

The Beacon

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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

The New Year brings opportunities and often a desire to do things differently.

Jesus did things differently. He applied spiritual teachings to everyday life and invited others to join him – working together was very important to him. He also saw how some of the laws written by hierarchical organisations were too rigid and prevented spontaneity in singing to God. Certain songs or psalms were meant to be sung at certain times or by certain people. Only people without illness or blemish were allowed to be in the choir at Jerusalem regardless of their voices.

Now I love singing but I have to admit that whether I always hit the right notes can be hit and miss depending on the day or the tune – but it doesn't stop me singing in joy when I am alone. I believe that God loves a cheerful singer as well as a cheerful sinner.

Which brings me to a possible way to bring people together in singing to God. There are hymns I absolutely love singing and some I find very difficult. That is fine in church when others know the tunes and the words, for I can enjoy listening to them, but when none or very few of us know them, it is a bit like going to a concert or a cathedral where only the choir is included in the praise.

Of course, now that there are 10 churches in our benefice, there are

potentially 10 different lists of hymns that people from each church know and enjoy. One hymn that only a few sing is fine so that we widen our repertoire, but it is difficult for whoever chooses the hymns to know each of the 10 favoured lists.

So how about contributing to a compilation of hymns and tunes known and loved in each church? And then when a tune is popular, different words could be applied, for example from the amazing book 'Known Unknowns' by John L. Bell & Graham Maule which is '100 contemporary texts to common tunes'. So, we can still have variety and newness.

It just needs a list in each church for people to add to, and someone to send the list to the service leaders – then we can come together more in joyfully singing to God. It goes without saying that it would help the musicians and the service leaders too!!

And don't forget to sing as you go about your daily life – God doesn't just listen in when we are in church!

Christy Casley

And for those who speed on the highway – a few hymns:

55mph God will take care of you

75mph Nearer my God to thee

85mph This world is not my home

95mph Lord, I'm coming home

100mph Precious memories.

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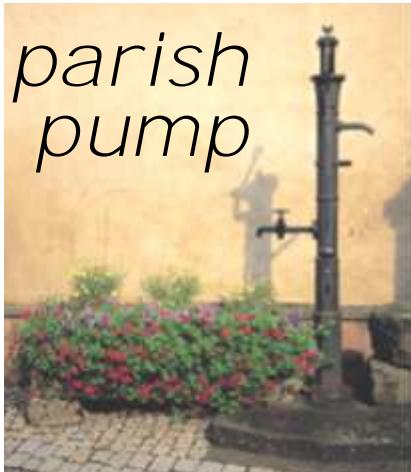
1 st	Sun	10.30am	United Service - see page 11	North Cadbury Church
2 nd	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
3 rd	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
4 th	Wed	-	-	
5 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 18	Galhampton Church
6 th	Fri	-	-	
7 th	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
8 th	Sun	-	Sunday Services	See page 20 for services
9 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
10 th	Tue	12 noon	Midweek Holy Communion	South Cadbury Church
		7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7.30pm	South Cadbury Women's Institute	South Cadbury Village Hall
11 th	Wed	-	-	
12 th	Thu	-	-	
13 th	Fri	-	-	
14 th	Sat	-	-	
15 th	Sun	-	Sunday Services	See page 20 for services
16 th	Mon	DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH BEACON		
17 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
		7.30pm	South Cadbury Women's Institute	South Cadbury Village Hall
18 th	Wed	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Galhampton Church
		7.30pm	N Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
19 th	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
20 th	Fri	6.30pm	Film Night & Light Supper - Conclave	Galhampton Village Hall
21 st	Sat	-	-	
22 nd	Sun	-	Sunday Services	See page 20 for services
23 rd	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
24 th	Tue	12 noon	Lent Lunch	Corton Denham Village Hall
		7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
25 th	Wed	10.30am	N Cadbury Women's Group	North Cadbury Reading Room
		7.00pm	N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council	N Cadbury Reading Room
26 th	Thu	-	-	
27 th	Fri	-	-	
28 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

18th February - 7.00pm at Galhampton Church





Increased Subscriptions

Unfortunately, due to increased costs and the reduced circulation (as the magazine is only delivered to Galhampton, North Cadbury, South Cadbury and Yarlington), the decision has been taken to increase the price of The Beacon to £1 with an annual subscription of £10 for all 11 issues. The increased subscription will allow colour covers all year instead of just at Christmas and Easter.

You should have received the usual small envelope with this magazine. Please return this with your annual subscription to your deliverer or for those in North Cadbury, directly to the Parishes Office.

Rob Sage, Editor

Advertising Rates

Also as a result of the increased costs of production, a decision has been taken to increase the price of advertising in The Beacon. This will now cost £4 for an eighth of a page; £8 for a quarter page; and £16 for a half page. If taken out for a year (11 issues), adverts will cost £40 for an eighth of a page; £80 for a quarter page; and £160

for a half page. The new rates will apply to existing adverts when renewed.

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.

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.

DIFFERENT STYLES OF WORSHIP AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

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Tuesdays from **7.00 – 8.00pm**
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th February

Also Tuesdays from 6.00pm

Bible Study:

The Bible in One Year
by Dr Bill Creasy

Midweek Communion

The midweek Communion in St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon, starting on Tuesday 10th February.

United Benefice Service with Canon Michael Mitton

On Sunday 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 - see page 11 for more details.

Lent Book

Recommendation

Wondering what to give up during Lent? Why not take up reading a short

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 25th February 2026 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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piece of scripture and a reflection? I would like to suggest 'The Rainbow of Renewal': *Daily bible reflections for Lent and Easter* by Revd Canon Michael Mitton. Each section/week is linked to one of the colours of the rainbow, and to a relevant theme to do with the overall subject of renewal, with Easter Day uniting all the colours into the white light of resurrection morning.

Caroline Walker

Holy Week and Easter

See next month's Beacon for details of special services in Holy Week and at Easter.



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 2nd, 9th & 23rd 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.

Vale of Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

Denis George (Den) Ims (aged 81). Died on 7th November 2025. Funeral at St Barnabas, Queen Camel on Monday 1st December.

Susan Heather (Sue) Agland (aged 82). Died on 28th October 2025. Funeral at All Saints, West Camel on Tuesday 2nd December.

Sheila Margaret Waldron (aged 89). Died on 9th November 2025. Funeral at St Barnabas, Queen Camel on Thursday 4th December.

Katharine and Rachel Le Mare. Burial of Ashes at Holy Trinity, Sutton Montis on Monday 15th December.

Martin Ireson Coombs (aged 83). Died on 20th November 2025. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Sutton Montis on Wednesday 17th December.

Marion Elsie Doddington (aged 86). Died on 25th November 2025. Burial of Ashes at Holy Trinity, Sutton Montis on Thursday 18th December.

Weddings

Congratulations to **Abigail Elizabeth Pitchforth** and **Matthew Philip Houghton** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday November 29th 2025.

Also congratulations to **Cordelia Florence Elizabeth Duff** and **Archie Basil Stead** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday December 20th 2025.

And congratulations to **Evangeline Louise Magdalen Newman** and **William Henry Maxwell-Hart** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Tuesday December 30th 2025.

Also congratulations to **Zara Louise Speller** and **James Frederick Porter** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday January 10th 2026.

Wedding Blessing

Congratulations to **Lucy Trafford** and **Baran Ceylan** whose wedding was blessed at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday December 6th 2025.

Vale of Camelot Church - Podcast

Our interim minister has set up a podcast for Vale of Camelot Churches - and the main talk each Sunday will be uploaded every week. The link to the podcast is:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/77JvEEPxsoabqJ4Tc3YQoy>



As we welcome the spring term, there is a real sense of excitement and renewal across our school. After the quiet of winter, the return to classrooms has felt like a fresh beginning, echoing our Christian belief in hope, creation and new life. We are thankful for the opportunity to start anew, to grow together, and to continue living out our school strapline: **“to be the best we can be.”** The children have settled back into routines with enthusiasm, embracing each day as a gift and a chance to learn more about themselves, one another, and our wonderful world.



This term has already been enriched by a range of inspiring opportunities. Pupils have taken part in fascinating workshops exploring the brain and how it works, encouraging awe and wonder at the complexity of creation. Visits from farming experts have also brought learning to life, helping children to better understand where our food comes from and the

importance of caring for the land entrusted to us. These experiences have sparked curiosity, thoughtful discussion and a deep sense of gratitude for the skills and knowledge shared with us.



In the classrooms, learning is flourishing. Children are thoroughly enjoying their book studies of *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo, engaging deeply with its powerful themes of friendship, courage and compassion. Meanwhile, our Lower Key Stage 2 pupils are completely enthralled by their study of Ancient Egypt. Highlights have included exploring daily life along the Nile and creating their very own papyrus, bringing history vividly to life. As we journey through this spring term together, we give thanks for new beginnings, joyful learning and the chance for every child to grow in wisdom and confidence, truly striving to be the best we can be.



“Let all that you do be done in love.”
1 Corinthians 16:14

Amy Truett
Headteacher

From the Bishop

Our extended family recently got together for a celebration. We were nine adults from 24-68, one toddler, and one dog, and it was glorious! The joy was simply in being together, whatever our age.

I sometimes wonder what would happen in the life of our churches if we could adopt the same outlook there? Each generation glad that the other is there. Each generation contributing something to the whole. Each generation looking to the interests of the others, making sure there was something that spoke to the others even if not to them.

The writer of the *Chronicles* records something you could miss if you weren't looking for it. In 2 *Chronicles* 20, when Judah was facing attack from Ammon and Moab, King Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast and summoned the people. This is what it says in verse 13:

"All Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children."

At a time of great peril, when the king was seeking the LORD, all generations came together to pray.

We often think of intergenerational meaning us older ones passing on wisdom to the younger ones, and



that's certainly part of it. But a truly intergenerational family, which the church is, means all generations welcoming one another, valuing one another, learning from one another, and praying with and for one another. It's not a one-way thing.

Generations growing in faith together

Our younger generations are ambassadors from the future, with wisdom to give us about their culture, and how to share the timeless truths of the gospel with their peers. They are leaders and learners, just as we all are.

What might it look like across our diocese if we committed to making room for other generations? What might it look like if, like the people of God in ancient times, we came together in our year of especial focus on prayer - adults, young people, and little ones - and sought the power and wisdom of God together? I have a feeling we'd be surprised!

† **Fiona Gibson** Bishop of Taunton
(from February 8th)

Vale of Camelot Churches

United Service

St Michael's, North Cadbury

Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday 1st February

Guest Speaker: *Revd Canon Michael Mitton*

Michael Mitton is an Anglican priest and Canon Emeritus of Derby Cathedral. He has served as a parish priest and was formerly the Director of Anglican Renewal Ministries and Deputy Director of the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation. He worked for the Diocese of Derby overseeing Pioneer ministry and Fresh Expressions. He has written a number of nonfiction books including 'Restoring the Woven Cord', and 'The Poetry of Pilgrimage.' His fiction books include 'The Dorchadas Trilogy' and 'The Oceans and the Human Heart'.

ALL WELCOME

Vale of Camelot Churches

Lent Lunches

During Lent we will once again be holding Lent Lunches at **Corton Denham Village Hall at 12 noon on Tuesdays**. The format will be similar to last year.

The dates are 24th February, 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March and 24th March.

We will be basing our sessions on Stephen Cottrell's book 'The things He did.'

Donations towards the work of Open Doors
<https://www.opendoors.org/en-US/>.

If you are interested in coming along or finding out more about this please contact: Caroline Walker carolinehwalker@btinternet.com
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NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

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

Reports from Somerset Council (SC): Councillor Henry Hobhouse reported as follows:

- A copy of Flood Mary's <https://floodmary.com/> directory of Property Flood Resilience Products would be given to each parish and can be downloaded via the following link: [Help and resources - Flood Mary](#)
- Phosphates – SC had informed Natural England that it was changing its policy and was awaiting a response. There would be a new phosphate policy from April/May 2026, after which there would be no cost implications for developers for phosphate mitigation. Henry advised that Origin 3, planning consultants for the proposed Brookhampton development, should be made aware so that any permissions could be considered after this date. He also considered that biodiversity net gain should be given to the parishes in which the houses are built.
- Budget – being drafted. SC had been ‘pulled up’ three times by the external auditors and had applied for assistance to make the budget work. There was the possibility of SC going into receivership in April 2026.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate: The Chairman read out the following report on behalf of Zoe Young, Community Liaison Officer:

“We received planning permission for The Farmyard extension at Shatwell Yard, Yarlington and have begun enabling actions with the main works starting in March 2026. Confirmation that drainage work has been carried out at The Farmyard and that the foul smell reported at the last meeting has now been resolved.”

Wessex Internet: Ben Heath, Regional Engagement Manager, was present to discuss the design proposals in place to connect approx. 200 houses in North Cadbury to full fibre broadband in autumn 2026. Full installation plans should be complete and submitted in Q1/26 with install in Q2/3/2026. Whereas before this install would be based on buy-in from prospective customers, owing to new funding this will happen without requiring specific customer buy-in. One community space in the village can have access for a minimal rent of approx. £1.50 a month. This community space is normally expected to be village hall, but a prime location can be determined by the PC. Further updates and events would be advertised through the PC newsletter and website. Residents can register their interest and be kept up to date with their progress via the following link [Wessex Internet | Order](#)

Rights of Way (RoW): The Chairman reported that last week some comments were raised by parishioners about Poacher Blocks that had been placed on several RoW across the Parishes, completely blocking some paths to both foot and horse users. These were placed to prevent "Off-roaders" in 4x4 vehicles destroying RoW. Following the comments raised, these Poacher Blocks have been adjusted to allow foot and horse users but still prevent vehicles.

No update from Eve Wynn with regards to the badger survey from Keir Construction on WN19/105 (Ridgeway Lane)

Please can all members of the parish continue to report any issues via the Explore Somerset website <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>.

Strimmer Volunteers: The Clerk reported that a volunteer had come forward and she had put them in touch with Ceri Rapsey, RoW Volunteer and Trails Officer.

Light Pollution from North Cadbury Business Park: The Clerk reported that she had received a response from Taylors Coaches regarding the PC's request to assess their security lighting, which was left on permanently and not operated by PIR. With regards to the yard lighting, Taylors responded that they "have been here for three years and have not changed the position or strength of any of our lamps and have not received any complaints from residents in that time." The Clerk, therefore, asked that those who reported the issue to the PC to contact Taylors Coaches directly and copy in the Clerk.

A303 Exit to Yarlington: Cllr Viney reported that she had received several requests from residents to ask if the signage warning of the approaching exit off the A303 for Yarlington could be improved to provide the warning more in advance. Cllr Hobhouse agreed to discuss this request with Josh Hill, Highways England.

Next Parish Council Meeting:

Will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th February in The Reading Room, North Cadbury.

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Answers to Bible Puzzle on page 30: Books as they appear in the quiz: Amos, Mark, Luke, John, Joel, Judges, Job, Hebrews, Esther, Acts, James, Ruth, Romans, Titus, Matthew, Genesis, Philemon, Chronicles, Daniel, Nahum, Hosea, Lamentations, Revelation, Timothy, Samuel, Numbers, Malachi, Peter, Exodus, Kings.

INTERVIEW - Learning from each other

Angeline White, Reader, Christ Church, Weston-super-Mare, draws on her master's degree research to share what can be learned about all ages and stages growing and learning together in faith.



Why worship together across the ages?

Intergenerational worship is different generations learning from each other. When Jesus called people to follow him, he called people from different backgrounds, people who didn't naturally fit together. Learning alongside someone who is different to us is part of learning to grow as a disciple.

What is lost when generations worship separately?

In the 20th century, churches began to separate children and older people, young adults and parents. When you do that, something important is lost. You don't get that richness of faith, of discipleship, of mentoring, of learning from others.

What do the different generations learn by worshipping together?

It's easy to be a Christian with people who are like us. The real challenge is

whether we can grow and whether the church be united as a true body of Christ across all ages, and cultures. In this environment, children ask questions, they grow and develop their faith. Adults also learn from children's honesty. Our faith is shaped by the whole community.

How can worship include all the generations equally?

It is challenging. It takes time, thought and effort. It doesn't necessarily mean massive change. Think creatively about how you do things. Make and say things in a way that includes everybody, not just children, but also adults who learn in different ways and new people coming to church who don't yet understand the faith.

How do you include young people without being patronising?

Give people of all ages meaningful roles and give them some freedom to shape it. Offer training. At my church we have a young teenager who works on our AV team with people older than himself. He's using his skills and his gifts, but he's been trained like everybody on the team.

Does intergenerational worship help support faith formation?

Worshipping together allows children get to see their parents worshipping, and parents to see their children worshipping. Everyone is involved in everything in the church. Even when groups separate for teaching shared themes encourage conversations that continue long after the service has finished.

Prayer in the Parishes during February

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 2 nd	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Tue 3 rd	5.00pm	Corton Denham
Wed 4 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury
Mon 9 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Sparkford
Tue 10 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
Wed 11 th	9.00am	Yarlington
	6.00pm	Galhampton

Mon 16 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Tue 17 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham
Wed 18 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury
Mon 23 rd	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Sparkford
Tue 24 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
Wed 25 th	9.00am	Yarlington
	6.00pm	Galhampton

Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

- E H Chapin

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Sunday Worship

1st February	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i>	White
10.30 am	North Cadbury	United Benefice Service (CW org) cw with Canon Michael Mitton
3.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Three Methodists
READINGS	Morning - <i>1 Kings 17: 8-16; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; John 2: 1-11</i>	
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8th February	<i>The Second Sunday before Lent</i>	Green
9.30 am	Galhampton	Holy Communion (BCP piano) nn cw
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>	
	West Camel	Morning Worship je
11.00 am	Sutton Montis	Morning Worship je
	Weston Bampfylde	Holy Communion (CW) ah cw
4.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service Methodists
READINGS	Morning - <i>Genesis 1:1—2:3; Romans 8: 18-25; Matthew 6: 25-34</i>	
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15th February	<i>The Sunday next before Lent</i>	Green
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (BCP org) cw cc
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship ap
4.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service Methodists
6.30 pm	Yarlington	Sung Evensong (BCP org) cw
READINGS	Morning - <i>Exodus 24: 12-18; 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9</i> Evening - <i>2 Kings 2: 1-12; Matthew 17: 9-23</i>	

Mid Week Holy Communion



Every second Tuesday we are holding a said BCP Holy Communion at St Thomas à Becket Church, South Cadbury.

Why not come and join us?

The next one is at 12 noon on Tuesday 10th February

22nd February	The First Sunday of Lent		Purple
9.30 am	South Cadbury	Morning Worship (org)	<i>ap</i>
	West Camel	Holy Communion (BCP org)	<i>pe cw</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>pe cw</i>
	Sparkford	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>av rh</i>
4.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
4.00 pm	Galhampton	Evening Service	<i>cw</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11</i> Evening - <i>Deuteronomy 6: 4-9, 16-20; Luke 15: 1-10</i>		

1st March	The Second Sunday of Lent		Purple
9.00 am	Yarlington	Breakfast Church (org)	<i>lg je</i>
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>mw cw</i>
11.00 am	Corton Denham	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>mw cw</i>
	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>rh</i>
4.00 pm	West Camel	Tea @ Four	<i>Methodists</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Genesis 12: 1-4a; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17</i>		

*'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and love your neighbour as yourself.'*

- Jesus Christ

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

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

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

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church

Galhampton

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Christmas Raffle was a great success with an amazing array of Christmas Hampers and other exciting prizes. We would like to thank Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford Saw Mills, Galhampton Stores, Mabel's, Orchard Inn, The Newt, Charles Endirect, Cupcake Bouquets and Morrisons for their kind donations and much appreciated continued support.

A huge thank you to all the villagers who so generously donated wonderful festive goodies, enabling us to create so many quality Hampers and to everyone who bought tickets. Well done to the lucky winners. A list of prize winners is displayed on the Village Notice Boards.

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GALHAMPTON WALKERS

The next Galhampton walk is on the 5th February at 9.15am meeting outside the Church. All levels of walker welcome and our furry friends.

FEBRUARY VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 7th February 10.00am to 11.30am at the village hall. 200 Club draw and notices at 10.30am. Come and catch up with friends and neighbours old and new. Freshly brewed coffee and cake.

FILM NIGHT & LIGHT SUPPER

Friday 20th February, 6.30pm for supper. The film will start at 7.30pm and is Conclave starring Ralph Fiennes.

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 8th 9.30am Communion (BCP piano)

Sunday 15th 11.00am Sunday Worship at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 22nd 4.00pm Evening Service

(piano)

Yorkshire Pudding Day - 1st February 2026

Yorkshire Pudding Day, celebrated on the first Sunday of February, is a moment dedicated to one of the most iconic staples of British cuisine: the Yorkshire pudding. This annual observance honours a dish that has been part of the national culinary identity for centuries, cherished for its versatility, simplicity, and comforting presence at the heart of the traditional Sunday roast.



Image by Robert Owen-Wahl from Pixabay

The origins of Yorkshire pudding reach back to the early 18th century, when cooks sought clever ways to make the most of precious ingredients. Before modern ovens, roast beef was cooked on a spit over an open fire, and a pan was placed beneath to catch the drippings. Resourceful cooks began using those rich drippings to flavour a simple batter of eggs, flour, and milk or water, creating what was first known as "dripping pudding". This early version was served as a first course, particularly in poorer households, where it helped dull the appetite before the more expensive meat was served sparingly.

Over time, the pudding evolved into the airy, crisp-edged, soft-centred delight recognised today. Its association with Yorkshire likely stems from the region's reputation for producing especially light and well-risen puddings, though the dish was enjoyed throughout England. By the 19th century, the name "Yorkshire pudding" had firmly taken hold, and it became an essential component of the Sunday roast tradition.

Yorkshire Pudding Day encourages cooks of all levels to celebrate this humble yet beloved dish. Whether served with roast beef and gravy, filled with sausages as toad-in-the-hole, or reinvented in modern wraps and desserts, the Yorkshire pudding remains a symbol of British ingenuity and comfort. The day invites everyone to appreciate its history, enjoy its flavours, and keep the tradition alive.



In a tradition dating back to 1977, the churchwardens re-enacted "Star Wars"

North Cadbury

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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 19th February, 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 28th February 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!

Saturday 25th April – Barn Dance at 7.00pm.

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Have you or your family attended events at our lovely little hall or played in the Recreation Ground?

Please help NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND to purchase new Audio, Visual Equipment and Stage/ LED Lighting for use at various community events such as the very popular Pantomime, Camelot Player performances, live music nights, showing live sporting and cultural events and other community events.

What does the project include?

New PA system

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Hall lighting.

All our of our fund raising events go towards both the Village Hall and Recreation Ground running costs and are essential to ensure our Village Hall is available for future generations.

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

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

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TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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Contact Carol Turner (07955 346637) or Andy Bentley (07890 441763) if you require any further information.

NORTH CADBURY WOMEN’S GROUP

We have 4-5 talks a year, outings and sometimes a social meeting where we just meet to catch up over a buffet lunch. Meetings are held on the 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:



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NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday February 18th - we're fortunate in February to have a visiting speaker from our neighbourhood, the professional Garden Designer, Dan Combes. He'll be talking us through the transformation of an uncultivated landscape into a garden in **From Chalk to Cheese – A Journey from Landscape to Garden.**

Wednesday March 18th - **The Wizard School for Composting** is coming to North Cadbury in March. Great, nutritious compost is crucial to strong healthy plants and resonates with today's recycling trend and takes zero miles to accomplish. Jeremy Haydn will guide us through the most effective methods and let us in on some of his own natural hacks to speed it up.

We generally meet in North Cadbury Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm for tea, biscuits and chat before the talk at 7.00pm. Do come along and meet us, joining is optional. £5 for visitors for the evening, or £15.00 to join for the year.

We have more engaging talks lined up during the year as well as outdoor events in the warmer months. There's a plant discount event (for members only), a spring plant and cake sale, summer and Christmas parties and one or 2 creative sessions.

For further information please contact susie.ncgardening@outlook.com

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service with Canon Michael Mitton (CW org)

Sunday 8th 9.30am Communion (BCP) at Galhampton Church
Sunday 15th 11.00am Sunday Worship
Sunday 22nd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Queen Camel

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT ST BARNABAS

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church
Sunday 15th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

South Cadbury

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

The midweek Communion in St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon, starting on Tuesday 10th February.

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FEBRUARY SERVICES AT

ST THOMAS À BECKET

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church

Tuesday 10th 12 noon Communion (BCP)

Sunday 22nd 9.30am Morning Worship (org)

Sparkford

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sutton Montis

SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON

MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 10th February from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 8th 11.00am Morning Worship

West Camel

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 4th 3.00pm Tea @ Three

Sunday 8th 9.30am Morning Worship (org)
4.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 15th 4.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 22nd 9.30am Communion (BCP org)
4.00pm Methodist Service

Weston Bampfylde

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 8th 11.00am Communion (CW)

Yarlington

FEBRUARY SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 1st 10.30am United Benefice Service at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 15th 6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP org)



"But look", said Martin, "Maltesers have hardly any chocolate on"

Some Christians are not only like salt that has lost its savour, but like pepper that has lost its pep.

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Disturb us, Lord

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

Attributed to Sir Francis Drake,
16th Century

Giving up for Lent

At the end of the vicar's pre-Lent sermon he suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of Lent.

As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. "Church," she replied firmly.

Bible Readings

FEBRUARY

1st - 4th Sunday of Epiphany

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

2nd - Presentation of Christ

Luke 2: 22-40

3rd - Mark 5: 21-43

4th - Mark 6: 1-6a

5th - Mark 6: 7-13

6th - Mark 6: 14-29

7th - Mark 6: 30-34

8th - 2nd Sunday before Lent

Romans 8: 18-25

9th - Mark 6: 53-56

10th - Mark 7: 1-13

11th - Mark 7: 14-23

12th - Mark 7: 24-30

13th - Mark 7: 31-37

14th - Mark 8: 1-10

15th - Sunday next before Lent

2 Peter 1: 16-21

16th - Mark 8: 11-13

17th - Mark 8: 14-21

18th - Ash Wednesday

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

19th - Luke 9: 22-25

20th - Matthew 9: 14-15

21st - Luke 5: 27-32

22nd - 1st Sunday of Lent

Romans 5: 12-19

23rd - Matthew 25: 31-46

24th - Matthew 6: 7-15

25th - Luke 11: 29-32

26th - Matthew 7: 7-12

27th - Matthew 5: 20-26

28th - Matthew 5: 43-48

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Bible Puzzle

Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his John-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi-Lemonade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight". Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.

Answers on page 13

A new Sunday School teacher was having trouble controlling her class. Feeling frustrated she said "I want everyone who thinks they're stupid to stand up!" There was silence for a full minute, then little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "So you think you're stupid, Johnny?" "Er, no", he said, "but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

The new young minister arrived at church and found only an old farmer had shown up. "I think we'd better cancel the service," he said, whereupon the farmer, in his Sunday best, said "I don't know much 'bout preachin', but I do know somethin' about farmin' and if I went out in the field and found only one cow, I'd still feed 'im." The young minister preached for 45 minutes and then asked the old farmer what he thought of it. He replied, "Well, minister, all I can say is that if I went out in the field and found only one cow, I wouldn't give 'im the whole bale."

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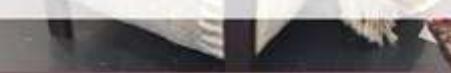
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