

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 Methodist Church - *With all your MIND*

WELL-KNOWN atheist and biologist Professor Richard Dawkins says he is a “cultural Christian.” He likes cathedrals, carols and sacred music, and doesn’t want Christianity to disappear for fear it may be replaced by Islam. Yet he wrote: “The things that Christians believe are actually nonsense.” He is not alone. On social media, sceptics regularly accuse believers of having a low IQ, or even being insane. They say Christians only believe because they were brought up that way.

A good friend of ours, who recently passed away, proved how wrong these ideas are. Monty White was raised by atheist parents — he later testified that “they failed miserably!” He went to university, and after gaining a BSc. (Hons) and PhD., became a Christian. Monty went on to become a staunch defender of Christianity, the truth of the Bible, and God as the Creator, travelling widely to speak at conferences, and in colleges and churches. Both his parents later became Christians — his father was baptised at 80 years old!

The late Christian writer and apologist C. S. Lewis was raised in a Christian home, but as a teenager influenced by materialism and the horrors of World War I, he embraced atheism. He wrote: “The world seemed so cruel and unjust.” Then he asked himself where he got this idea of just and unjust. “A man does not

call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?” Lewis realised his sense of injustice must have come from God, and became a firm believer, going on to write classics such as *Mere Christianity*, and the famous *Narnia* series, which used fantasy to teach spiritual truths. He wrote: “My faith is based on reason.”

Jesus said: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your **mind**.’ (*Matthew 2:37*). I became a follower of Jesus 70 years ago, and feel amused and rather insulted when people suggest that I — and the other 2.3 billion Christians in the world — are deluded. Christianity makes perfect sense to me: The love of God for a world gone wrong, sending His Son to make a way back to Himself, Jesus paying the price for our sin on the cross, and rising again to give eternal life and hope to all who believe.

However, intellect is not enough. Jesus said it also involves our *heart*, because Christianity is a relationship with our Creator. That’s what we were created for, and it’s available to all who want it and who take that step of faith. As with many things, “The proof of the pudding is in the eating!”

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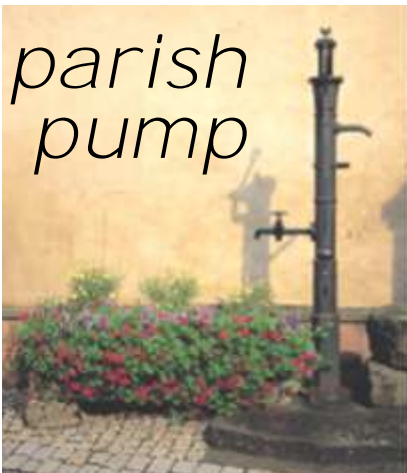
June Events

1 st	Mon	-		
2 nd	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
3 rd	Wed	-		
4 th	Thu	9.15am	Galhampton Walkers - see page 18	Galhampton Church
5 th	Fri	-		
6 th	Sat	10-11.30	Village Gathering & Coffee Morning	Galhampton Village Hall
7 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages
8 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
9 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
10 th	Wed	-		
11 th	Thu	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	North Cadbury Church
12 th	Fri	-		
13 th	Sat	-		
14 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
15 th	Mon		<u>DEADLINE FOR THE JULY BEACON</u>	
		9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
16 th	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
17 th	Wed	5.45 for 6	Gardening Club Wild Plant Walk	North Cadbury Village Hall
18 th	Thu	-		
19 th	Fri	-		
20 th	Sat	-		
21 st	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
22 nd	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
23 rd	Tue	7-8.00pm	Alternative Celtic Worship	Galhampton Church
24 th	Wed	10.30am	N Cadbury Women's Group	North Cadbury Reading Room
		7.00pm	N Cadbury & Yarlington PC Meeting	Galhampton Village Hall
25 th	Thu	-		
26 th	Fri	-		
27 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning & 200 Club	North Cadbury Village Hall
28 th	Sun		Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
29 th	Mon	9.30-11.30	mainly music - see page 7	Galhampton Church
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250 years ago, on 11th June 1776, the Second Continental Congress appointed John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R Livingston and Roger Sherman to create the first draft of the American Declaration of Independence.

65 years ago, from 4th June to 9th November, that the Berlin Crisis of 1961 took place. It led to Berlin being partitioned into East Berlin and West Berlin, and the erection of the Berlin Wall on 13th August.

50 years ago, from 23rd June to 27th August, the 1976 heat wave struck the British Isles. One of the hottest and driest summers on record, it dried up rivers and evaporated reservoirs. Domestic water supplies were rationed, and public standpipes were installed.



Parish Administrator

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 times please make contact by email or telephone - details at the bottom of 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.

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.

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

The deadline for submitting items for the magazine is always the 15th of the month before, e.g. Monday 15th June for the July Beacon.

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 9th June.

Farmers, TikTok, and People Kissing Cows

Here is a story that you couldn't make up. There is a craze on TikTok of influencers interacting with cute cows, and they have attracted thousands of followers.

So now people are wandering onto farms in search of cute cows, to cuddle and kiss for the camera. Highland type cattle, with their 'floofy' adorable thick fringes and shaggy coats are especially targeted.

Except that the cows, however cute, do not know about TikTok. So, they do not welcome complete strangers who want to wrap their arms around their necks, or pull their tails about, to get "good online content".

One Yoga teacher entered a field and did handstands among bewildered cows, to create an interesting backdrop to a video.

A father slung his son up on top of a cow's back, and was surprised when the cow ran off with his son still on board.

30 people cornered one herd at sunset and used flashing cameras to take pictures and videos of the frightened animals.

Farmers are worried. As one said: "these

people risk being trampled, charged or attacked. Cows are not domesticated animals. They are highly unpredictable creatures. They can kick *hard*. If you upset one, you will regret it – and you will never out-run it.”

*What we desire our children to be,
we must endeavour to be before them.*

Andrew Combe

*Experience is the one thing
you can't get for nothing.*

Oscar Wilde



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Bible Study:
The Bible in One Year
by Dr Bill Creasy

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council and will be held on Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 7.00pm in Galhampton 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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Vale of Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

Rosemary Bryant (aged 95). Died 24th March 2026. Funeral at St Barnabas, Queen Camel on Monday 20th April.

Weddings

Congratulations to **Florence Mary Cooke** and **Oliver Zachery Karl Kirsch-Pinfeld** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday May 9th 2026.

Also congratulations to **Lois Church** and **Christopher James Maude** married at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday May 16th 2026.

Wedding Blessing

Congratulations to **Jake Tenkate** and **Sarah Cao-Nguyen** whose wedding was blessed at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday April 18th 2026.



If you can't shine, at least twinkle!

Alistair Begg

*Humility, after the first shock,
is a cheerful virtue.*

C S Lewis

*You must not always expect the wind to
be at your back all the way to heaven.*

William Tiptaft

*If you will be cherished when you are
old, be courteous while you are young.*

John Lyly

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>



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From the Bishop

In the early days of the Ukraine war, the Diocese of Hereford, where I was then serving, was approached by Herefordshire Council. They had been so impressed by the work of church members during the pandemic, who stepped up to support their communities in practical ways, that they asked if the diocese could take on organising homes for Ukrainians fleeing the war. Yes, of course, we said. And so began an ongoing partnership, where hundreds of Ukrainian guests have found homes in the Welsh Marches, and hundreds of tonnes of aid has gone across to Ukraine.

That's just what we do as the church, isn't it? We see a need in our communities and, motivated by Christ's love and teaching, we try to meet it. And we do it out of love, not seeking any reward. We are volunteers.

The word 'volunteer' comes from words meaning, 'of a person's free will.' Volunteers serve willingly. Freely. Out of love. So many in across our diocese serve our communities willingly, freely, out of love. We are deeply grateful. There are Foodbanks, lunch clubs, debt counselling services, mental health first aiders,



bereavement cafes, after-school clubs, and youth drop-ins. That barely scratches the surface. All of this is done in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who came and gave himself for us willingly; freely; out of love. And it's transformational.

Transforming our communities through the love of Christ

One of the areas of our common diocesan life which I'll be involved with is our work around Transforming

Communities. There will be a lot more to be said in the coming months,

but for now, I simply want to thank all our volunteers who serve willingly, freely, and out of love and say how much I'm looking forward to celebrating what we have, and building on it together, transforming our communities through the love of Christ.

✠ Fiona Gibson,
Bishop of Taunton

North Cadbury Village Hall - New Chairperson

We are looking for a new Chairperson for the village hall committee. Our current chairman is stepping down after 5 years in the role but intends to stay on the committee to provide continuity. The committee run a range of activities in the hall for the local community. Anyone interested in volunteering for this rewarding role should contact Ann Cook via email at secretary@northcadburyvillagehall.org.uk

Further information can then be provided.

Celebrating 160 years of Reader Ministry

It is 160 years since the Reader Movement began in the Church of England. It was born out of a need to connect the proclamation of the Word with an increasingly secular world, a world in which the Church had lost direct contact with millions.

The founding archbishops and bishops realised that people were becoming biblically illiterate, and that there was a need to bring the Bible back into the home and the workplace. They founded a ministry to bring the voice of God back into the conversation.

What was so important in this episcopal initiative in 1866, as with the founding of the Mothers' Union nine years later and the Church Army 16 years later, is that they were all lay initiatives in mission. All, of course, were encouraged and supported by the ordained, but proud to be overwhelmingly lay.

That emphasis on lay-ness was not a form of anti-clericalism, but was founded on a concept of teamwork in which lay and ordained would work together, to pray for and bring in God's kingdom.

In the words of Archbishop Oscar Romero's famous prayer-poem:

*We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense
of liberation in realising
that this enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete
but it's a beginning,
a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace
to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference
between the master-builder and worker.
We are workers, not master-builders.
We are ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.*

To be a Reader is to emphasise the fact that your primary ministry is not in holy buildings with coloured-glass windows and pointed arches, but in being a disciple, a member of the dispersed people of God, bringing him into the conversation.

By the Rt Revd Robert Paterson, a former Chair of the Central Readers' Council. Taken from an article he wrote for The Reader magazine.

*Grace is the sum and substance
of New Testament faith. - J I Packer*

NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

Latest news and topics discussed at the Yarlington Annual Parish Assembly and ordinary PC meeting held in April 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): Cllrs Henry Hobhouse and Kevin Messenger reported as follows:

- Flooding – works carried out by Emily Estate at the head of the river were working to help ease flooding further downstream. Works were also being carried out on the retention pond on the A303 to help ease flooding north of North Cadbury.
- The Government is changing how applications are routed to committee by introducing a national scheme of delegation through the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 and draft 2026 Regulations. Many applications must be decided by officers and cannot be called to committee. Others are presumed to be officer-determined unless a strict "gateway" is passed. Referral to committee will be exceptional, not routine, and must usually be agreed by the Chief Planning Officer (or equivalent) and the Chair of the Planning Committee acting together. This significantly reduces local discretion and removes the current variety of local call-in arrangements. Parish and Town Councils will still be statutory consultees on planning applications, however, PCs will no longer be able (in practice) to influence whether an application goes to committee rather than being decided by an officer, so while PCs still comment, effectively they lose their indirect "escalation leverage". Councillors and MoP were encouraged to complete the consultation online before the closing date of midnight tonight.
- Somerset Council's (SC) budget was set for the next financial year, having avoided 'bankruptcy' and SC would continue to find ways to make savings in order to avoid filing a section 114 notice, which is a formal declaration by the local authority's chief finance officer that the council cannot lawfully meet its expenditure commitments from available funds.
- Local MPs Sarah Dyke and Adam Dance have been working hard in parliament regarding flooding in Somerset and the new £1m Ministry of Defence contract for Leonardo to produce medium lift helicopters under the New Medium Helicopter (NMH) program. The Yeovil maternity ward had just reopened this week, with thanks to both local MPs.

- Pothole situation was improving with SC placed 16th on the list of local authorities out of 158 for dealing with potholes.

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

“Thank you for the continued support from the Council and residents of Yarlington. A few year highlights:

- Stag's head opening! We're all grateful for the incredible job Louise and David do and there will be more Newt tabs to come.
- Permissive route opening around the Trout Ponds. A special thanks to my colleague Saul for his hard work in maintaining these spaces.
- Harvest Lunch. Always happy to support fundraising and we were thrilled to match fund an excellent harvest celebration.
- Natural Flood Defence Measures. Continuing support to flood management with some measurable progress already made.

Ongoing projects:

- Farm build. Work is progressing to schedule. The next stage includes cladding the buildings to better integrate them into the landscape, along with roofing works on the roundhouses.
- Agricultural track. Work is ongoing. Concerns regarding timelines and local impact have been raised and fed back. In initial response, it has been agreed seeding of the banks will begin shortly to help soften the visual impact and aid integration into the landscape.
- Farmyard Hotel extension. The next phase of construction is due to begin on 5th May.
- Pub parking. An upcoming project to relieve traffic within Yarlington by adding a modest uplift of parking spaces. I will share plans and timelines when available.”

Next Parish Council Meeting: will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 24th June 2026 in Galhampton Village Hall.

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INTERVIEW - Shaping change together

Sharon Brien is one of three new volunteers joining the Bath and Wells Lament to Action Group, which is helping to drive cultural change across the diocese. Here, Sharon tells us what inspired her to get involved.



Tell us a little about yourself.

I grew up in South East London, and moved to the South West in my twenties, so have lived in this part of the world for some time now. I originally worked in IT finance and telecoms before deciding to step away from corporate life. I now focus on gardening, propagation, writing, and voluntary work.

What made you volunteer to be part of the Lament to Action group?

I wanted to join something where I could see proper change, where I felt I might have a bigger impact on decisions and discussions. I also wanted to join a group that looked across the whole diocese, rather than one specific area.

What impact are you hoping to make?

I'd like to have my voice heard, and I'd like to hear the voices of other people. In the past, I've been quite hesitant to put myself forward because I worry

about my own exposure, but I'm looking forward to working with others and the opportunity to have important conversations.

What are you hoping the group can achieve?

I hope it encourages honest conversations, highlights people's lived experiences and helps create lasting change.

What would you say to others considering volunteering for a role in the diocese?

Every perspective matters. You don't need to come from a particular background or feel like an expert. It's important to involve everybody who is interested or intrigued, or who sees an advert and thinks, "That looks interesting, but I'd be scared to talk in a group," or "I'd be worried my opinion isn't relevant." Most people have something to say and diverse voices make these conversations stronger.

What makes life dreary is absence of motive. What makes life complicated is multiplicity of motive. What makes life victorious is singleness of motive.

– George Eliot

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 726576**.

Prayer in the Parishes in June

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 1 st	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 16 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde	Wed 17 th	9.00am	Yarlington
Tue 2 nd	5.00pm	Sutton Montis		6.00pm	Galthampton
Wed 3 rd	9.00am	Yarlington	Mon 22 nd	9.00am	Queen Camel
	6.00pm	Galthampton		6.00pm	Sparkford
Mon 8 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 23 rd	5.00pm	Corton Denham
	6.00pm	Sparkford	Wed 24 th	9.00am	North Cadbury
Tue 9 th	5.00pm	Corton Denham		12.30pm	West Camel
Wed 10 th	9.00am	North Cadbury		5.00pm	South Cadbury
	12.30pm	West Camel	Mon 29 th	9.00am	Queen Camel
	5.00pm	South Cadbury		6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde
Mon 15 th	9.00am	Queen Camel	Tue 30 th	5.00pm	Sutton Montis
	6.00pm	Weston Bampfylde			

Mid Week Holy Communion



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Why is it that when you tell a man there are 400 billion stars he will believe you, but when you tell him there's wet paint, he has to touch it?

If your supermarket has been lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?

Do you find it unnerving that what doctors do is called 'practice'?

Sunday Worship

7th June	<i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>		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>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>		

14th June	<i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i>		Green
9.15 am	Galhampton	Holy Communion (BCP piano)	<i>cw</i>
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>		
11.00 am	Sutton Montis	Morning Worship	<i>rw</i>
	West Camel	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>pe cw</i>
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Exodus 19: 2-8a; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8</i>		

21st June	<i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>		Green
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>cw</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	<i>ap</i>
11.00 am	Sparkford	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>mw cw</i>
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service	<i>Methodists</i>
6.30 pm	Yarlington	Sunday Worship	<i>lg</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39</i> Evening - <i>1 Samuel 24: 1-17; Luke 14: 12-24</i>		

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<i>pe</i>	Peter Ebsworth

28th June	<i>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Green
9.30 am	South Cadbury Weston Bampfylde	Holy Communion (BCP org) <i>cw</i> Morning Worship <i>pe je</i>
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Holy Communion (CW org) <i>cw</i>
6.00 pm	West Camel	Methodist Service <i>Methodists</i>
6.30 pm	Galhampton	Evening Service <i>rw</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42</i> Evening - <i>1 Samuel 28: 3-19; Luke 17: 20-37</i>	

5th July	<i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Green
9.00 am	Yarlington	Breakfast Church <i>je</i>
9.30 am	Queen Camel	Holy Communion (CW) <i>rw</i>
11.00 am	Corton Denham North Cadbury	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>cw</i> Holy Communion (CW org) <i>rw</i>
4.00 pm	West Camel	Tea at Four <i>United</i>
READINGS	Morning - <i>Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a;</i> <i>Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-</i>	

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

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The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

(Luke 1: 39-56)

*Spirit of blessing and joy
how we sang.
How we shared,
how we marvelled
at the wonder of it all.*

*Three months we had
to prepare, to praise you,
to ponder in private.*

*Three months backstage,
before the curtain of history went up.*

By Daphne Kitching

God, the Port of Peace

*Now come all,
you who have been brought
in bondage full of busy bitterness,
earthly desire abiding in your thought!
Here is the rest
from all your busyness,
here is the port
of peace and restfulness
to those who stand
in storms and in dis-ease,
open refuge to wretches in distress,
and all comfort from
trouble and mis-ease.*

Adopted from John Walton,
about 1410



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/>

JUNE SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 7th 11.00am Morning Worship

Galhampton

GALHAMPTON WALKERS

Galhampton walkers meet on 4th June at 9.15am outside the church. All welcome, including our four legged friends. Short and long walks suitable for all.

JUNE VILLAGE GATHERING

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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 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th June in Galhampton Church.

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

Please note that the Silent Disco has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

JUNE SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Please note the change of time for the Communion service on the second Sunday of the month - now starting at 9.15am instead of 9.30am.

Sunday 14th **9.15am** Communion
(BCP piano)

Sunday 21st 11.00am Sunday Worship
at North Cadbury Church

Sunday 28th 6.30pm Evening Service
(piano)

North Cadbury

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 11th June, 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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NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & 200 Club Draw

Saturday 27th June 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!

Details for all our events can be found on our website

www.northcadburyvillagehall.org

Fundraising Project

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"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?

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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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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

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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: Chairman: Angela Hunt 01963 440929, Treasurer: Noreen Rundle 441397, Events: Rita Gaulke 07777658702, Publicity: Susie Morris 441319.

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Wild Plant (foraging) Identification walk at 6.00pm on **June 17th**. Meet outside the village hall from 5.45pm. To be guided by Donna Wildwood.

Summer Garden Party with shared dishes, seasonal drinks and games, please arrive from 6.30pm **July 19th**.

August a garden or local interest visit, tba, soon.

Guests and visitors are most welcome for a very small fee. Annual membership is £15.

To find out more, contact
susie.ncgardening@outlook.com

JUNE SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 7th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 14th 9.15am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 21st 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 28th 11.00am Communion (CW org)

Queen Camel

JUNE SERVICES AT ST BARNABAS

Sunday 7th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 21st 9.30am Communion (BCP 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 9th June.

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SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON MONTIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 9th June from 7.30pm at South Cadbury Village Hall.

JUNE SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

Tuesday 9th 12 noon Communion (BCP)

Sunday 28th 9.30am Communion
(BCP org)

Sparkford

JUNE SERVICES AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

Sunday 21st 11.00am Communion (CW org)

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Tuesday 9th June from 7.30pm at South
Cadbury Village Hall.

JUNE SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 14th 11.00am Morning Worship

West Camel

JUNE SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 7th 4.00pm Tea @ Four

Sunday 14th 11.00am Communion (CW org)
6.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 21st 6.00pm Methodist Service

Sunday 28th 6.00pm Methodist Service

Weston Bampfylde

JUNE SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday 28th 9.30am Morning Worship

Yarlington

JUNE SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 7th 9.00am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 21st 6.30pm Sunday Worship



...well you cannot fault the efficacy of
the new 'Planned Giving' scheme...

Bible Readings

JUNE

- 1st - *Visitation* - Luke 1: 38-49
2nd - Mark 12: 13-17
3rd - Mark 12: 18-27
4th - Mark 12: 28-34
5th - Mark 12: 35-37
6th - Mark 12: 38-44
7th - **1st Sunday after Trinity**
Romans 4: 13-25
8th - Matthew 5: 1-12
9th - Matthew 5: 13-16
10th - Matthew 5: 17-19
11th - *Barnabas the Apostle*
Acts 11: 19-30
12th - Matthew 5: 27-32
13th - Matthew 5: 33-37
14th - **2nd Sunday after Trinity**
Romans 5: 1-8
15th - Matthew 5: 38-42
16th - Matthew 5: 43-48
17th - Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
18th - Matthew 6: 7-15
19th - Matthew 6: 19-23
20th - Matthew 6: 24-34
21st - **3rd Sunday after Trinity**
Romans 6: 1b-11
22nd - Matthew 7: 1-5
23rd - Matthew 7: 6, 12-14
24th - *Birth of John the Baptist*
Luke 1: 57-66, 80
25th - Matthew 7: 21-29
26th - Matthew 8: 1-4
27th - Matthew 8: 5-17
28th - **4th Sunday after Trinity**
Romans 6: 12-23
29th - *Peter the Apostle*
Acts 12: 1-11
30th - Matthew 8: 23-27



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Remembering John Constable

250 years ago, on 11th June 1776, John Constable, British landscape artist, was born.

Widely known as a painter in the Romantic tradition, Constable had a deeply conservative faith centred on the Church of England, which he viewed as an essential stabilising force in society. His painting of Salisbury Cathedral is regarded as a symbol of this.

Born in East Bergholt, Suffolk, to a wealthy corn merchant who owned Flatford Mill, he was expected to take over the business: although he was the second son, the eldest was regarded as incapable. But John Constable was always focused on painting, and the business was eventually taken over by his younger brother.

Constable enjoyed painting the areas he knew well – primarily those on the border of Suffolk and Essex which is now known as Constable Country. “Painting is but another word for feeling,” he wrote to a friend. He regarded nature as a reflection of God’s creation and his own work as spiritual, though a tour of the Lake District in 1806 did not convince him of the attraction of mountains.

He is now highly valued, but he was never successful financially in his own lifetime, though he was elected to the Royal Academy at the age of 52. He was more popular in France than in England, but refused invitations to travel to promote his work, saying he would rather be a poor man in England than a rich man abroad.

After the death through tuberculosis of his wife Maria Bicknell at the age of 41, Constable became depressed: it had been a love match that triumphed over opposition from her wealthy relatives, and he was left a widower with seven young children. He

continued to paint, but in a different style, darker and semi-abstract, but still compelling.

Christian Giving

Stewardship’s recent *Generosity Report* explored ‘Christian giving in the UK’ and is based on 6,000 churchgoers, 1,700 of whom attend church weekly, 1,200 who go monthly and 3,100 who attend less frequently.

On average, these Christians gave £124 a month to different charitable causes, made up of £98 to their church and £26 to other charities.

The more committed Christians, who attend their church and reading the Bible at least weekly, tend to give more than others. They give to Christian charities, then secular charities and finally individual Christian workers.

Why give? “Gratitude for the blessings God has given me (home, finance, family etc.)” is the reason about a third of them give. This is followed by “gratitude for what Jesus did for me on the Cross” (30%) and being “part of something that can make a difference” (29%).

How do Christians feel about their giving? The answer: “Responsibility and joy,” is closely followed by “gratitude.” Mostly, Christians keep quiet about their giving, not even discussing it with friends.

Supporting those in need was a prime reason for giving (say sponsoring running a marathon), whether to family or friends or homeless strangers on the streets. The faith affiliation of charities was less important – it was what they were doing which counted.

Committed Christians usually support two charities.

Remembering G K Chesterton

Ninety years ago, on 14th June 1936, G K Chesterton died at his home in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian, he is remembered for his stories about the priest-detective Father Brown.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton was born in Kensington, London, to an estate agent father and a Swiss-French mother. He was educated at St Paul's School before studying art at the Slade School and literature at University College, London. He did not get a degree, and his earliest ambition was to be an artist.

A conspicuous figure in both height and girth, he eventually took to writing, producing in all about 80 books, several hundred poems, 200 short stories, 4000 essays (mostly newspaper columns), and several plays. His literary preoccupations were initially journalism and social commentary, then literary criticism and lastly religion.

He was an apologist who spoke out for orthodox Christianity, initially from an Anglican standpoint, but after 1922 as a Roman Catholic. Using paradox, a sense of wonder and imaginative wit, he described the Christian faith as the one logical answer to life's mysteries. His seminal book, *Orthodoxy*, written when he was an Anglican, was a key factor in the conversion of C S Lewis.

Chesterton married Frances Blogg in 1901, but the couple were unable to have children. A writer herself, Frances encouraged her husband and acted as his personal assistant. He survived a life-threatening illness in 1914 affecting his heart and kidneys and was unconscious for a long period before recovering, though he never regained full vitality.

His most widely known invented character was Father Brown, kindly protagonist of a series of detective novels. Father Brown is an unprepossessing figure with a sharp mind who understands the intricacies of evil through hearing many confessions.

BBC Proms will still celebrate the US – despite Trump's lawsuit

The BBC will mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a programme of American classical music this summer.

That is while Donald Trump pursues his multi-million lawsuit against the corporation.

But he is not the only thing that is making the BBC uneasy. BBC insiders are also wary of the shifting political situation between the US and Iran, which could make the Proms concerts at the Royal Albert Hall a target for anti-war demonstrations.

However, the concerts will still go on to showcase the music of famous US composers, including George Gershwin, Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein. American conductors will even lead several of the shows.

Sam Jackson, the BBC Radio 3 controller, said: "The 250th anniversary of American independence is a major moment in world history. We live in uncertain times, but our current geopolitical situation should not lead us to 'cancel' great music, or to deny licence fee payers the opportunity to hear repertoire of both the past and the present."

The Proms will launch with the First Night on 17th July.

Wordsearch - Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Mary - the virgin mother of Jesus. Her visit to Elizabeth, when both were pregnant, is a moving account of two humble, ordinary women, suddenly caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and acceptance of his will, shine through.

After Jesus is born, Mary makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her son on the way home; when she urges him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when he is dying on the cross. Mary's last appearance is in Acts, just before Pentecost.

Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a unique place in history. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. “All generations shall call me blessed...”

Mary	C	H	U	R	C	H	A	G	O	I	W	N	D	T	C
Virgin	C	I	N	N	U	T	N	I	I	S	T	C	N	R	N
Mother	P	T	G	I	I	I	L	D	D	E	R	E	O	I	I
Elizabeth	S	E	J	R	P	Q	O	P	E	E	V	S	G	E	R
Pregnant	V	G	C	E	N	T	U	R	I	E	S	E	Z	G	S
Ordinary	R	R	E	H	R	W	D	E	D	L	L	S	R	S	I
World	R	K	M	T	U	U	I	G	N	I	D	D	E	W	N
History	N	E	S	O	L	C	S	N	F	Z	N	R	V	L	H
Great	Y	R	A	M	E	A	C	A	E	A	N	A	H	I	B
Event	B	E	V	I	R	G	I	N	L	B	M	I	R	L	T
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Jerusalem	I	N	D	E	V	O	L	E	B	T	M	U	L	C	R
Wedding	E	C	A	L	P	R	E	E	O	H	T	C	E	Y	L
Cana	C	T	I	C	Y	L	S	R	S	E	L	W	E	E	I
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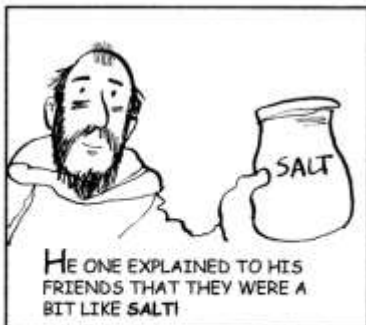
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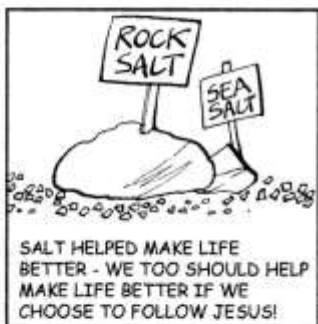
JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



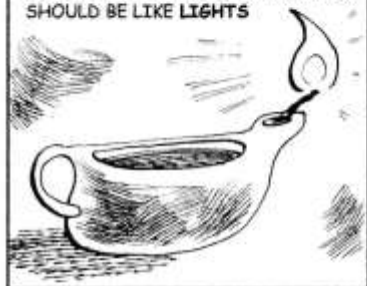
IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS
VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED
PRESERVE FOOD....



...AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR.
IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED

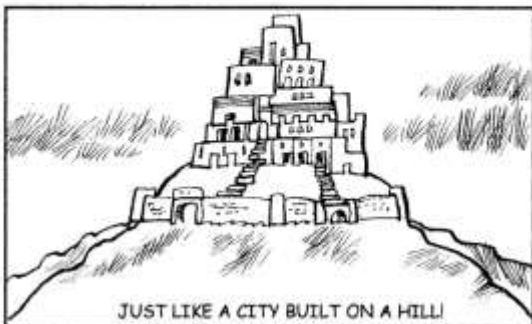


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