed into the stable to see the newborn child?

Jesus's story quickly shows that not only is he for all people but that he needs all people. His family must have needed assistance when they fled as refugees to Egypt. Jesus must have needed help when his parents left him behind on a family outing to Jerusalem aged twelve. Jesus was constantly calling on and engaging with others as he went about his teaching and ministry.

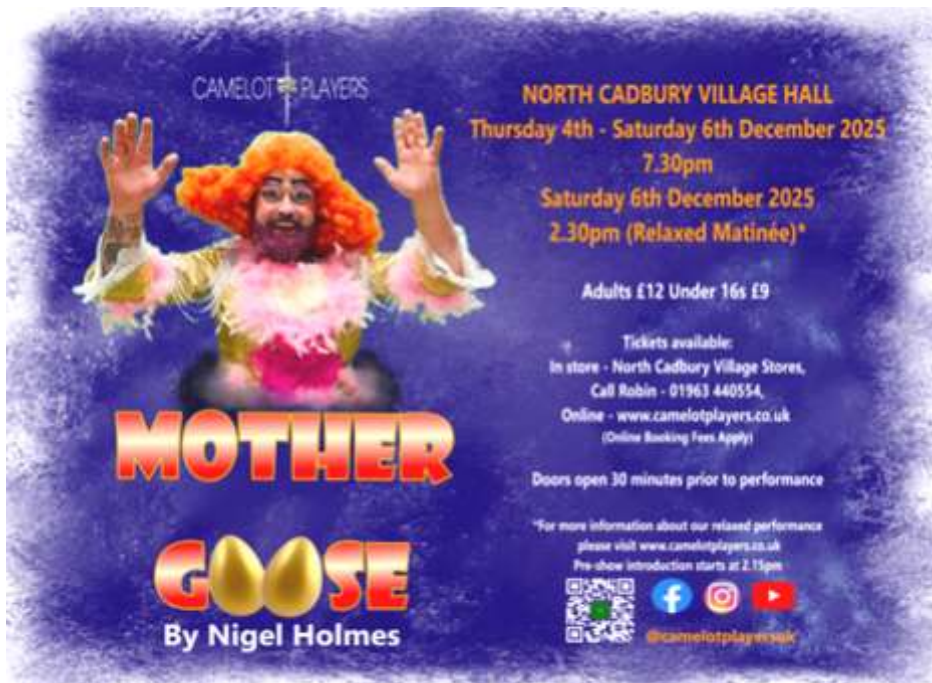


Christmas joy for all people

What might counter the polarisation of our day? Amongst our greatest resource is to seek out the emotion that accompanied the news of the saviour's birth – joy. When we encounter joy – from that cup winning goal to the marriage of much loved friends – such moments are never the time for division and enmity. We're all far too busy shouting and hugging each other! The invitation of Christmas is to experience such joy afresh. Often, we see joy most obviously in children's experience of the season. Might we seek it for ourselves too? For joy breaks down divisions, overcomes barriers, reminds us that we are one.

'I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be for all people' says the angel. A very merry and joyful Christmas to you all.

✝ **Michael Beasley**
Bishop of Bath and Wells



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to share their hard work at our School Carol and Christingle Service. We warmly invite you to join us for this special celebration at **St Michael's Church, North Cadbury at 2.00pm on Tuesday 16th December**, where we hope to gather together in festive fellowship.

At this time of year we are reminded of the hopeful message at the heart of the Christmas story:

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

We also extend our sincere thanks to The Vale of Camelot Growers for once again gifting our school a magnificent Christmas tree. Its arrival always brings great excitement to children and staff alike. The only challenge is finding a way to reach the top!

From all of us at North Cadbury Primary School I wish you a peaceful, joyful and blessed Christmas.

Many thanks,

Amy Truett



NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

Latest news and topics discussed at the PC meeting held in October 2025.
Full minutes can be found on the parish website via the following link:
<https://www.northcadbury.org.uk/meetings.php>

Welcome and Thank You to Cllr Cameron Knee who was co-opted unanimously onto the PC.

Brookhampton Development: The Chairman read out an update from David Harragin, Planning Consultant at Origin 3, “No change our end. Still waiting on the council to provide full pre-app feedback. It has been escalated and supposedly we will receive a response shortly, nothing yet. Once we receive it, we can start work on the final planning application and Public Consultation event.”

The Catash Inn as an Asset of Community Value (ACV):
Councillors agreed unanimously that the PC should apply to re-list the Catash Inn as an ACV as the listing expired as of 7 October 2025.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate (EE): Zoe Young, Community Liaison Officer, reported as follows:

- Work progresses well on the Farm Build and at Yarlington Lodge.
- We’re waiting for the planning approval for the Farmyard Hotel expansion to come through and in the meantime have been doing some low level enabling works at the site in preparation.
- There was an exceptional turnout for The George consultation in Castle Cary. We are currently collating all of the feedback to inform the next phase of planning. [Consultation plans available on the Parish Website under “News Updates”]

Wessex Water (WW): Matthew Kettle, WW Sewerage Data Technician, presented WW plans for remedial work to the sewerage system in North Cadbury and Galhampton. Councillors and residents outlined the issues in Mitchells Row, Brookhampton, which Matthew agreed to feedback and investigate. No works would be carried out until Spring 2026.

Rights of Way: The Chairman reported that a resident had raised issues with WN19/104 with EE. The hedge along the lane required cutting back in order that vehicles could safely access the route without hanging to drive partially on the track and partially in the drainage ditch. The EE Farm Team were due to address this.

There had been no update from Eve Wynn, SC Footpath Warden, with regards to the badger survey from Keir Construction on WN19/105 (Ridgeway Lane).

The Chairman asked for residents to continue to report any issues via the Explore Somerset website <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>.

Light Pollution from North Cadbury Business Park: The Clerk agreed to write to Taylors Coaches to ask if they could re-assess their security lighting, which was left on permanently and not operated by PIR.

Hedges: Cllr Rundle reported that despite the PC writing to the homeowner, the hedge encroaching the public highway on Cutty Lane had not been cut back. He would discuss this issue with Cllr H Hobhouse to ascertain whether this was on the SC enforcement list.

Next Parish Council Meeting:

Will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28th January in Galhampton Village Hall (TBC).

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North Cadbury Village Hall

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Thursday 15th January Doors Open 7:00pm Starts at 7:30pm

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<https://takeart.org/event/an-evening-with-james-purefoy>
Or £12 from North Cadbury Village Store

INTERVIEW - Good news of great joy

Revd Sarah Sanderson, Pioneer Associate Vicar at St James, Yeovil, shares some of the things planned for Christmas and Advent.



Celebrating together with our communities at Christmas

How will you be sharing the joy of Christmas with your community?

I've got both a church role and a pioneering one. In church, we'll have our carol and Christmas Eve services, plus a Christingle at the local garden centre which is joyful, and a lovely way to share the story of Jesus. We're running a 'camel hunt' through Advent. Families will find camels with words that build the Christmas message. It's fun, creative, and gets people talking about Jesus.

In my pioneering role on a new housing estate we'll go into school to make Christingles and share the story in assembly. Our toddler group will have a Christmas sing-along nativity, and our youth group will celebrate with a party too.

Why do you feel it is important to share the Christmas message in different places?

Some people feel daunted about coming into a church. It can feel less daunting to go to something that's

clearly Christmassy, but not quite as formal as church. It's a great opportunity to open up the invitation. It is sharing with people that there's so much more to the Christian faith than just the Christmas season itself. We can invite people to understand they are welcome not only within church but to God himself.

How will you explore the Christmas story with young people?

A lot of young people haven't really heard the Christmas story in the way we might assume. So it's a great opportunity to share it afresh. With the toddlers, I do it through songs they already know, just changing the words slightly so they can learn the Christmas story that way.

The Christmas story and the Christian faith are becoming less well known. We've got a new generation who don't know the Bible stories, they don't know who Jesus is. That gives us an amazing opportunity - a clean slate - where we can come in and say, "Hey, there's this person, Jesus and this is who he is." Which is a really exciting place to start from.



Prayer in the Parishes during December and January

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:

December

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

January

Mon 5 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
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Wed 7 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury
Mon 12 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Sparkford
Tue 13 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
Wed 14 th	9.00am	Yarlington
	6.00pm	Galhampton
Mon 19 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Tue 20 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham
Wed 21 st	9.00am	North Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury
Mon 26 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Sparkford
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Wed 28 th	9.00am	Yarlington
	6.00pm	Galhampton

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Sunday/Christmas Worship

7th December	<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>		Purple
9.00 am	Yarlington	Holy Communion (BCP 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 cw</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>		

14th December	<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>		Purple
9.30 am	Galhampton	Communion (BCP piano)	<i>rh</i>
	<i>North Cadbury - Service at Galhampton</i>		
	West Camel	Morning Worship	<i>lg rw</i>
11.00 am	Corton Denham	Morning Worship	<i>pe cc</i>
3.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
6.30 pm	Queen Camel	Carol Service (org)	<i>cw</i>
	Sutton Montis	Carol Service (org)	<i>rh</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Isaiah 35: 1-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11</i>		

21st December	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>		Purple
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>cw je</i>
11.00 am	Weston Bampfylde	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>cw je</i>
3.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
6.30 pm	North Cadbury	Carol Service (org)	<i>cw</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Isaiah 7: 10-18; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25</i>		

24th December	<i>Christmas Eve</i>		Gold or White
4.00 pm	North Cadbury	Christmas Tree Service (kb, g)	<i>rw</i>
6.00 pm	Queen Camel	Crib Service (org)	<i>cc</i>
9.30 pm	West Camel	Early Midnight Communion (org)	<i>cw</i>
11.30 pm	North Cadbury	Midnight Communion (CW org)	<i>cw</i>
	Sutton Montis	Midnight Communion (CW org)	<i>rh</i>
	<i>Corton Denham - Service at Sutton Montis</i>		
READINGS	<i>To be chosen by the person leading the service</i>		

25th December	Christmas Day		Gold or White
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Family Service (org)	<i>cw</i>
	South Cadbury	Family Service (org)	<i>ap</i>
	Yarlington	Family Service (org)	<i>rw</i>
10.00 am	Corton Denham	Family Service	<i>rh</i>
	Sutton Montis - <i>Service at Corton Denham</i>		
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Family Service (org)	<i>rw</i>
	Sparkford	Family Service (org)	<i>cw</i>
	Weston Bampfylde - <i>Service at Sparkford</i>		
READINGS	<i>To be chosen by the person leading the service</i>		

28th December	The First Sunday of Christmas		White
10.30 am	Galhampton	United Benefice Service (piano)	<i>cw</i>
READINGS	<i>Morning - Isaiah 63: 7-9; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23</i>		

For details of Carol and other special Christmas services see back page.

For January's services see pages 20 and 21.

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

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

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- J I Packer

Sunday Worship

4th January	<i>The Second Sunday of Christmas</i>		White
9.00 am	Yarlington	Holy Communion (BCP org)	lg cw
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (CW org)	rh
11.00 am	Corton Denham	Holy Communion (CW org)	rh
	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	mw cw
3.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Three	Methodists
READINGS	Morning - Jeremiah 31: 7-14; Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: 10-18		

11th January	<i>The Baptism of Christ</i>		White
9.30 am	Galhampton	Holy Communion (BCP piano)	rw
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>		
	West Camel	Morning Worship	je
11.00 am	Sutton Montis	Holy Communion (CW org)	rw
	Weston Bampfylde	Morning Worship	je
3.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	Methodists
READINGS	Morning - Isaiah 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17		

18th January	<i>The Second Sunday of Epiphany</i>		White
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (CW org)	pe cw
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	pe cw
3.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	Methodists
6.30 pm	Yarlington	Sung Evensong (BCP org)	cw
READINGS	Morning - Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42 Evening - Ezekiel 2:1—3:4; Galatians 1: 11-24		

Human nature is like a stable inhabited by the ox of passion and the ass of prejudice – animals which take up a lot of room and which I suppose most of us are feeding on the quiet. And it is there between them, pushing them out, that Christ must be born, and in their very manger he must be laid. Evelyn Underhill

We must never allow anything to blind us to the true significance of what happened at Bethlehem so long ago. Nothing can alter the fact that we live on a visited planet. J B Phillips

25th January	<i>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	White
9.30 am	South Cadbury Holy Communion (BCP org)	<i>rw</i>
	West Camel Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>cw cc</i>
11.00 am	Corton Denham Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>rh</i>
	North Cadbury Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>rw</i>
	Sparkford Morning Worship	<i>ap</i>
3.00 pm	West Camel Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
4.00 pm	Galhampton Evening Service	<i>lg ap</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Isaiah 9: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23</i>	

1st February	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i>	White
10.30 am	North Cadbury United Benefice Service (CW org)	<i>cw</i>
	with Canon Michael Mitton	
3.00 pm	West Camel Tea @ Three	<i>Methodists</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>1 Kings 17: 8-16; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; John 2: 1-11</i>	

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Corton Denham

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SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S

December 2025

Sunday 14th 11.00am Morning Worship (org)

Monday 22nd 6.00pm Carol Service (org)

Sunday 21st 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Midnight Communion at Sutton Montis

Christmas Day 10.00am Family Service

Sunday 28th 10.30am *United Benefice
Service at Galhampton Church*

January 2026

Sunday 4th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 25th 11.00am Communion (BCP org)

Galhampton

DECEMBER VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 6th December 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 1st, 8th and 15th December and 12th, 19th and 26th January in Galhampton Church.

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Galhampton walkers meet at 9.15am on December 4th and January 8th outside the church. Short walk and long walk and all are welcome.

CAROLS ROUND THE YEW TREE

Tuesday 16th December at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us for carol singing round the yew tree followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall. If the weather is wet the whole event will be in the hall.

JANUARY VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 3rd January 10.00am to 11.30am at the village hall with draw and notices at 10.30am. Come and catch up with friends and neighbours while enjoying a freshly brewed coffee and bacon butties.

SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON

December 2025

Sunday 14th 9.30am Communion
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January 2026

Sunday 11th 9.30am Communion
 (BCP piano)

Sunday 18th 11.00am Sunday Worship
 at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 25th 4.00pm Evening Service
 (piano)

North Cadbury

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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday 18th December, 10.00-11.30am, Community Coffee Morning in North Cadbury Church. Coffee, cake and company in North Cadbury Church, and this month we're delighted that Cadens are joining us to provide live seasonal music as well as a mixture of folk and dance music.

Everyone is welcome. Catch up with friends old and new, enjoy some home-made cakes, ground coffee or tea, and listen to some beautiful music. We look forward to seeing you.

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CAROL SERVICE

Join us for a traditional village carol service at 6.00pm on Sunday 21st December in St Michael's Church.

CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICE

A special service for children at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve in St Michael's Church.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

Celebration the birth of Christ with the first Communion of Christmas Day. 11.30pm on Christmas Eve in St Michael's Church.

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Saturday 13th December at an earlier start of 10.00 am. Hot drinks, mince pies 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!

Camelot Players Present – Mother Goose

Thursday 4th December to Saturday 6th December. See under Camelot Players below - page 28.

AN EVENING WITH JAMES PUREFOY

Thursday 15th January - 7 for 7.30pm. Custard Pies and Curtain Calls - A gentle

meander through the life of a Somerset actor. A great way to ease you into 2026.

We have an 'audience with' type evening with renowned Taunton born actor James Purefoy. During his varied career James has starred in many roles including the much-loved Fisherman's Friends. The list is endless. There will be a 45 minute talk from James, reflecting on his career highs and lows, and this will be followed by a 30 minute Q&A session.

This is part of his initiative to help support local community spaces and promises to be an entertaining evening not to be missed. All funds raised go to supporting your Village Hall and Take Art.

Doors Open at 7:00pm, Starts at 7:30pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £13 (includes a £1 booking fee) online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/north-cadbury or £12 from North Cadbury Village Store.

Live Music – The BA22s and Friends – Saturday 24th January 7.00pm. Please come and support our local talent who are working hard to raise money for new sound and audio equipment for the village hall. Bar open!

Saturday 25th April – Barn Dance 7.00pm

Details for all our events can be found on our website

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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

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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 07777658702, Publicity: Susie Morris 441319.

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We generally meet for a talk in the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm starting with teas.

We're celebrating Christmas at a festive lunch gathering at The George Hotel in Castle Cary at 1.00pm on Wednesday 17th December. There are 2 or 3 course options. Please book with us if you'd like to come, partners and guests are welcome to join us. To book and for further details email oijambonikki@gmail.com.

The AGM is on January 21st at 7 for 7.30pm in North Cadbury village hall, please come – new committee members are very welcome – we're a friendly bunch!

SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

December 2025

Sunday 7th 11.00am Communion (CW org)
Sunday 14th 9.30am Communion

(BCP piano) at Galhampton Church

Sunday 21st 6.00pm Carol Service (org)

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christmas Tree Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion (CW org)

Christmas Day

11.00am Family Service (CW org)

January 2026

Sunday 4th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 11th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 18th 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 25th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Queen Camel

CAROL SERVICE

A village carol service at 6.30pm on Sunday 14th December in St Barnabas Church.

CRIB SERVICE

Wednesday 24th December, 6.00pm in St Barnabas Church. **Children can come in costume!** Costumes also provided. Bring your friends and family, as we set the scene around the crib and sing carols.

SERVICES AT ST BARNABAS

December 2025

Sunday 7th 9.30am Morning Worship (org)

Sunday 14th 6.30pm Carol Service (org)

Sunday 21st 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Christmas Eve 6.00pm Crib Service (org)

**Christmas Day 9.30am
Family Service** (org)

Sunday 28th 10.30am United Benefice
Service at Galhampton Church

January 2026

Sunday 4th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 18th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

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South Cadbury

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There will be no midweek Communion in St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury in December or January. The next midweek Communion will be on Tuesday 10th February at 12 noon in South Cadbury Church.

CHEESE AND WINE

AT SOUTH CADBURY HOUSE

Gay and Justin Fish, and Jamie and Zizi Montgomery are having their annual wine and cheese evening at South Cadbury House, BA22 7HA on the evening of Friday, 12th December, from 6pm-7.30. £10 on the door - 100% of ticket sales will be donated to South Cadbury church.

CAROL SERVICE

Join us for a traditional village carol service at 4.00pm on Saturday 20th December in St Thomas à Becket Church.

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Bible Readings

DECEMBER

- 1st - *Andrew the Apostle*
Matthew 4: 18-22
- 2nd - Luke 10: 21-24
- 3rd - Matthew 15: 29-37
- 4th - Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
- 5th - Matthew 9: 27-31
- 6th - Matthew 9: 35—10: 1, 6-8
- 7th - **2nd Sunday of Advent**
Romans 15: 4-13
- 8th - Luke 5: 17-26
- 9th - Matthew 18: 12-14
- 10th - Matthew 11: 28-30
- 11th - Matthew 11: 11-15
- 12th - Matthew 11: 16-19
- 13th - Matthew 17: 10-13
- 14th - **3rd Sunday of Advent**
James 5: 7-10
- 15th - Matthew 21: 23-27
- 16th - Matthew 21: 28-32
- 17th - Matthew 1: 1-17
- 18th - Matthew 1: 18-24
- 19th - Luke 1: 5-25
- 20th - Luke 1: 26-38
- 21st - **4th Sunday of Advent**
Romans 1: 1-7
- 22nd - Luke 1: 46-56
- 23rd - Luke 1: 57-66
- 24th - **Christmas Eve**
Luke 1: 67-79
- 25th - **Christmas Day**
Luke 2: 1-20
- 26th - *St Stephen* - Acts 7: 51-60
- 27th - *St John* - John 21: 19b-25
- 28th - **1st Sunday of Christmas**
Hebrews 2: 10-18
- 29th - *The Holy Innocents*
Matthew 2: 13-18
- 30th - Luke 2: 36-40
- 31st - John 1: 1-18

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Tuesdays 9th December 2025 and 13th January from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

December 2025

Saturday 20th 4.00pm Carol Service (org)

**Christmas Day 9.30am
Family Service (org)**

Sunday 28th 10.30am *United Benefice
Service at Galhampton Church*

January 2026

Sunday 25th 9.30am Communion
(BCP org)

Sparkford

LANTERN PROCESSION TO CAROL SERVICE

On Friday 19th December at 5.00pm there will be a lantern procession from Sparkford Village Hall to the Church for the village Carol Service.

SERVICES AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

December 2025

**Tuesday 16th 6.00pm
Scouts Carol Service (org)**

**Friday 19th 5.00pm Lantern Procession
from Village Hall to Carol Service (org)**

Sunday 21st 11.00am Communion (CW org)

**Christmas Day 11.00am
Family Service (org)**

Sunday 28th 10.30am *United Benefice
Service at Galhampton Church*

January 2026

Sunday 25th 11.00am Morning Worship

Sutton Montis

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Tuesdays 9th December 2025 and 13th January from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

December 2025

Sunday 14th 6.30pm Carol Service (org)

**Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Midnight Communion (org)**

**Christmas Day 10.00am
Family Service at Corton Denham**

Sunday 28th 10.30am *United Benefice
Service at Galhampton Church*

January 2026

Sunday 11th 11.00am Morning Worship

West Camel

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Join us for carols on the Green at 7.00pm on Wednesday 17th December.

SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

December 2025

Sunday 7th 3.00pm Tea @ Three

Sunday 14th 3.00pm Methodist Service

**Sunday 21st 3.00pm United Carol Service
(org)**

**Christmas Eve 9.30pm
Early Midnight Communion (org)**

Sunday 28th 10.30am *United Benefice
Service at Galhampton Church*

January 2026

Sunday 4th 3.00pm Tea @ Three

Sunday 11th 3.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 18th 3.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 25th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Weston Bampfylde

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

7.00pm on Monday 15th December.

SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS

December 2025

Monday 15th 7.00pm Carols by
Candlelight Christmas Celebration (org)

Sunday 21st 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Christmas Day 11.00am
Family Service at Sparkford (org)

Sunday 28th 10.30am United Benefice
Service at Galhampton Church

January 2026

Sunday 11th 11.00am Morning Worship

Yarlington

CAROL SERVICE

Join us for a traditional village carol service
at 6.00pm on Monday 22nd December in St
Mary's Church.

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

December 2025

Sunday 7th 9.00am Communion (BCP org)

Monday 22nd 6.00pm
Carol Service (org)

Christmas Day 9.30am
Family Service (org)

Sunday 28th 10.30am United Benefice
Service at Galhampton Church

January 2026

Sunday 4th 9.00am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 18th 6.30pm Sung Evensong
(BCP org)

Bible Readings

JANUARY

1st - Naming of Jesus
Luke 2: 15-21

2nd - John 1: 19-28

3rd - John 1: 29-34

4th - 2nd Sunday of Christmas
John 1: 10-18

5th - Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

6th - Epiphany - Matthew 2: 1-12

7th - Mark 6: 45-52

8th - Luke 4: 14-22

9th - Luke 5: 12-16

10th - John 3: 22-30

11th - Baptism of Christ
Matthew 3: 13-17

12th - Mark 1: 14-20

13th - Mark 1: 21-28

14th - Mark 1: 29-39

15th - Mark 1: 40-

16th - Mark 2: 1-12

17th - Mark 2: 13-17

18th - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

19th - Mark 2: 18-22

20th - Mark 2: 23-28

21st - Mark 3: 1-6

22nd - Mark 3: 7-12

23rd - Mark 3: 13-19

24th - Mark 3: 20-21

25th - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

26th - Conversion of Paul
Acts 9: 1-22

27th - Mark 3: 31-35

28th - Mark 4: 1-20

29th - Mark 4: 21-25

30th - Mark 4: 26-34

31st - Mark 4: 35-41

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Sunday December 14th:

6.30pm	Carol Service	Queen Camel
6.30pm	Carol Service	Sutton Montis

Monday December 15th:

7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight Celebration	Weston Bampfylde
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Tuesday December 16th:

6.00pm	Scouts Carol Service	Sparkford
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Wednesday December 17th:

7.00pm	Carols on the Green	West Camel
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Friday December 19th:

5.00pm	Carol Service	Sparkford (Procession from Village Hall)
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Saturday December 20th:

4.00pm	Carol Service	South Cadbury
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Sunday December 21st:

3.00pm	United Carol Service	West Camel
6.00pm	Carol Service	North Cadbury



Monday December 22nd:

6.00pm	Carol Service	Corton Denham
6.00pm	Carol Service	Yarlington



CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm	Christmas Tree Service	North Cadbury
6.00pm	Crib Service	Queen Camel
9.30pm	Early Midnight Communion	West Camel
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	North Cadbury
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Sutton Montis (& Corton Denham)

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am	Family Service	Queen Camel
9.30am	Family Service	South Cadbury
9.30am	Family Service	Yarlington
10.00am	Family Service	Corton Denham (& Sutton Montis)
11.00am	Family Service	North Cadbury
11.00am	Family Service	Sparkford (& Weston Bampfylde)

