

FEBRUARY 2019

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

We're living through a rather turbulent time in the British political landscape! As I write this, Theresa May's Brexit bill was heavily defeated yesterday, while earlier this evening she comfortably won a confidence motion in the House of Commons. By the time you read this, it is likely that the political drama will have unfolded yet further as we head towards Brexit day on Friday, March 29.

Lots of questions float around this... will some kind of deal be cobbled together before the deadline? Will the deadline be extended? Will we be pitched into the potential chaos of a 'no-deal' scenario? And a more ultimate question... will we muddle through but remain an economically prosperous nation, or are we teetering on the edge of much less certain and much less prosperous times?

It's important that those of us who believe in the power of prayer to keep praying. At the very least, politicians on all sides in this situation need all the help they can get! Prayer also changes us as we pray – so that we're better able to respond constructively even if the result doesn't go the way we think it should.



*Is this the end of the road?
If so, what's next?*

Like most Christians, I believe that God is still very much in control whatever happens regarding Brexit. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't mean that we will therefore live the comfortable lives to which we are accustomed despite the political circumstances! Many Christians have known God's faithfulness as a living reality in times that have been much more uncertain and dangerous than we are in at the moment.

So... if you pray, keep praying!

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy
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Men's breakfast now monthly!

They will now be on the 3rd Saturday of every month, 8.45am at the Piper's Inn in Ashcott. The first is on **Sat Feb 16**, with Ashcott's own Henry Routley as our speaker.



Creation Care

Thursdays at 7.30 in Lent
(Mar 14, 21, 28, Apr 4, 11) in
Shapwick church

Our Lent course will focus on the care of creation – a really important topic in today's world, which we need to engage with from a Christian perspective.

Dates for Messy Church 2019

Fri 15th Feb	Fri 24th May
Sat 23rd March	Sat 22nd June
Sat 20th April	Sat 20th July



All are from 4pm until 6pm in Shapwick Church.
Join us for fun activities, crafts, Bible-based songs and stories and a meal at the end.

Church Contacts

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Church Services in February 2019

Sunday 3 February – 5th before Lent (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship
3.30 for 4.00 *Ashcott* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 10 February – 4th before Lent (Green)

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

Friday 15th February

4.00-6.00 *Shapwick* – Messy Church

Sunday 17 February – 3rd before Lent (Green)

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

Sunday 24 February – 2nd before Lent (Green)

10.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion
10.30 *Burtle* Family Communion
4.30 *Edington* Evensong (BCP)

Friday 1 March – Women's World Day of Prayer

7.30 *Chilton Polden* – Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday 3 March – Next before Lent (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Worship
10.30 *Edington* Family Communion
3.30 for 4.00 *Catcott* Praise 'n' Prayer

Wednesday 6th March – Ash Wednesday

7.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion

Sunday 10 March – Lent 1 (Purple)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion
4.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

Sunday Readings for February

3 Feb: Ezekiel 43.27-44.4; Psalm 48; 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 2.22-40
10 Feb: Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-end); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11
17 Feb: Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26
24 Feb: Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25



We're launching a monthly

Service of Quiet

on **Weds Feb 20** at **7pm** in **Catcott** church. The aim is to provide a quiet space for contemplative reflection, for about half an hour. Contact Jackie Parkes or Rich for more details.

Midweek

Holy Communions

Wednesday 27 Feb in Edington School Room at 10am followed by coffee.

Thursdays Feb 7 and 21 in All Saints Church, Ashcott at 10am.

All are welcome.

Diary of Church Events

February

- Tuesday 5th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Friday 8th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Saturday 9th **Chilton Polden:** Annual Book Sale in aid of St. Edward's Church. 10-12 noon in Chilton Polden Church Hall.
- Tuesday 12th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Friday 15th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Polden Rise, Steel Lane, TA7 9HP (Red letter box on corner) 10.30 -12. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. Everyone welcome
- Friday 15th **Shapwick:** Messy Church. 4-6pm.
- Saturday 16th **Ashcott** Men's Breakfast at the Piper's Inn. 8.45am.
- Monday 18th **Shapwick:** Lite Bite 12:30-2pm. In St Mary's Church. Min. donation of £2.50 for a light lunch. All welcome.
- Tuesday 19th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Friday 23rd **Chilton Polden:** Games Afternoon in the Sunday School at 2pm.
- Saturday 23rd **Edington:** Coffee Morning at Kootya, Broadway, TA7 9HA. in aid of St. George's Church. 10.30-12 noon. £1.00. Raffle and Bring and Buy.
- Tuesday 26th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon

March

- Friday 1st **Chilton Polden** Women's World Day of Prayer at St Edwards Church at 7.30pm. If anyone needs a lift please let Anne Lush know on 01278 722408.
- Tuesday 5th **Ashcott:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Cook. 11am-1pm in Village Hall committee room. Choose your pancake topping. Coffee/tea.
- Friday 8th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Friday 15th **Burtle:** Skittles at the Duck. 7pm. Tickets £10 to include supper of lasagne, salad and chips. Call Rosemary on 01278 722321.
- Saturday 16th **Edington:** Coffee Morning at Ivy House, Holywell Road, Edington. TA7 9LD. 10.30-12mid day. £1 entrance. In aid of St. George's Church. Raffle and Bring and Buy.
- Wednesday 20th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Buckfurlong Farm, Manor Road, TA7 9HT. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. All welcome.