

OCTOBER 2019

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

While Jen and I were away in Scotland, we had a marvellous otter sighting. It was on a day when I'd made a fair bit of effort to see one, but to no avail. We headed to Tobermory on Mull, where there's a photogenic seafront which is readily viewed from the main car park. I therefore asked Jen to stand with Joshua at a particular spot at the edge of the car park with the seafront in the background – and while I was taking photographs of them an otter popped up behind them! We watched it for about ten minutes, with me photographing it assiduously.

Since we came back, I've been telling everyone about it – it's a neat story, and I'm thrilled both to have seen the otter and to have taken some decent photos of it.



Why did I do this? – I was thrilled and wanted others to share it.

It's the same reasoning behind why Christians want to share why they came to faith. It's not primarily because we've signed up to an ideology which we want others to sign up to – but because we have a living relationship that transforms our lives. My faith in Jesus gives me a deeper sense of joy in the good times, a greater resilience in the difficult times – and a greater sense of the inherent goodness of our creator God.

That's why we run courses like Alpha – not for people to sign up to an ideology, but to share in the experience of a relationship with Jesus.

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy

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One25

step away from the streets

Sunday October 20
Ashcott Church, 6.30pm

Learn about the extraordinary work done among the street workers of Bristol, with our own Wendy Goodwin from Burtle and a team from One25.



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith run over 11 weeks.

18th Sept to 27th Nov

7 - 9.15pm in Shapwick Church.

Food, Talk and Discussion.

Contact Rich for more details and to book a place.

Shoeboxes



Filled boxes to Cafe Burtle on
November 9th, or call Rosemary
01278 722321
[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/
what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child)

St. Edward's, Chilton Polden History Weekend

5th and 6th October 10am-4pm

A celebration to mark 130 years since the **rebuilding of St. Edward's church** and the history of the village.

Displays, presentations and collections.

Refreshments and quizzes.

Skittles evening 7pm at the White Hart on Saturday evening. Tickets £10 from Anne or [REDACTED] on 01278 722408.

Church Contacts

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Church Services in October 2019

Sunday 6 October– Trinity 16 (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 *Edington* Harvest Informal Communion
6.00 for 6.30 *Ashcott* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 13 October – Trinity 17 (Green)

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

Tuesday 15 October

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

Saturday 19 October

4.00 *Shapwick* Messy Church

Sunday 20 October – Trinity 18 (Green)

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship
10.30 *Catcott* Family Worship
6.30 *Ashcott* One25 Evening

Sunday 27 October – Bible Sunday (Green/Catcott Purple)

10.30 *Burtle* Family Communion
10.30 *Shapwick* Family Worship with Baptism
6.30 *Catcott* All Souls Service

Sunday 3 November – All Saints (White)

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

Sunday 10 November – Remembrance (Red)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church **at the Pavilion**
10.45 *Edington* Remembrance Service
6.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday Readings for October

6 Oct: Habakkuk 1.1-4;2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10
13 Oct: 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19
20 Oct: Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8
27 Oct: Isaiah 45.22-25; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 15.1-6; Luke 4.16-24



Messy Church

In Shapwick Church
4-6pm

Join us for fun activities, craft, Bible-based songs and stories and a meal at the end.

Dates: 19 Oct, 23 Nov and 7 Dec

Midweek Holy Communions

Wednesday 23 October in *Edington* Church at 10.00am followed by coffee.

Thursdays 3 and 17 October and 7 November in *All Saints* Church, *Ashcott* at 10am.

All are welcome.

Diary of Church Events

October

- Tuesday 1st **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Wednesday 2nd **Shapwick:** The Alpha Course 7pm at Shapwick Church.
- Sat 5th/Sun 6th **Chilton Polden:** History event to mark the rebuilding of the church 130 years ago. 10am to 4 pm in the church. Exhibition, displays, refreshments and quizzes.
- Saturday 5th **Chilton Polden:** Skittles evening with a meal at the White Hart. Tickets from Anne [REDACTED] on 01278 722408
- Tuesday 8th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 8th **Burtle:** Bible study home group on Acts 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle
- Wednesday 9th **Shapwick:** The Alpha Course 7pm at Shapwick Church.
- Friday 11th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play
- Friday 11th **Burtle:** Skittles evening at the Duck. Tickets £12 to include a meal
- Saturday 12th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Little Orchard, The Walls, TA7 9JU. 10.30 to 12 noon. Entry £1. Bring and Buy and Raffle.
- Tuesday 15th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Wednesday 16th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Sunny Brow, 14a Steel Lane TA7 9HP. 10.30-12. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle.
- Wednesday 16th **Shapwick:** The Alpha Course 7pm at Shapwick Church.
- Saturday 19th **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast Piper's Inn 8.45am. Talk by Reverend Andrew Stevens.
- Saturday 19th **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm.
- Monday 21st **Shapwick:** Lite Bite 12:30-2pm In St Mary's Church. Minimum donation of £2.50 for a light lunch. All welcome.
- Tuesday 22nd **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 22nd **Burtle:** Bible study home group on Acts 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle
- Wednesday 23rd **Shapwick:** The Alpha Course 7pm at Shapwick Church.
- Tuesday 29th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Wednesday 30th **Shapwick:** The Alpha Course 7pm at Shapwick Church.

November

- Saturday 9th **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11.30 £6 for full English, cereals, juice, toast and coffee. Mini market.
- Saturday 9th **Ashcott:** Auction of Promises in village hall. 7.30pm. Tickets £7.
- Thursday 14th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at 15, Steel Lane (on corner with Brook Lane) TA7 9HW. 10.30-12. £1 Tea/coffee/cake. Raffle.
- Saturday 16th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Bramley House, Holywell Road, TA7 9LE. 10.30 to 12 noon. Entry £1. Bring and Buy and Raffle.