

Diary of Church Events

January

- Tuesday 7th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Friday 10th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play
- Tuesday 14th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 14th **Burtle:** Bible study home group. 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle. 'Women of Faith from the Old Testament – Eve'
- Saturday 18th **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Piper's Inn. £8. 8.45am
- Saturday 18th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Kootya, Broadway (opposite Edington Chapel) TA7 9HA. 10.30-12 midday. £1 entrance. In aid of St. George's Church. Raffle and Bring and Buy.
- Tuesday 21st **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Wednesday 22nd **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Buckfurlong, Manor Road, Catcott. 10.30-12. £1 for tea/coffee/cake. Raffle
- Saturday 25th **Shapwick:** Messy Church 2-4pm.
- Tuesday 28th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 28th **Burtle:** Bible study home group. 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle. 'Women of Faith from the Old Testament – Sarah'

February

- Saturday 8th **Ashcott:** Big Breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. Come for good food and good company.
- Tuesday 11th **Burtle:** Bible study home group. 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle. 'Women of Faith from the Old Testament – Rahab'
- Friday 14th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play
- Friday 21st **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Polden Rise, Steel Lane Lane, TA7 9HS. 10.30-12. £1 for tea/coffee/cake. Raffle
- Tuesday 25th **Ashcott:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Cook. 11-1. Fresh pancakes with a choice of fillings.
- Tuesday 25th **Burtle:** Bible study home group. 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle. 'Women of Faith from the Old Testament – Deborah'

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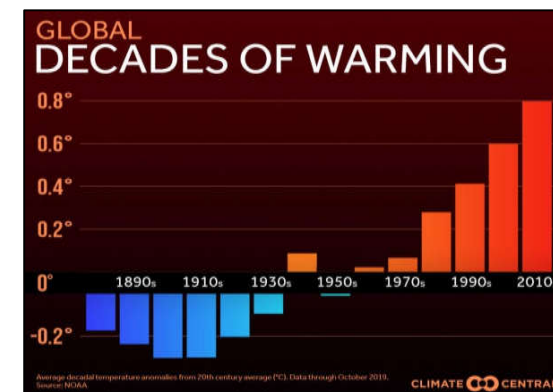
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Hi folks,

So, what's up with the flimsy paper? Bit tight on the church finances are we?

Over the last year, climate change has become even bigger news than it was before. Part of this is because of the protest group *Extinction Rebellion* and the Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg, who have both frequently attracted headlines – but this is part of a growing awareness that climate change really is happening, and that we each have a responsibility to ensure that it doesn't get out of control. Global warming is one of the most obvious aspects of climate change – illustrated in the graphic.



Churches have not often been at the forefront of the environmental movement. This is odd if we really believe that the Earth is God's creation – should we not act as if we actually value what God has created?

As a group of churches, we in the Polden Wheel realise that we have a part to play as well. In some ways it's an uphill task: mediaeval stone churches weren't built with either insulation or double-glazing in mind. But there are things that we can do – such as making sure we use eco-friendly light-bulbs, and looking at our electricity suppliers and heating sources. It's important that we do what we can do. And much as I like the look and feel of the thicker 100gsm paper, recycled paper is more environmentally responsible.

Meanwhile... may I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy

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Church Services in January 2020

Sunday 5 January – Epiphany 1 (White)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Worship
10.30 *Edington* Family Communion
6.00 for 6.30 *Burtle* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 12 January – Epiphany 2 (White)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church at the Pavilion
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion
4.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 19th January – Epiphany 2 (White)

10.30 *Catcott* Informal Worship
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship
6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Tuesday 21 January

7.00 *Catcott* A Time to Breathe – a Service of Quiet

Saturday 25 January

4.00 *Shapwick* Messy Church

Sunday 26 January – Epiphany 3 (White)

10.30 *Edington* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Burtle* Informal Worship
4.00 *Shapwick* Taize Service

Sunday 2 February – 4th Before Lent (White)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion
10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship
6.00 for 6.30 *Chilton Polden* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 9 February – 3rd Before Lent (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church at the Pavilion
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion
4.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday Readings for January

5 Jan: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72. (1-9)10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12
12 Jan: Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17
19 Jan: Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42
26 Jan: Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1,4-12*; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

Midweek

Holy Communions

Wednesday 22 January
in *Edington* School Room
at 10.30am preceded by
coffee at 10am.

Thursdays 2 and 16
January` and 6 February
at All Saints Church,
Ashcott at 10am.

All are welcome.

Men's Breakfasts 2020

3rd Saturday of every month,
8.45am at the Piper's Inn in *Ashcott*.
Next one: **Saturday January 18th**



Messy Church 2020



The first Messy Church in 2020 is on
Saturday 25th January
4pm to 6pm in *Shapwick* Church.
Join us for fun activities, crafts, Bible-
based songs and stories and a meal at
the end.

In 2017, the *Polden Wheel* churches started
collecting for **Bridgwater Foodbank**, with each
church having a donations box for food items.
Since then, we have taken many kilograms of
items in and also fundraised for them.



We would therefore like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have donated
goods over the year and/or contributed to our harvest appeal: in 2019 we
collected 400kgs of goods and raised £570 towards their running and upkeep.
Despite living in times of western wealth and social support, sadly for many
individuals and families at times of hardship, this is a very much needed lifeline
and we are very appreciative of all the wonderful work they do. Your generous
support helps us contribute to that.

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