

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 one of our Readers - Julie Ebsworth

Through lent I read 'The Rainbow of renewal' by Michael Mitton. Michael came to preach at North Cadbury church in February and is leading a Benefice retreat for us in October. (Please get in touch with the church office if you want more details about this. All are welcome.)

There were some very poignant readings and reflections in his book and it led to me thinking about my personal cost of following Jesus.

From what we know of the apostles they appear to have surrendered all they knew, their lives and their experience, to learning whatever Jesus could teach them from the moment he called them.

We know very little of how their dependents managed while they were travelling from region to region watching, listening and experiencing life on the road with God.

I wonder was there ever a Jewish mother who wondered whether her son was being taken care of properly, or maybe a wife who had the soul responsibility for the children while her husband was away on a "jolly"? Did friends and relatives cover the gaps which were made as the men joined Jesus?

Some of Jesus' teaching is quite hard on the things we need to do in order to become his disciples. I wonder how well it would be accepted in today's world?

Actually we are given the same invitation. 'Come and follow me....'

"Don't worry about what you will eat and what you will wear, for if God clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds and wild animals how much more will he care for us, his children?" (Matt 6: 25...)

I have "followed Jesus" since my late 20's. It's not all been plain sailing, I've fallen out with God/Jesus/Holy Spirit many times along the way. The best bit is God is so much bigger than we can imagine and he can cope with me having a hissy fit, he still loves me, he still delights in me. He's still more than interested in everything I do, think and say.

My cost is nowhere near the price Jesus paid for me to be able to call God Abba, daddy. Like the apostles I have been known to fall asleep while I pray, I may even have caused others to fall asleep during a prayer! (or a talk)

But I am forgiven for holding grudges, being unloving, gossiping, coveting, thinking ill of someone, putting myself first, to name just a few and the difference I know God makes in my life is awesome.

The world needs so much more than any government can do to bring real peace. Because of what Jesus did on the cross we can trust Jesus to start something new, if we choose follow him.

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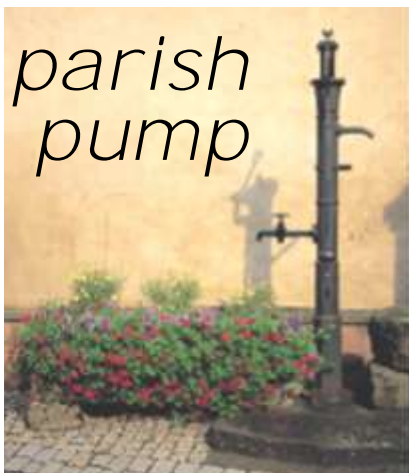
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May Events

1 st	Fri	-		
2 nd	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
		11.30am	CPR & Defibrillator demonstration	Galhampton Village Hall
		2-4.00pm	Village Hall Jumble Sale - see page 9	North Cadbury Village Hall
3 rd	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages
4 th	Mon		Bank Holiday	
5 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
6 th	Wed		-	
7 th	Thu	9-15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 18	Galhampton Church
8 th	Fri	7 for 7.30	Canterbury Tales Revamped	North Cadbury Village Hall
9 th	Sat	10-4.00pm	Specialist Plant Sale - see page 15	Yarlington House, Yarlington
		7 for 7.30	Canterbury Tales Revamped	North Cadbury Village Hall
10 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
11 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
12 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
13 th	Wed	6.30 for 7	North Cadbury Gardening Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
14 th	Thu	7.00pm	Ascension Day Service - Bp Fiona	Bruton Church
		7 for 7.30	North Cadbury Cinema - Hamnet	North Cadbury Village Hall
15 th	Fri		<u>DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE BEACON</u>	
16 th	Sat	10.30am	Gardening Club Plant & Cake Sale	North Cadbury Village Hall
17 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
		10.30am	Rogation Service and Walk	Little Weston Farm, Little Weston
18 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
			Weston Bampfylde APCM	
19 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
20 th	Wed		-	
21 st	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
22 nd	Fri		-	
23 rd	Sat		-	
24 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
25 th	Mon		Bank Holiday	
26 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
27 th	Wed	10.30am	N Cadbury Women's Group	North Cadbury Reading Room
		6.00pm	Gardening Club Talk & Discount Event	Castle Gardens
		6.30 for	N Cadbury & Yarlington Annual Parish Council Meeting &	
		7.00pm	N Cadbury Annual Parish Meeting	North Cadbury Village Hall
28 th	Thu	7.00pm	South Cadbury APCM	South Cadbury Church
29 th	Fri		-	
30 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
31 st	Sun	10.30am	Benefice Communion - Bp Fiona	Sutton Montis Church

75 years ago, on 3rd May 1951, the Festival of Britain opened in London.



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.

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.

Don't drive when sad, mad or upset

You've seen those motorway signs warning you not to drive when you are tired. But now it seems you are far more likely to crash your car if you drive when you are sad, or when you are angry, or when you are agitated.

A study has found that a healthy emotional state is hugely important for your safety at the wheel; being sad, mad or upset can increase your likelihood of a crash by nearly ten-fold. That compares with fatigue making a crash only three times more likely, while talking on a mobile phone doubles the risk.

Having children in your back seat is a very low risk, and chatting to your passenger or moving to music barely raises the risk at all. The study was carried out at Virginia Tech.

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5th, 12th, 19th & 26th May

Also Tuesdays from 6.00pm

Bible Study:

The Bible in One Year
by Dr Bill Creasy



A celebration of Rogation

A time of asking blessings on our fields, crops
and animals
SUNDAY 17th May

Meeting at 10.30a.m.
At Little Weston Farm Little Weston
Yeovil BA22 7HP
(by kind permission of the King Brain family)

Followed by a short walk through the village
followed by refreshments

Please bring shoes/boots suitable for walking

ALL WELCOME
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North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting and North Cadbury's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 7.00pm in North Cadbury Village Hall. The agenda will be placed on the North Cadbury website and on notice boards 4 days before the event. Refreshments will be served from 6.30 for a meet and greet.

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enjoyable way to have quality time
together and meet new friends.

**Mondays 11th & 18th May
in Galhampton Chapel**

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

Cost: £2.50 per family,
includes refreshments.

400 years ago, on 4th May 1626, the Dutch explorer Peter Minuit arrived on the east coast of what is now the USA. He negotiated the purchase of Manhattan Island from the Lenape Native Americans for \$24 worth of cloth and buttons.

70 years ago, on 24th May 1956, the first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland (won by Switzerland).

60 years ago, on 30th May 1966, British racing driver Graham Hill won the 1966 Indianapolis 500. He was the only driver in history to win the 'triple crown of motor racing': the Formula One World Championship, the 24 Hours Le Mans, and the Indianapolis 500.

Vale of Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

Gillian Giles (aged 88). Died 14th March 2026. Funeral at St Barnabas, Queen Camel on Thursday 2nd April.

Brenda Tingay (aged 82). Died 16th March 2026. Funeral at All Saints', West Camel on Tuesday 7th April.

David Windle (aged 85). Died 4th September 2025. Burial of Ashes at St Barnabas, Queen Camel on Friday 17th April.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Maisie-Jane Stamp** and **Martin Liley** married at All Saints', West Camel on Saturday March 21st 2026.

Wedding Blessing

Congratulations to **Zak Deere** and **Alice Meakin** whose wedding was blessed at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday April 11th 2026.

Bruton & Cary Deanery
Ascension Day
Deanery Eucharist
Thursday May 14th
at 7.00pm
St Mary's Church
Bruton
Guest Preacher:
Rt Revd Fiona
Gibson,
Bishop of Taunton
All Welcome



Terry made a note to fix the bolt

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>

**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.

Wincanton Choral Society

conductor Neil Moore

Karl Jenkins *'The Armed Man: a Mass for Peace'*

Ralph Vaughan Williams *'Dona Nobis Pacem'*

John Rutter *'For the beauty of the earth'*

Sunday 17th May - 7.30pm

the Sports Hall at Wincanton Leisure Centre, West Hill,
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Tickets £18 (to include a programme, under 18s free) on the door, or
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www.wincanton-choral-society.uk

From the Bishop

I heard about one of the earliest scientists to get involved in climate change research. When he began, the researcher said, he'd believed that if we could just get the science right, all the challenges could be resolved. The best information would enable humankind to find the right technologies and take the right actions to bring climate change under control.

Twenty-five years on, the scientist said, he'd realised he'd got it all wrong. What we need to sort out, he said, is the human heart. We know what to do to address the climate emergency. Our challenge is that we're all too liable to place the actions we need to take into the 'too difficult' box, or just deny there's a problem altogether.

Yet whether we like it or not, the climate emergency is a reality that is advancing upon us. It's seen in rising sea levels and increased freak weather. Talk to our brothers and sisters in Zambia and they'll tell you that the climate emergency is upon them now in increased droughts and floods.

Last year the National Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis saw leading experts brief an audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. The Briefing outlined the implications of climate



breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. If you've not seen it please can I encourage you to find out where you can watch it.

Called to care

I invite us all to think too about the next steps we can take to address an issue we'd probably rather ignore. The Church of England has set the bold target of becoming Carbon Net Zero by 2030. Our churches can make a difference in local communities towards achieving this ambitious goal. I urge you to fill out your church's Carbon Footprint return, sign up to achieve an A Rocha Eco Church Award, make whatever difference you can where you are.

Such actions are a sign of us turning around – metanoia as the New Testament puts it – away from denial of what's wrong towards putting things right. Our actions can be signs of the change in heart that all of us need to make.

✠ Michael Beasley,
Bishop of Bath & Wells

Introducing the Cam Catchment Resilience Project (CCRP)

Working together for a more resilient landscape for people, wildlife and water



The Cam Catchment Resilience Project (CCRP) brings together local people, landowners and partner organisations to deliver a coordinated, whole-catchment approach.

Its aims are to reduce flood risk, improve water quality and increase biodiversity through the use of nature-based solutions (NbS), with a strong emphasis on local knowledge and site-specific assessment.

The project offers support and guidance across a wide range of relevant topics. These include technical support on flood and drought management, environmental and ecological issues, adapting to the impact of climate change, and monitoring water quality. CCRP can also assist with identifying and accessing funding opportunities, understanding riparian ownership responsibilities, securing consents and permissions, and achieving enhanced compliance with regulations.

A key focus of CCRP is to support stakeholders by encouraging the sharing of information, experience and innovation through a variety of channels, helping to build a well-connected and informed local network.

CCRP is coordinated by the Yeo Rivers Community Trust (YRCT), which provides friendly networking opportunities for local

landowners and interested parties. YRCT works closely with other organisations, including the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (South West), Wessex Water, the Environment Agency, Somerset Rivers Authority, Somerset Wildlife Trust and the Westcountry Rivers Trust.

This broad collaboration draws on extensive expertise, enabling YRCT to design and deliver a range of interventions which are acceptable to stakeholders and which provide multiple benefits to mitigate environmental impacts, build resilience and promote environmental and economic sustainability. YRCT is also a member of the Somerset Catchment Partnership.

In March 2026, YRCT completed work on 21 substantial leaky woody dams in Galhampton, marking the beginning of a wider rollout of practical NbS across the catchment.

YRCT is in the process of sourcing funding for a range of interventions, including leaky dams, flow pathway barriers, floodplain reconnection, tree hinging and wetland habitat creation for landowners who are willing to implement such measures.

For more information, please email: info@YRCT.org.uk



NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

Latest news and topics discussed at the PC meeting held in March 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):

- Somerset Council increased its precept by 4.99%. The budget was balanced for the next FY. The Government had agreed to pay off 90% of SC's debt of £111m for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), however that left £17m outstanding, which will have risen to £80m-£90m by 2028. 60% of SC's budget was spent on adult and children's social care.
- Repairs to Castle Cary's sink hole on Station Road were scheduled to commence on 20th April 2026; the road would be closed for 10 weeks to 3 months.
- Work would also commence in July on the bank slip on the A371 in Castle Cary, which would be closed for between 3 and 6 months. 4m high steel piles would be installed on a 120m stretch of the road to reinforce the bank.
- Somerset will receive £89m from the Government to spend on flood prevention measure and climate change; £15m had already been allocated towards the Bridgewater Tidal Barrier scheme.

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

- The Farmyard Extension. Our initial phase of enabling works is almost done with demolitions completed and access/parking nearing completion. We will shortly be carrying out works to construct stormwater attenuation basins which is part of the approved drainage strategy. We hope to have our main contractor starting on site during April and the main works are expected to take 24 months.
- Parking in Yarlington. We are developing a plan to provide additional car parking, which can be used by both the church and pub customers to help alleviate congestion at peak times.
- Sleight Farm. Construction work is progressing very well at Sleight Farm, and we expect to be able to accommodate first cut of silage in the new clamps there this May and with the buffalo starting to move over in October.
- Sleight Farm Access Track. The works to upgrade the farm track from Shatwell to Sleight Farm are ongoing now and expected to complete in the late spring.

Provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs):

Cllr Bowen reported that the new cPAD for installation in Brookhampton had been delivered and the optimum location was being looked into with the homeowner who would be providing the power to maintain cabinet temperature/light. She recommended that all cPADs should be registered with thecircuit.uk who provides the NHS ambulance services with vital information about defibrillators across the UK so that in those crucial moments after a cardiac arrest, they can be accessed quickly to help save lives. The Circuit may also provide a contribution towards replacement pads etc.

Cllr John Rundle reported that North Cadbury Village Hall (NCVH) Committee were looking into providing training on cPAD use and first aid.

Cllr Viney suggested that Yarlinton residents would attend the training at NCVH as before.

The Clerk reported that the provision of cPAD and first aid training would be discussed at the next Galhampton Village Hall Committee meeting, as advised by the new committee member responsible for overseeing the two Galhampton cPADs.

Cam Catchment Resilience Project (CCRP) reports:

Cllr John Whitehead reported on behalf of CCRP as follows:

- Work to build 19 dams on over 160 hectares had been completed on J Buxton's land in Galhampton. A full report would be provided for the next meeting. Funding for the surveys and work was provided by Wessex Water.
- Surveys had been completed on the Upper Cam between Yarlinton and Brookhampton and a report would be provided for the next meeting that would include recommendations for management.
- Farmers Working Advisory Group – There was a big push in the catchment area to talk to farmers regarding natural flood mitigation.

Cllr Messenger advised that small community grants were available from Viridor Waste Management that supported environmental, community and sustainable projects.

Next Parish Council Meetings: North Cadbury Annual Parish meeting, Annual PC and ordinary PC meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28th May 2026 in North Cadbury Village Hall, refreshments will be served from 6.30pm for a meet and greet.

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INTERVIEW -

Community Energy Project

The Diocese of Bath and Wells has secured funding from the South West Net Zero Hub to explore the possibility of creating a community energy model that could deliver renewable energy projects. It has appointed community energy consultancy Pure Leapfrog to carry out an exploration and look at the options available. Dan Wills, Diocesan Net Zero Adviser explains more.

What is community energy?

Community energy is about generating and using energy locally, so that the financial, social and environmental benefits are retained within the community. It enables buildings like churches and schools to host renewable technologies such as solar panels, reduce their energy costs, and may enable surplus income from exporting excess energy to the grid to be reinvested into designated community benefits, such as heat decarbonisation or tackling fuel poverty.

How does this community energy project work?

This project is about understanding what currently prevents community energy from happening at scale across the Church, and designing a model that can overcome those barriers. We are working to develop a practical, repeatable approach that can be applied across different types of buildings, with clear guidance on governance, funding and delivery. If successful, it could provide a blueprint not just for the Church, but for other complex organisations.

How does it work in practice?

In practice, a central organisation — typically a not-for-profit community benefit society — would raise the capital and install solar panels on buildings such as schools and churches. These buildings can then access genuinely green, locally generated electricity at a lower and more stable cost, without needing to fund the upfront installation.

What about churches?

We will explore how churches can make use of suitable roof spaces, including where buildings are listed, while respecting their historic significance. With new energy trading policy emerging at a national level, churches could also begin to act as local energy producers, generating clean electricity for their own use and, where possible, supporting nearby demand.

Why work with Pure Leapfrog?

We are working with Pure Leapfrog because they bring independent expertise in community energy and will help us design a model that works across our diverse buildings and constraints. Their role is to challenge assumptions, test what is viable, and help us develop a flexible approach that standard models cannot offer.

What is the long-term aim?

The long-term aim is to create a scalable, diocesan-wide model that enables many of our buildings to adopt renewable energy, reduce costs, and contribute to our Net Zero Carbon ambitions. It is also about building resilience, helping our communities to better manage rising energy costs and respond to wider global challenges.

Prayer in the Parishes in May

Our Interim Minister, the Revd Caroline Walker, will be praying for our parishes on a regular basis and would welcome anyone wishing to join her in our churches at the following times:

Mon 4 th		Bank Holiday
Tue 5 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
Wed 6 th	9.00am	Yarlington
	6.00pm	Galhampton
Mon 11 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Tue 12 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham
Wed 13 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury
Mon 18 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Sparkford
Tue 19 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
Wed 20 th	9.00am	Yarlington
	6.00pm	Galhampton
Mon 25 th		Bank Holiday
Tue 26 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham
Wed 27 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury

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 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

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 12th May

Sunday Worship

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	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>rw</i>
	North Cadbury	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>		

10th May	<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>		White
9.30 am	Galhampton	Holy Communion (BCP piano)	<i>pe cw</i>
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>		
11.00 am	Sutton Montis	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>pe cw</i>
	West Camel	Morning Worship	<i>rw</i>
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21</i>		

17th May	<i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>		White
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>cw</i>
10.30 am	Little Weston Farm	Rogation Service	<i>rh</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	<i>rw</i>
11.00 am	Sparkford	Morning Worship	<i>ap</i>
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
6.30 pm	Yarlington	Sung Evensong (BCP org)	<i>lg</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11</i> Evening - <i>2 Samuel 23: 1-5; Ephesians 1: 15-23</i>		

Ascension Day

*Hail the day that sees him rise
to his throne above the skies;
Christ, a while to mortals given,
reascends his native heaven.*

– Charles Wesley

*Astronauts sink into insignificance
beside this ascension!* – V Havner

*Life can become once more a grand
adventure if we will surrender it to God....
He brings one adventure to an end,
only to open another to us. ...
with him we must be ready for anything.*

– Paul Tournier

*Humility is the beginning
of true intelligence* – John Calvin

24th May	Pentecost		Red
9.30 am	South Cadbury	Morning Worship	<i>rh</i>
	Weston Bampfylde	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>rw</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>ap</i>
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
6.30 pm	Galhampton	Evening Service	<i>rw</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 20: 19-23</i> Evening - <i>Joel 2: 21-32; Acts 2: 14-21</i>		

31st May	Trinity Sunday		Gold or White
10.30 am	Sutton Montis	United Benefice Communion (CW)	<i>cw+fg</i>
6.00pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14;</i> <i>Matthew 28: 16-20</i>		

7th June	The First Sunday after Trinity		Green
9.00 am	Yarlington	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>ap</i>
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>rw</i>
11.00 am	Corton Denham	Morning Worship	<i>cc</i>
	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org)	<i>nn rw</i>
4.00 pm	West Camel	Tea at Four	<i>United</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Hosea 5:15—6:6; Romans 4: 13-25;</i> <i>Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26</i>		

CLERGY

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

READERS

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

LAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>ah</i>	Alan Hoskins
<i>av</i>	Andy Voysey
<i>lg</i>	Lesley Gillingham
<i>mw</i>	Michael Walker
<i>nn</i>	Nerissa Northover
<i>pe</i>	Peter Ebsworth
<i>+fg</i>	Rt Revd Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton

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://cortondenham.org.uk/>

MAY SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 31st 10.30am *United Benefice*
Communion with Bp Fiona at Sutton Montis

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 11th and 18th May in Galhampton Church.

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Galhampton walkers meet at 9.15am outside the church on 7th May. All welcome and all levels of walker. The slow walk last month was lovely.

MAY VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 2nd May 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.

Presentation by Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance, including CPR (babies to adults) and how to use a defibrillator from 11.30am. Everyone who would like to will be able to have a go with their training equipment.

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.

FAMILY SILENT DISCO

Friday 12th June - Family Silent Disco, 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Tickets £4 available from Fiona Hooper or booking@galhampton.com. Bar and snacks available. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.

MAY SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 10th 9.30am Communion
(BCP piano)

Sunday 17th 11.00am *Sunday Worship*
at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 24th 6.30pm Evening Service
(piano)

Sunday 31st 10.30am *United Benefice*
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North Cadbury

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

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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.

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NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Saturday 30th May 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

Local Contacts

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North Cadbury

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GARDENING CLUB Ron Wood 441192

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TENNIS CLUB Steve Ingram 440125

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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

Canterbury Tales Revamped

The Camelot Players will be giving a performance of Canterbury Tales Revamped on Friday 8th May and Saturday 9th May in North Cadbury Village Hall. There will be plays, readings and music. Performance starts at 7.30pm with doors opening at 7.00pm. The bar will be open. Tickets £10, available from North Cadbury Village Stores, Robin on 440554 or online at www.camelotplayers.co.uk

North Cadbury Cinema

North Cadbury Cinema will be showing Hamnet on Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm and licensed bar. Adults £6; under 16's £4 on the door.

Fundraising Project

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

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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.

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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 07777658702, Publicity: Susie Morris 441319.

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Some lovely weather is starting and even the least hardy gardeners may be wearing shorts at times! It's an inspiration to go out and help the garden flourish.

The club meets to gather like-minded people and have gardening based talks and events.

Our recent talks have been – in February by Dan Coombes, Garden Designer telling of his life journey through a deep interest in biology and love of well-integrated landscapes. In March – how to make the best and fastest compost, necessary for healthy plants. In April - James Cross of Bishop's Palace Gardens on how to maintain interest in our Borders for Winter so we are well prepared; mentally at least.

On May 16th we have the popular Plant and Cake Sale in the hall at 10.30am. It would be wonderful if you could sow, divide, propagate or dig up some plants from your garden to contribute. We rely on our members to stock the sale. Likewise with cakes – all contributions are very welcome and necessary. It's a good and fun fundraising event and the sharing process is a way of replenishing the plantstock in your garden for the growing season. We're happy with all edible, wildflower, ornamental and house plants/seedlings. Select garden equipment too. All are very much appreciated. Please drop off at the hall from 8.30am to 10am on the day. The plant sale is open to all.

On 27th May at 6.00pm we have the Castle Gardens talk and discount event for members.

The sunflower competition is hotting up with many packets sold.

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hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. However from May to August the programme is more varied in time and place. susie.ncgardening@outlook.com if you'd like to know more. We enjoy receiving visitors and guests. Annual membership is £15.

MAY SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 10th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 17th 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 24th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 31st 10.30am *United Benefice
Communion with Bp Fiona at Sutton Montis*

Queen Camel

MAY SERVICES AT ST BARNABAS

Sunday 3rd 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 17th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 31st 10.30am *United Benefice
Communion with Bp Fiona at Sutton Montis*

South Cadbury

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The Annual Vestry Meeting (which elects churchwardens for the year) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (which hears reports on the Church's year and elects PCC members) will take place on Thursday 28th May at 7.00pm in the Church.

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 12th May.

SOUTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

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SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 12th May from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

MAY SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

Tuesday 12th 12 noon Communion (BCP)

Sunday 24th 9.30am Communion
(BCP org)

Sunday 31st 10.30am *United Benefice
Communion with Bp Fiona at Sutton Montis*

Sparkford

MAY SERVICES AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 17th 11.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 31st 10.30am *United Benefice
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Tuesday 12th May from 7.30pm at South
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MAY SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 10th 11.00am Communion (CW)

Sunday 31st 10.30am United Benefice
Communion (CW org) with Bp Fiona

West Camel

MAY SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 3rd 4.00pm Tea @ Four

Sunday 10th 11.00am Morning Worship
6.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 17th 6.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 24th 6.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 31st 10.30am United Benefice
Communion with Bp Fiona at Sutton Montis
6.00pm Methodist Service

Weston Bampfyld

ROGATION SERVICE

A time of asking blessings on our fields,
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meeting at 10.30am at Little Weston Farm,
Little Weston, Yeovil BA22 7HP (by kind
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Followed by a short walk through the
village followed by refreshments. Please
bring shoes/boots suitable for walking. All
welcome including well behaved dogs on
leads.

MAY SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday 17th 10.30am Rogation Service

Sunday 24th 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 31st 10.30am United Benefice
Communion with Bp Fiona at Sutton Montis

Yarlington

YARLINGTON HOUSE SPECIALIST PLANT FAIR - 9TH MAY 2026

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MAY SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 3rd 9.30am Breakfast Church

Sunday 17th 6.30pm Sung Evensong
(BCP org)

Sunday 31st 10.30am United Benefice
Communion with Bp Fiona at Sutton Montis

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(Luke 24: 44-53; Hebrews 11: 1-3)

*Blessing led to leaving,
and leaving to a new coming,
a coming in power and joy
to worship and to witness
to God's plan fulfilled
in the reality of Jesus, living.*

*This is the promised day,
the day of clothing
with power and presence,
and a fresh sending
of those with opened eyes
in every generation,
releasing hope and faith-filled
certainty,
making sense of everything.*

Come Holy Spirit, clothe me, send me.

By Daphne Kitching



"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...?'"

Bible Readings

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- 1st - *Philip & James, Apostles*
Ephesians 1: 3-10
- 2nd - John 14: 7-14
- 3rd - **5th Sunday of Easter**
Revelation 21: 1-6
- 4th - John 14: 21-26
- 5th - John 14: 27-31
- 6th - John 15: 1-8
- 7th - John 15: 9-11
- 8th - John 15: 12-17
- 9th - John 15: 18-21
- 10th - **6th Sunday of Easter**
Revelation 21: 10, 22—22:5
- 11th - John 15:26—16:4
- 12th - John 16: 5-11
- 13th - John 16: 12-15
- 14th - **Ascension Day**
Acts 1: 1-11
- 15th - *Matthias* - Acts 1: 15-
- 16th - John 16: 23-28
- 17th - **7th Sunday of Easter**
1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11
- 18th - John 16: 29-33
- 19th - John 17: 1-11
- 20th - John 17: 11-19
- 21st - John 17: 20-26
- 22nd - John 21: 15-19
- 23rd - John 21: 20-25
- 24th - **Pentecost**
Acts 2: 1-21
- 25th - Mark 10: 17-27
- 26th - Mark 10: 28-31
- 27th - Mark 10: 28-31
- 28th - Mark 10: 28-31
- 29th - Mark 10: 28-31
- 30th - Mark 10: 28-31
- 31st - **Trinity Sunday**
2 Corinthians 13: 11-14

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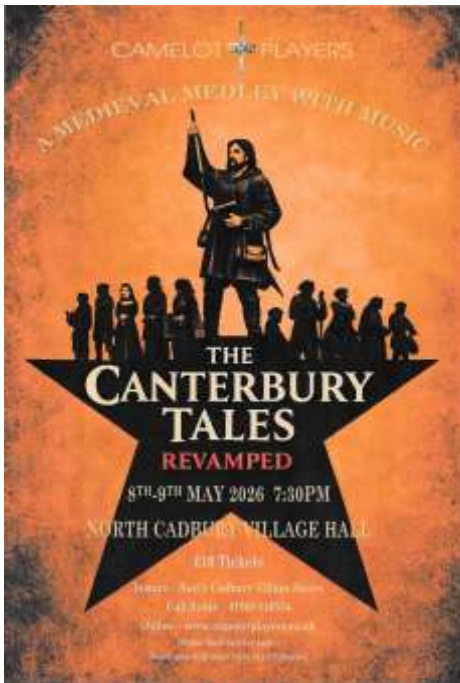


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