

APRIL 2019

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

I thought I'd start by sharing a photo that I took in March.

Great crested grebes have an elaborate courtship ritual which is very eye-catching, which I hadn't previously succeeded in photographing well. By chance I arrived at Ham Wall one morning recently just as a pair were about to start. It was amazing to see them rising up, penguin-like, feet pattering quickly on the water surface, chest to chest, head-shaking with weed in their beaks. The weed appears to represent their saying, "Let's make a nest together!", as they will use this kind of material on their nests.



Great crested grebes doing the weed dance at Ham Wall in March

The climax of the Christian year, Easter, is on April 21. Despite the prevalence of eggs and bunnies, Easter lacks the commercialism that bedevils Christmas, so there's more chance for us to focus on what it's about.

On the first Good Friday, the Messiah and son of God, Jesus, was crucified. There's a lot of theological significance to this: in the old system, we made sacrifices to God to atone for our sinfulness; but now, Jesus became the sacrifice, so we don't have to. That's good news in itself: but far better is that death wasn't the end – Jesus rose again to show that, through God, death itself is defeated. We too can share the hope of eternal life with him if we accept that his death on the cross accounts for our sinfulness as well. Not a bad deal for us, all told!

Do come and celebrate with us on Easter Sunday – and maybe even consider coming to the sunrise service at Ham Wall!

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

At **Catcott School** on **Wednesday 10th April**. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Those on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish are eligible to vote.



Creation Care

**Thursdays at 7.30 in Lent,
April 4, 11 in Shapwick church**

Our **Lent course** is focussing on the care of creation from a Christian perspective.

Please join us for our

Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion

April 18 at 7pm in
The White Hart, Chilton Polden.

Tickets £10 available

by e-mailing

the Parish Office:

admin@poldenwheel.co.uk



Next men's breakfast:

Sat Apr 20, 8.45am

at the Piper's Inn in Ashcott.

Our speaker will be Laurie Burn – a wildlife photographer, guitar maker and Baptist minister.

Next Messy Church:

Sat 20 April



From 4pm until 6pm
in Shapwick Church.

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

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Church Services in April 2019

Sunday 7 April – Lent 5 (Purple)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship

6.00 for 6.30 *Burtle* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 14 April – Palm Sunday (Red)

10.00 *Shapwick Café* Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion

Tuesday 16 April

7.00 *Burtle* Stations of the Cross

Thursday 18 April – Maundy Thursday

7.00 *Chilton Polden* Last Supper & Communion at the White Hart

Friday 19 – Good Friday (Hangings Removed)

2.00 *Ashcott* Hour at the Cross

Saturday 20 April

4.00 *Shapwick* Messy Church

Sunday 21 April – Easter Day (White)

5.30 *RSPB Ham Wall* Sunrise Easter Service

9.00 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

10.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion

10.30 *Shapwick* Easter Family Fun Service

Sunday 28 April – Easter 2 (White)

10.30 *Edington* Family Communion

Sunday 5 May – Easter 3 (White)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Family Communion

6.00 for 6.30 *Edington* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 12 May – Easter 4 (White)

10.00 *Shapwick Café* Church

10.30 *Edington* Family Communion

6.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday Readings for April

7 April: Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

14 April: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-end of 23

21 April: Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; Luke 24.1-12

28 April: Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-end



Time to Breathe

A Service of Quiet

Weds April 17 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 24 April in
Edington Church at
10.00am followed by
coffee.

Thursdays April 4 and 18 in
All Saints Church, *Ashcott*
at 10am.

All are welcome.

Diary of Church Events

April

- Tuesday 2nd **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Thursday 4th **Shapwick:** 'Creation Care' Lent course in the church. 7.30pm
- Saturday 6th **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £6 for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.
- Tuesday 9th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Tuesday 9th **Burtle:** Bible study home group at the vicarage at 1pm.
King David (Judges 2.2, 2 Sam 7; Mark 8-9.)
- Wednesday 10th **Catcott:** APCM at Catcott School at 7pm for 7.30 pm start.
- Thursday 11th **Shapwick:** 'Creation Care' Lent course in the church. 7.30pm.
- Friday 12th **Chilton Polden:** Easter Chocolate Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Monday 15th **Shapwick:** Lite Bite 12:30-2pm. In St Mary's Church. Minimum donation of £2.50 for a light lunch. All welcome.
- Tuesday 16th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Wednesday 17th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Farleigh, 8, Hector Road, TA7 9HL. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. All welcome.
- Saturday 20th **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Piper's Inn. 8.45am.
- Saturday 20th **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm
- Saturday 20th **Edington:** Easter Tea/Coffee/Cake – 2-4pm at Hill House, Broadmead Lane, Edington, TA7 9JS. Easter Egg Hunt. £1 entry. Raffle, Bring and Buy. In aid of St. George's Church.
- Tuesday 23rd **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Tuesday 30th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Tuesday 30th **Burtle:** Bible study home group at 1pm at Pennywise, Catcott Road, Burtle (opp. the defunct postbox next to the former Burtle Inn). *Jesus of Nazareth (Luke 9,24.)*

May

- Friday 10th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Sat/Sun 11th/12th **Edington:** 140th Celebration of the church. Coffee morning/Gift Day 10.30, afternoon tea 2-4pm and concert 7.30 on 11th. Thanksgiving service 12th. Exhibition of church history and local interest 11th and 12th in the church.
- Sunday 12th **Burtle:** Wildlife Walk at Avalon Marshes at 8.00am.
- Wednesday 15th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Barton Farm, Manor Road, TA7 9HF. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. All welcome.