

The Beacon

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



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From the Interim Minister

*See what a morning,
gloriously bright
with the dawning
of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes,
tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce
Christ is risen!*

*See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love,
borne in pain,
paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ,
the Man,
for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!*

When is the last time you read some Good News? Whether it is in the papers or on a social media news feed. Good News does seem to be in incredibly short supply. Good News does not sell papers. But I do wonder if we have become too accepting of the daily bombardment that we have of the mess that the world is in and the pressures of daily life, that we allow it to seep in and leave us feeling overwhelmed and powerless.

A friend came to see me the other week and she said that she kept a journal in which she made a deliberate entry every day of one good, positive thing to give thanks for.. the sunshine, an encouraging email, a smile from a someone passing by ... I was challenged and shaken-out of my default tired and grumpy mode!



Easter and Spring are a time of Hope and new life. The days are lengthening, the sun is shining more, the lambs are gambling in the fields. And Easter is the pinnacle of our Christian faith. The celebration of Jesus not just dying on the cross for all the sin and brokenness of the world - but rising from the dead. Death is conquered and we all - if we put our faith and trust in Jesus - have the wonderful promise of eternal life.

My grandson, aged twelve, has just developed a keen interest in photography. It is a joy to go for a walk with him. He brings his camera along and sees beauty and wonder in the simplest of things. Last week it was a spider's web outlined by a sharp early morning frost. Perhaps we could all learn from this going forward and look around with fresh eyes - see beauty and wonder in the

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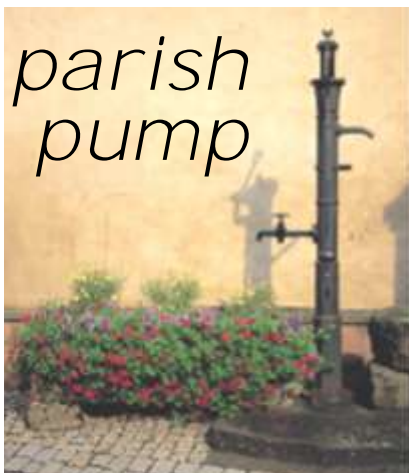
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April Events

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|------------------|-----|------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 st | Wed | - | | |
| 2 nd | Thu | 9.15am | Galhampton Walkers - see page 18 | Galhampton Church |
| | | 6.30pm | Seder Meal - see page 11 | Memorial Hall, Queen Camel |
| 3 rd | Fri | 9.30am | Good Friday Walk starts | Queen Camel Church |
| | | 2.00pm | An Hour by the Cross - see back page | North Cadbury Church |
| 4 th | Sat | 10-11.30 | Village Gathering & Coffee Morning | Galhampton Village Hall |
| 5 th | Sun | | Easter Sunday Services | See centre & back pages |
| | | 6.00am | Easter Sunrise Service - see page 17 | The Beacon, Corton Denham |
| 6 th | Mon | | Easter Bank Holiday | |
| 7 th | Tue | 7-8.00pm | Alternative Celtic Worship | Galhampton Church |
| 8 th | Wed | | - | |
| 9 th | Thu | | West Camel APCM | |
| 10 th | Fri | | - | |
| 11 th | Sat | | - | |
| 12 th | Sun | | Sunday Services | See centre pages for services |
| 13 th | Mon | | - | |
| 14 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 |
| 15 th | Wed | 6.30 for 7 | North Cadbury Gardening Club | North Cadbury Village Hall |
| 16 th | Thu | | <u>DEADLINE FOR THE MAY BEACON</u> | |
| | | 10-11.30am | Community Coffee Morning | North Cadbury Church |
| 17 th | Fri | 7 for 7.30 | Choir Concert - The Brue Boys | North Cadbury Village Hall |
| 18 th | Sat | | - | |
| 19 th | Sun | | Sunday Services | See centre pages for services |
| 20 th | Mon | 9.30-11.30 | mainly music - see page 7 | Galhampton Church |
| | | | Weston Bampfylde APCM | |
| 21 st | Tue | 7-8.00pm | Alternative Celtic Worship | Galhampton Church |
| 22 nd | Wed | 10.30am | N Cadbury Women's Group | North Cadbury Reading Room |
| | | 7.00pm | N Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council & Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting | Yarlington Village Hall |
| 23 rd | Thu | | Queen Camel APCM | |
| 24 th | Fri | | - | |
| 25 th | Sat | 10.30am | Coffee Morning & 200 Club | North Cadbury Village Hall |
| | | 7 for 7.30 | Barn Dance with Caller - see page 9 | North Cadbury Village Hall |
| 26 th | Sun | | Sunday Services | See centre pages for services |
| 27 th | Mon | 9.30-11.30 | mainly music - see page 7 | Galhampton Church |
| | | 7 for 7.30 | North Cadbury APCM | North Cadbury Reading Room |
| 28 th | Tue | 7-8.00pm | Alternative Celtic Worship | Galhampton Church |
| 29 th | Wed | | - | |
| 30 th | Thu | | - | |

50 years ago, on 3rd April 1976, the UK won the 1976 Eurovision Song Contest with Save Your Kisses for Me by Brotherhood of Man.



Office e-mail address

Please note that the old e-mail address (office@camelotparishes.org.uk) for the Parishes Office is no longer functioning and e-mails sent to this address will not be received. Please use the new e-mail address which can be found at the bottom of page 2.

The 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 - details on page 2.

Subscription Reminder

Just a reminder that your subscription for the 2026 Beacon is now due and if you have not already paid, please return your subscription in the brown envelopes provided - either to your distributor, your PCC Treasurer or Churchwarden or to the Parish Office at 6 The Close, North Cadbury.

Many thanks to all those who have paid their subscriptions already.

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 magazine relies on items being submitted for publication so do let the Editor have details of events in your village.

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Bible Study:

The Bible in One Year
by Dr Bill Creasy



Palm Sunday
March 29th 2026
 at Weston Bampfylde

Beginning at Weston Bampfylde Village Hall
at 10.00a.m.
 processing with the donkeys
 with 2 stops for a brief thought along the way.

Followed by an Informal Communion
 at 10.45 a.m.
 at 1 Meadow Cottages
 (under canvas in the field
 by kind permission of Julie and Peter)

followed by a bring and share lunch
 with a fire pit for cooking



Please feel free to join in the procession
 or to come straight to the service
 for any further information please email
 Julie at julieehs@gmail.com
 or Rose at revroseanne@gmail.com

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council and Yarlington's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 7.00pm in Yarlington Village Hall. 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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Midweek Communion

The midweek Communion in St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury is now held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon - next service on Tuesday 14th April.

Holy Week & Easter

See the back page for details of the services in Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. These include a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday (more details on page 11); the Good Friday walk from Queen Camel to North Cadbury; and the Easter Sunrise service at Corton Denham Beacon.



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 primary care-givers to enjoy with
 their pre-schoolers (0-5 years).

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 minutes of songs with musical
 instruments, games and dance.
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 enjoyable way to have quality time
 together and meet new friends.

Mondays 20th & 27th April
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

Wedding

Congratulations to **Ruby Rose Holt** and **Scott Rhys Paul Deakin** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Tuesday February 14th 2026.



St Michael's North Cadbury



The team of volunteers who look after the running of the village church is looking for a treasurer to join the team. We can provide a full handover, training and support.

If you are good with figures, competent with spreadsheets and able to spare 4 or 5 hours a month to undertake this vital role we would be very grateful if you would contact us:

James: 01963 440297 or
Caroline: 07913 771979

North Cadbury Village Hall

Jumble Sale

Saturday 2nd May –
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Donations of Jumble
would be appreciated

Clothes & Accessories * Books

Bric-a-brac * Unwanted Gifts

Kitchen & Home items

Preloved items

Sorry - no toys.

Jumble Donation Drop Off at the Hall:

Friday 1st May – Afternoon until 7.00pm

Saturday 2nd May - 9.00am - 11.00am.

**Funds raised will
support your Village Hall.**

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 up loaded every week. The link to the podcast is:

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

Join us for another evening of laughs
and foot stomping fun entertainment at the

North Cadbury Village Hall Barn Dance

with Hobsons Choice Dance Band and Caller

Saturday 25th April

Doors open at 7pm, Music starts at 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £14 U16'S £5 Light Supper included

Available from North Cadbury Village Store
or www.ticketsource.co.uk/north-cadbury-village-hall

Licenced Bar

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countryside and people around us and let this Easter and it's message of Hope, fill our minds with those things that are 'Pure, lovely and of good report.' Or come and join us as we celebrate the wonderful Good News that Jesus is risen from the dead! We do, if we look about us with a positive mind set, have much to be thankful for.

Hoping your Easter is filled with thankfulness, joy and of course ... chocolate!

Love and prayers,

Caroline

Interim Minister
Vale of Camelot Churches

Fire Safety

It's nice to sit by the fire: outside with your picnic in the Summer; inside with your fire in the Winter.

Fire can occur elsewhere by accident or be used as a weapon of war by terrorists.

I recently had fire and smoke alarms fitted by the Fire and Rescue—not before time as I have lived in Quest Cottage since 1999!

The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service fitted them and left me with a booklet "Fire Safety in the Home". Worthy getting this booklet to check you own provision for safety.

Robin Bowers

From Bishop Fiona

Guilt, shame, mercy, and forgiveness. Four words all linked with Easter, which we shall celebrate this month.

The last two of those seem to be in short supply at the moment. The 'gods' of social media are ready instantly to punish all offenders, now and in the future.

People often offer George Orwell's nightmare vision of Big Brother as a way to understand our times. I'm more drawn to the image of Jeremy Bentham's Panopticon – a building where a watchman could observe all the inhabitants at all times but without the inhabitants knowing whether or not they're being watched – which ensured compliance. When we hear about online data harvesting it can feel as if everything you say, or do, can be recorded and held against you, ready to be brought out and used if needed.

Where's the mercy or the forgiveness in that? Where's the grace that understands we all make mistakes and need second chances? There's no possibility of wiping the slate clean and beginning again.

Which is where the astounding grace and mercy we celebrate on Good Friday and Easter Day comes in.

Mark Greene of the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity



highlights how the wonder of Easter speaks words of grace and hope to our unmerciful world:

***Grace,
truth,
love and
courage***

All this judgement serves to highlight the majestic, counter-cultural grace of the Christian gospel. Yes, God is a God of justice, opposed to the degrading of any human on any grounds. Yes, he has seen our every furtive action, picked up every sly whisper, logged every darkling thought ... yet his mercy flows from the cross like an ocean, drenching the universe. As today's media Pharisees rage, God's offer is 'mercy, mercy, mercy' to all who would repent and receive him. And our watchwords: grace, truth, love, and courage.

May this encourage us all as we continue through Lent, experience Holy Week, and finally reach the joy of Easter.

† Fiona

Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton



Seder Meal

Thursday April 2nd at 6.30pm in the
Marples Room, Queen Camel Memorial Hall.

Come and participate in a Christ-centred
Passover Seder.

We will follow the traditional order of the
Haggadah and experience the historic rituals of
Passover, pausing to explore how each symbol
and promise points to Jesus the Messiah.

This is a celebration which will include a 2
course meal (vegetarians catered for) with wine
alongside the symbolic foods which are part of
the Seder ritual.

For more information and to reserve your place
please contact Julie Ebsworth julieeb9@gmail.com 07999205757

Come and join us for an evening
of music with the...



The choir's repertoire is varied and
includes a wide variety of music from
classical pieces to songs from the
shows, sea shanties, folk songs, Zulu
chants, rock'n'roll and much more.

North Cadbury Village Hall
Friday 17th April
Doors open at 7pm.
Music starts at 7.30pm
Tickets: Adults £10 U16's £5
Licensed Bar
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SPECIALIST PLANT FAIR

Yarlington House BA9 8DY

Saturday 9th May 2026

10.00am - 4.00pm Admission: £5



30 varied stalls including organic
vegetable plants, colourful summer
bedding, plants for cut flower
arrangements, plants for wildlife,
shady areas, and some grown and
propagated by the Yarlington House
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great value for money and expert
advice if you need it. The entrance
ticket includes admission to the
extensive gardens, not normally open
to the public.

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NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

Latest news and topics discussed at the PC meeting held in February 2026. Full minutes can be found on the parish website via the following link: <https://www.northcadbury.org.uk/meetings.php>

Reports from Somerset Councillors (SC):

Councillor Henry Hobhouse reported as follows:

- Somerset Council is to increase its precept by 4.99%. The budget was balanced for the next FY, however, it was extremely doubtful for the following FY. The Government had agreed to pay off 90% of SC's loan, however that left £11m outstanding, which will have risen exponentially by the time the Government expected the loan to be repaid.
- The Government has approved in principle SC's request for £30m in Exceptional Financial Support against its assets. £25m will be used to cover a budget gap and £5m to support the further transformation of services. SC had significantly reduced its projected funding gap from £101m in March 2025 to £25m in February 2026.
- SEND criteria is undergoing significant changes, which may mean there will be more SEN children in main stream schools.
- Wessex Water would soon be digging up Cary Road, North Cadbury to lay a new pipe, after which the road would be resurfaced.
- Councillor Kevin Messenger reported as follows:
- SC recently approved the £15m plans to revamp and reopen the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil, which would mainly be funded by grants. It is hoped the changes will mean the theatre can host a wider range of productions, with more complicated sets and attract bigger acts/shows.
- Local MPs Sarah Dyke and Adam Dance have been challenging the Government to do more to prevent flooding in Somerset and the effect floods are having on Somerset's residents, agriculture, state of the roads etc.

Planning: Brookhampton Development:

A resident had emailed the PC with their questions regarding the pre-application for the Brookhampton Development, to which the Chairman was able to provide the following answers provided by Origin 3:

- "All the wildlife surveys have been carried out, just waiting on the Ecological Consultants to issue their reports. Should be received within the next 3-4 weeks.
- The Construction Management Plan would not be developed until the final scheme has been finalised. We have only recently received the core

pre-app response from the Council and so currently working on the next iteration of the scheme.

- Origin 3 will respond to any outstanding questions, once we have finalised the next version of the scheme.
- Work is on hold with Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (YRCT) due to Council's delay and will re-engage with Lorne Thompson, Chairman YRCT, once we have made progress on this next iteration.”

Provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs):

PC Village Hall representatives agreed to follow up with the Village Hall Committees on the offer of training from Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and the PC donation towards the training if the Committees could provide the venue and arrange the training.

The PC Approved the following Grant Applications:

Yarlington Village Hall - £1,500 towards the purchase of two bespoke marquee sides to enclose covered patio at rear of Hall.

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance - £300 towards portable life-saving medical equipment for the aircraft.

Parish Noticeboards:

Councillors considered the proposal to remove the North Cadbury notice boards at North Town, Chapel Lane and Woolston, which are beyond economic repair. Following comments during Public Session, Cllrs agreed to put notices in the ‘condemned’ notice boards advising that the boards were due to be removed and not replaced; if residents wished to keep them they should contact the Clerk.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting and ordinary Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 in Yarlington Village Hall.

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*“The trouble with quotes
on the Internet is that
you can never be sure
they are genuine.”*

– Winston Churchill.

*The heart has its reasons,
which reason knows not,
as we feel in a thousand instances.*

– Blaise Pascal

INTERVIEW - The light of Jesus' resurrection



As Easter approaches, Revd Alice Watson, Vicar Glastonbury, St John's, St Benedict's, and Meare, reflects on how our churches are preparing to share the hope and light of the resurrection with their communities.

What have you got planned for schools at Easter?

We'll have an interactive Easter experience in St John's for both Glastonbury schools. They'll come in, explore prayer stations, and walk through and learn about Holy Week.

What happens in Holy Week in Glastonbury?

There'll be Stations of the Cross in Abbey House Gardens. On Good Friday we're holding three hours devotion, there'll be a Service of the New Fire with baptisms and the lighting of the Easter candle. On Easter Day we're planning to go to the top of Glastonbury Tor at sunrise.

St John's Church is reopening, is it significant that it is happening at Easter?

It wasn't planned this way, but it is wonderful that it's happening in Holy

Week. People want a quiet space for prayer and devotion, and we're glad we can offer that. Glastonbury is a place of pilgrimage for many people. We will be able to offer a space for the community to come together and also for visitors to drop in.

Why is it important also to be outside sharing your faith at Easter?

In a place like Glastonbury where so many people are on various spiritual paths and so many are searching for something, it is important for us to share our faith. Things like the walk of witness on Good Friday and prayers within and outside the church show that Christianity is a live and living faith which is deeply rooted in the tradition of Glastonbury.

What's the Easter message you most want to share?

That darkness is just shadow, that it has already been vanquished and that God has already defeated death and conquered evil. We all live in the light of Jesus' resurrection. And the hope, which is breaking in all around us, is for everybody. Just as we look outside and see spring breaking in all around us, God's kingdom too is breaking in around us.

The Lord's Larder

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

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

Prayer in the Parishes during April

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:

Wed 1st 9.00am North Cadbury
 12.30pm West Camel
 5.00pm South Cadbury

Mon 6th Bank Holiday

Tue 7th 5.00pm Sutton Montis

Wed 8th 9.00am Yarlington
 6.00pm Galhampton

Mon 13th 9.00am Queen Camel
 6.00pm Sparkford

Tue 14th 5.00pm Corton Denham

Wed 15th 9.00am North Cadbury
 12.30pm West Camel

5.00pm South Cadbury

Mon 20th 9.00am Queen Camel
 6.00pm Weston Bampfylde

Tue 21st 5.00pm Sutton Montis

Wed 22nd 9.00am Yarlington
 6.00pm Galhampton

Mon 27th 9.00am Queen Camel
 6.00pm Sparkford

Tue 28th 5.00pm Corton Denham

Wed 29th 9.00am North Cadbury
 12.30pm West Camel
 5.00pm South Cadbury

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 14th April

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**PLASTERING & HOME
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Sunday Worship

5th April *Easter Day* Gold or White

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| 6.00am | Corton Denham Beacon | Sunrise Easter Service | <i>je</i> |
| 9.00 am | Yarlington | Holy Communion (BCP) | <i>ap</i> |
| 9.30 am | Queen Camel | Holy Communion (CW) | <i>cw</i> |
| | West Camel | Holy Communion (CW) | <i>rh</i> |
| | Weston Bampfylde | Holy Communion (CW) | <i>rw</i> |
| | Sparkford - <i>Service at Weston Bampfylde</i> | | |
| 10.30am | South Cadbury | Holy Communion (BCP org) | <i>ap</i> |
| 11.00 am | Corton Denham | Holy Communion (CW) | <i>rh</i> |
| | North Cadbury | Holy Communion (CW org) | <i>cw</i> |
| | Sutton Montis | Holy Communion (CW) | <i>rw</i> |
| 6.00 pm | West Camel | Easter Praise | <i>Methodists</i> |

READINGS Morning - *Acts 10: 34-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; Matthew 28: 1-10*

12th April *The Second Sunday of Easter* White

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| 9.30 am | Galhampton | Holy Communion (BCP piano) | <i>nn cw</i> |
| | North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i> | | |
| 11.00 am | Sutton Montis | Morning Worship | <i>je</i> |
| | West Camel | Holy Communion (CW) | <i>cw</i> |
| 6.00 pm | West Camel | Methodist Service | <i>Methodists</i> |

READINGS Morning - *Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31*

19th April *The Third Sunday of Easter* White

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|----------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9.30 am | Queen Camel | Holy Communion (BCP) | <i>rh</i> |
| 11.00 am | North Cadbury | Sunday Worship | <i>ap</i> |
| 11.00 am | Sparkford | Holy Communion (CW) | <i>rh</i> |
| 6.00 pm | West Camel | Methodist Service | <i>Methodists</i> |
| 6.30 pm | Yarlington | Sung Evensong (BCP org) | <i>lg</i> |

READINGS Morning - *Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35*
 Evening - *Haggai 1:13—2:9; 2 Corinthians 3: 10-17*

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

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|------------------------------|--|--|
| 26th April | <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | White |
| 9.30 am | South Cadbury Weston Bampfylde | Holy Communion (BCP org) <i>rw</i> Morning Worship <i>pe cc</i> |
| 11.00 am | North Cadbury | Holy Communion (CW org) <i>cw je</i> |
| 6.00 pm | West Camel | Methodist Service <i>Methodists</i> |
| 6.30 pm | Galhampton | Evening Service <i>lg cw</i> |
| READINGS | Morning - <i>Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10</i> Evening - <i>Ezra 3: 1-13; Ephesians 2: 11-22</i> | |

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|---------------------------|--|---|
| 3rd May | <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> | White |
| 9.00 am | Yarlington | Breakfast Church <i>lg je</i> |
| 9.30 am | Queen Camel | Holy Communion (CW) <i>mw cw</i> |
| 11.00 am | Corton Denham North Cadbury | Holy Communion (CW) <i>rw</i> Holy Communion (CW org) <i>mw cw</i> |
| 4.00 pm | West Camel | Tea at Four <i>United</i> |
| READINGS | Morning - <i>Acts 7: 55-60; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14</i> | |

CLERGY

cw Revd Caroline Walker
rw Revd Ron Wood
ap Revd Alison Parris
rh Revd Rose Hoskins

READERS

cc Christy Casley
je Julie Ebsworth

LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ah Alan Hoskins
av Andy Voysey
lg Lesley Gillingham
mw Michael Walker
nn Nerissa Northover
pe Peter Ebsworth



Easter Morning Sunrise service at Beacon Hill, Corton Denham.

Commencing at 6am, join us to celebrate the first light of dawn with some readings, prayers, music and fire.

By kind permission of Liz and James Tabor.

*Life without God
is like an unsharpened pencil –
it has no point.*

*The trouble is,
we won't let God help us.
– George MacDonald*



village view

Corton Denham

CORTON DENHAM WEBSITE

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

APRIL SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 5th **Easter Day**
11.00am Communion (CW org)

Galhampton

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 20th and 27th April in Galhampton Church.

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

The Galhampton walkers meet on 2nd April at 9.15am outside the Church. All welcome

including our four legged friends.

APRIL VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 4th April 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.

CAMELOT SHORT MAT BOWLS

Camelot Short Mats Bowls Club are looking for new members. Why not pop along to Galhampton village hall on a Monday night at 7.00pm for more information.

UPCOMING EVENT

Friday 12th June - Family Silent Disco. More details in the May Beacon.

APRIL SERVICES AT

GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 12th 9.30am Communion
(BCP piano)

Sunday 19th 11.00am *Sunday Worship*
at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 26th 6.30pm Evening Service
(piano)

North Cadbury

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Candles for Ukraine appeal. Your support has been overwhelming and is hugely appreciated.

SOUP SUNDAY

We enjoyed a delicious lunch together on Sunday 1st March. Thank you to everyone who provided the lunch and to those who gave to our chosen charity this year - Open Doors; supporting persecuted Christians across the world.



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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 16th April, 10.00-11.30am, Community Coffee Morning in North Cadbury Church. Coffee, cake and company in North Cadbury Church. Everyone is welcome, and there's no charge. We look forward to seeing you.

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ST MICHAEL'S NORTH CADBURY

The team of volunteers who look after the running of the village church are looking for a treasurer to join the team. We can provide a full handover, training and support.

If you are good with figures, competent with spreadsheets and able to spare four or five hours a month to undertake this vital role we would be very grateful if you would contact us: James Buxton 01963 440297 or Caroline 01963 440683/ 07913 771979.

NORTH CADBURY ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The Annual Vestry Meeting (which elects churchwardens for the year) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Monday 27th April, 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Reading Room of North Cadbury Village Hall.

Local Contacts

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The volunteer committee responsible for the general running of the village church would love to welcome new members. It's not an onerous task, and any responsibilities can be tailored to your skills and interests. Come along to the APCM to find out more, or contact James on 01963 440297.

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Saturday 25th April 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!

Friday 17th April – The Brue Boys

Live Music featuring local choir The Brue Boys. Doors open 7.00pm. Bar open. This choir's repertoire is varied and includes a wide variety of music from classical pieces to songs from the shows, sea shanties, folk songs, Zulu chants and rock 'n' roll. Tickets – Adults £10 U16's £5

Saturday 25th April – Barn Dance

7.00pm Barn Dance and light supper. Following on from our huge success last year we are delighted to welcome back Hobsons Choice Dance Band. This promises to be nother great evening of fun, laughs and music. Come along and join us for a good old rip roaring Barn Dance.

Doors open 7.00pm. Band starts 7.30pm.

Tickets £14 U16's £5 Light supper included. Available from North Cadbury Village Stores and www.ticketsource.co.uk/north-cadbury-village-hall

Friday 1st May – Jumble Sale Drop Off

Donations of Jumble would be very much appreciated and can be dropped off at The Village Hall Friday afternoon (4-7) or Saturday morning (9-11). We will take books & puzzles, gifts and regifting, bric-a-brac, kitchen & home, and clothes. Sorry, no toys.

For more information, please call Claire Harding 01963 440047 or 07870 975749

Saturday 2nd May – Jumble Sale

North Cadbury Village Hall 2-4. In aid of Village Hall Funds. Arrive early to avoid disappointment!

Details for all our events can be found on our website

www.northcadburyvillagehall.org

Fundraising Project

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

“Oh no I can't”, “Oh YES you can!”

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?

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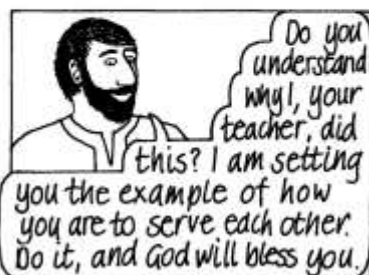
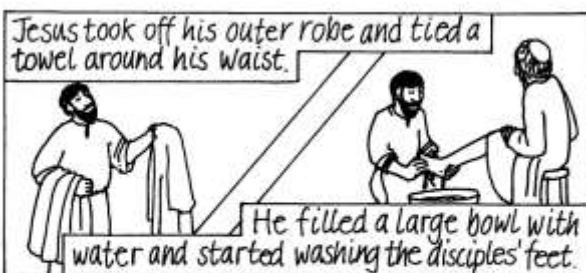
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.



There was a reason why no-one wanted to be the least important - the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.



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 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.

CARY AND CAMELOT

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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

Club Night is on Tuesday evenings at North Cadbury Village Hall, 6.30pm until 8.30pm. We have 3 tournament grade tables and can supply bats if you do not have your

own. Matches are mainly doubles but some singles play is usually available, depending on the numbers attending.

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

NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP

We have 4-5 talks a year, outings and sometimes a social meeting where we just meet to catch up over a buffet lunch. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month in North Cadbury Village Hall.

The group is incredibly welcoming and if you are interested in joining please come along to a meeting at North Cadbury Village Hall and find out for yourself. We have an events diary, on request, and posters advertise the next event each month. Further information from: Chairman: Angela Hunt 01963 440929, Treasurer: Noreen Rundle 441397, Events: Rita Gaulke 0777658702, Publicity: Susie Morris 441319.

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

April 15th A talk on *Winter Borders* by James Cross, head gardener at Bishop's Palace, Wells. James is very well qualified to talk on this, not least as it's the title of his latest book. Food for thought to keep gardens colourful later in the year.

Meetings are in North Cadbury village hall at 6.30 for 7.00pm talk, in the wintery months. £5 entry or £15 annual membership. Refreshments are served before the talk. We're always ever so happy to have visitors, guests and new members, so do come along and meet us. Absolutely no knowledge of gardening required!

Also to come is the *plant and cake sale*, 10.30am on 16th May.

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APRIL SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Good Friday 2.00pm An Hour by the Cross

Sunday 5th **Easter Day**

11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 12th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 19th 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 26th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Queen Camel

SEDER MEAL

6.30pm on Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) in the Marples Room at Queen Camel Memorial Hall. Come and participate in a Christ-centred Passover Seder. See page 11 for more details.

APRIL SERVICES AT ST BARNABAS

Good Friday Walk — starts at 9.30am

Sunday 5th **Easter Day**

9.30am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 19th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

South Cadbury

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

The midweek Communion in St Thomas à Becket, South Cadbury is now held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon, next service - Tuesday 14th April.

SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

South Cadbury Playing Fields are open to all with fun for all age groups.

South Cadbury Village Hall has a fully integrated AV system complete with a loop hearing system, bouncy castle, marquee, fully equipped kitchen and tables and chairs for over 60 people. So, whether you want a party, run a film night, make a presentation, hold a business meeting or

anything else contact

Alison.Norton@SouthCadbury.org.uk

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SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON

MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 14th April from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

APRIL SERVICES AT

ST THOMAS À BECKET

Good Friday Walk — 1.15pm

Sunday 5th **Easter Day**

9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Tuesday 14th 12 noon Communion (BCP)

Sunday 26th 9.30am Communion
(BCP org)

Sparkford

APRIL SERVICES AT

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 5th **Easter Day**

9.30am Service at Weston Bampfylde

Sunday 19th 11.00am Communion (CW)

Sutton Montis

SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON

MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 14th April from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

APRIL SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

Good Friday Walk — 12 noon (picnic lunch)



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Sunday 5th **Easter Day**
11.00am Communion (CW)
Sunday 12th 11.00am Morning Worship

West Camel

APRIL SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 5th **Easter Day**
9.30am Communion (CW)
6.00pm Easter Praise
Sunday 12th 11.00am Communion (CW)
6.00pm Methodist Service
Sunday 19th 6.00pm Methodist Service
Sunday 26th 6.00pm Methodist Service

Weston Bampfylde

PALM SUNDAY DONKEY PROCESSION

Palm Sunday March 29th 2026 at Weston Bampfylde. Starting at 10.00am at the Village Hall. Processing with the donkeys to 1 Meadow Cottages for a service under canvas at 10.45am. Followed by a bring and share lunch.

APRIL SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS

Good Friday Walk — 11.15am

Sunday 5th **Easter Day**
9.30am Communion (CW)
Sunday 26th 9.30am Morning Worship

Yarlington

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Yarlington's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 7.00pm in Yarlington Village Hall. This will also be a meeting of the North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council. 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.

YARLINGTON HOUSE SPECIALIST

PLANT FAIR - 9TH MAY 2026

The Specialist Plant Fair will take place at Yarlington House on Saturday 9th May 2026 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Admission: £5.

30 varied stalls including organic vegetable plants, colourful summer bedding, plants for cut flower arrangements, plants for wildlife, shady areas & some grown and propagated by Yarlington House Head Gardener.

All fantastic quality, great value for money and expert advice if you need it. The entrance ticket includes admission to the extensive gardens, not normally open to the public. Dogs on leads welcome. Free car parking.

APRIL SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 5th **Easter Day**
9.00am Communion (BCP)
Sunday 19th 6.30pm Sung Evensong
(BCP org)

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Resurrection

(John 20:1-18)

*Even in the darkness
still she went,
stumbling, longing for light,
finding a stone-moved emptiness.*

*Then her running
and the running and
out-running of the men,
the believing whilst not understanding,
the tears and the angels
with questions and messages.*

*Death transformed to Life
in the turning,
and revelation in a name,
Mary!*

*Lord, sometimes I don't understand
and the world seems dark,
but I choose to turn
from darkness to you.*

*Speak my name Lord,
hold me safe
in your resurrection
power and light.*

By Daphne Kitching

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

By Isaac Watts

Who was the first chocoholic?

Probably the Aztec Emperor Montezuma. He drank 50 goblets a day of a hot, frothy drink made from cacao beans, similar to today's hot chocolate.

Bible Readings

APRIL

- 1st - John 13: 21-32
2nd - **Maundy Thursday**
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
3rd - **Good Friday**
John 18: 1—19: 37
4th - John 19: 38-42
5th - **Easter Day**
Matthew 28: 1-10
6th - Matthew 28: 8-15
7th - John 20: 11-18
8th - Luke 24: 13-35
9th - Luke 24: 35-48
10th - John 21: 1-14
11th - Mark 16: 9-15
12th - **2nd Sunday of Easter**
1 Peter 1: 3-9
13th - John 3: 1-8
14th - John 3: 7-15
15th - John 3: 16-21
16th - John 3: 31-36
17th - John 6: 1-15
18th - John 6: 16-21
19th - **3rd Sunday of Easter**
1 Peter 1: 17-23
20th - John 6: 22-29
21st - John 6: 30-35
22nd - John 6: 35-40
23rd - **St George** - John 15: 18-21
24th - John 6: 35-40
25th - **Mark the Evangelist**
Mark 13: 5-13
26th - **4th Sunday of Easter**
1 Peter 2: 19-25
27th - John 10: 1-10
28th - John 10: 22-30
29th - John 12: 44-50
30th - John 13: 16-20

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PALM SUNDAY - March 29th

**10.45 Informal Communion at Weston Bampfylde
under canvas at 1 Meadow Cottages**

Procession with Donkeys from the Village Hall at 10.00am



MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 2nd

Seder Supper - 6.30pm in the Queen Camel Memorial Hall

GOOD FRIDAY - April 3rd

Walk of Witness starting at 9.30am at Queen Camel Church

10.30am Sparkford Church

11.15am Weston Bamfylde Church

12 noon Sutton Montis Church (Picnic Lunch)

1.15pm South Cadbury Church

2.00pm North Cadbury Church - *an hour at the Cross*



EASTER DAY



Celebrate the Resurrection

6.00am Sunrise Service at Corton Denham Beacon

9.00am Holy Communion at Yarlington

9.30am Holy Communion at Queen Camel

9.30am Holy Communion at West Camel

9.30am Holy Communion at Weston Bampfylde

9.30am Sparkford - Service at Weston Bampfylde

10.30am Holy Communion at South Cadbury

11.00am Holy Communion at Corton Denham

11.00am Holy Communion at North Cadbury

11.00am Holy Communion at Sutton Montis

6.00pm Methodist Easter Praise at West Camel