

JUNE 2019

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

Some years ago I went to Knapdale Forest in Argyll to see the beavers that had recently been released. Early one morning before dawn I stood on the edge of midge-infested loch. I heard gnawing but could see nothing. Later, as I wandered around the loch, I noticed a floating log – only when I saw its eyes and ears did I realise it was a beaver! The release of beavers in Scotland – and an ‘accidental’ release in Devon – is an example of re-wilding: the re-introduction of once-native species that have become extinct in the UK.



One of the beavers in Knapdale Forest in Argyll in 2012; and signs of their engineering.

This week I went to a conference which focussed on Fresh Expressions of church in the countryside. It’s an exciting conference to go to because it’s full of pioneer ministers who like to think outside the box, to dream about new ways of doing church – and who have the courage to enable these dreams to become reality.

In the final talk of the conference, George Lings mused about whether we need to think about re-wilding the church. This is a phrase that immediately struck me. He was effectively asking whether the church has become so tame that we’ve lost the essential wildness of what it means to follow God. The ancient Celtic Christians, who were the pioneer Christians in these islands, knew and loved the wildness of the Holy Spirit.

One of the characters in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* speaks about Aslan, the lion, this way: “Safe? Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.” Perhaps we need to remember that God is neither safe nor tame – but that he is very good.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

THY KINGDOM COME

Join the global wave of prayer between Pentecost & Ascension to pray for more people to know Jesus!

Day	Morning 9am	Evening 7pm
Thurs 30 May		Shapwick
Fri 31	Chilton Polden	Edington
Sat 1 June	Catcott	Burtle
Sun 2	<i>Normal services</i>	
Mon 3	Edington	Chilton Polden
Tues 4	Ashcott	Catcott
Wed 5	Shapwick	Ashcott
Thurs 6	Burtle	Shapwick
Fri 7	Catcott	Edington
Sat 8	Chilton Polden	Burtle
Sun 10	<i>Pentecost Sunday services</i>	

Throughout this time there will also be a set of **prayer stations** in the church in **Chilton Polden**, to which you can drop in during the day.



Cream Tea

Chilton Polden Cream Teas

Saturday 1st June

at Greystones, Broadway, TA7 9DJ.

3-5pm. Parking at the playing field and entry via Smallways Lane

Ashcott Afternoon Tea.

Sunday 16th June

Village Hall. 3-5pm. £8.00

Tea served in china cups, with teapots. A selection of sandwiches, cakes, scones, jam & cream, a savoury and a mini dessert.

Booking required. Please call Fred on 01458 0210485 or Margaret on 01458 210448.

Catcott Open Garden Teas

Sunday 23rd June 2-6pm

Barton Farm Manor Road, TA7 9HD.

followed by an open-air service at 6.30pm.

Burtle Cream Teas.

Sunday 30th June 3-5pm.

On the lawn at Catcott Burtle Farm.

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Church Services in June 2019

Sunday 2 June – Easter 7 (White)

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

Sunday 9 June – Pentecost (Red)

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

Sunday 16 June – Trinity Sunday (White)

- 10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Communion
- 3.30 for 4.00 *Catcott* Family Worship
- 6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Saturday 22nd June

- 4.00 *Shapwick* Messy Church

Sunday 23 June – Trinity 1 (Green)

- 10.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion
- 6.30 *Catcott* Open Gardens Service

Sunday 30 June – Trinity 2 (Green)

- 10.30 *Edington* Family Communion

Sunday 7 July– Trinity 3 (Green)

- 9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Communion
- 6.30 *Edington* Evensong: a celebration for Andrew Gordon Clark with the choir from St. John's Glastonbury, and refreshments to follow

Sunday 14 July – Trinity 4 (Green)

- 10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church
- 10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion
- 6.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday Readings for June

- 2 June: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Rev 22:12-end; John 17:20-end
- 9 June: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:26-end; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17
- 16 June: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
- 23 June: Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39
- 30 June: Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62



Time to Breathe

A Service of Quiet

Weds June 19 at 7pm
in **Catcott** church.

This will be a quiet space for contemplative reflection, for about half an hour. Contact Jackie Parkes or Rich for more details.

Midweek Holy Communions

Wednesday 26 June in
Edington Church at
10.00am followed by
coffee.

Thursdays 6 and 20 June in
All Saints Church, *Ashcott*
at 10am.

All are welcome.

Diary of Church Events

June

- Saturday 1st **Chilton Polden:** Cream Teas at Greystones, Broadway, TA7 9DJ. 3-5pm. Parking at the playing field and entry via Smallways Lane.
- Tuesday 4th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Tuesday 4th **Burtle:** Bible study home group at 1pm at Pennywise, Catcott Road, Burtle
- ~~Wednesday 5th **Shapwick:** One 25 talk~~ **postponed – date to be confirmed**
- Thursday 6th **Shapwick:** The Prayer Course 7.30pm at Shapwick Church.
- Friday 7th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Woodstock, Weares Lane, TA7 9HS. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. All welcome
- Tuesday 11th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Thursday 13th **Shapwick:** The Prayer Course 7.30pm at Shapwick Church.
- Saturday 15th **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Piper's Inn. 8.45am. Talk by Steve Neal.
- Saturday 15th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Church House, The Walls, TA7 9JU. 10.30 to 12 noon. Entry £1. Bring and Buy and Raffle.
- Sunday 16th **Ashcott:** Afternoon Tea in the village hall. 3-5pm. Booking required. Contact Fred 01458 210485 or Margaret 01458 210448
- Monday 17th **Shapwick:** Lite Bite 12:30-2pm. In St Mary's Church. Minimum donation of £2.50 for a light lunch. All welcome.
- Tuesday 18th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Tuesday 18th **Burtle:** Bible study home group at 1pm at Pennywise, Catcott Road, Burtle
- Thursday 20th **Shapwick:** The Prayer Course 7.30pm at Shapwick Church.
- Saturday 22nd **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm
- Sunday 23rd **Catcott:** Open Garden Teas at Barton Farm, Manor Road, TA7 9HD. 2-6pm followed by an open-air service at 6.30pm.
- Tuesday 25th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Saturday 29th **Catcott:** St Peter's Annual Gift Day. Tea, coffee and cake in the church. 9.30 – noon. The tower will be open (weather permitting)
- Sunday 30th **Burtle:** Cream teas on the lawn at Catcott Burtle Farm. 3-5pm

July

- Saturday 13th **Catcott:** Supper in the Garden at Barton Farm, Manor Road, Catcott at 6.30pm. Contact Martin Melia 01278 722808.