

Diary of Church Events

March

- Tuesday 3rd **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Saturday 7th **Catcott/Edington:** Quiz at Edington Village Hall. 7pm. £12 a ticket including a meal. Contact Rosie on 01278 722208 or Sandra on 01278 723720 for tickets.
- Tuesday 10th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 10th **Burtle:** Bible study home group. 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle. 'Women of Faith from the Old Testament – Hannah'
- Thursday 12th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Ruscombe House, Old School Lane, TA7 9HE. 10.30-12. £1 for tea/coffee/cake. Raffle.
- Friday 13th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Monday 16th **Shapwick:** Lite Bite 12:30-2pm. In St Mary's Church. Minimum donation of £3 for a light lunch. All welcome.
- Tuesday 17th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Friday 20th **Burtle:** Skittles evening at the Duck. 7pm. Tickets £12 including a meal from Alison on 01278 723736.
- Saturday 21st **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Piper's Inn. £8. 8.45am. Talk by Andy Watts.
- Tuesday 24th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 24th **Burtle:** Bible study home group. 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle. 'Women of Faith from the Old Testament – Abigail'
- Saturday 28th **Edington** Coffee morning at Ivy House, Holywell Road, TA7 9LD. 10.30-12 midday. £1 entrance. In aid of St. George's Church. Raffle and Bring and Buy.
- Saturday 28th **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm.
- Tuesday 31st **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.

April

- Thursday 9th **Shapwick:** Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion. Tickets £10. Contact Anne Lush on 01278 722408 to book.
- Friday 17th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Friday 24th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Woodstock, Weares Lane, TA7 9HS. 10.30-12. £1 for tea/coffee/cake. Raffle.
- Saturday 25th **Edington** Coffee morning and Gift Day in St. George's Church. 10.30-12 midday. Bring and Buy.

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Hi folks,

Over the last few years, the nature of the job of a vicar has had to change – for reasons that are nation-wide and particularly affect the rural church community. The obvious example here is the amalgamation of the six churches in this area into one parish, the Polden Wheel. In many dioceses, there are groups of about a dozen churches, with just one vicar. This means that we have to adapt the way that we do things.

One of many areas that has had to change is that of pastoral visiting. Gone are the days when one vicar could get to know everyone in his own parish of one or two villages. The challenge is that the pastoral needs of people don't change, but the capacity of one single vicar doesn't increase to match the greater parish size.

That's why the Diocese of Bath & Wells, like many other dioceses, has developed a course for training Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs). In the Polden Wheel, we now have a team of 8 who are trained in this role: each village has at least one trained LPA. The benefit of this is that we now have a more diverse and gifted group than would have been the case with only the vicar being trained.



A major benefit of this is that, if you know someone who would value a visit, we now have a team of people who are appropriately trained who would be able to respond. As our team members each have other commitments, we may not be able to respond as rapidly as we would ideally like, but we will endeavour to do the best we can.

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy

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Church Services in March 2020

Sunday 1 March – Lent 1 (Purple)

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

Friday 6 March – World Day of Prayer

7.30 *Shapwick* World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday 8 March – Lent 2 (Purple)

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

Sunday 15 March – Lent 3 (Purple)

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship and
Celebration for Jan Jones
6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Tuesday 17 March

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

Sunday 22 March – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday (Purple)

10.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion
10.30 *Burtle* Informal Worship
4.30 *Edington* Holy Communion

Saturday 28 March

4.00 *Shapwick* Messy Church

Sunday 29 March – Lent 5 (Purple)

10.30 *Catcott* Family Communion
4.00 *Ashcott* Lay Worship Assistant Commissioning Service

Sunday 5 April – Palm Sunday (Red)

10.30 *Edington* Family Communion
6.00 for 6.30 *Ashcott* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday Readings for March

1 March: Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11
8 March: Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17
15 March: Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42
22 March: Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 34.11-20; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35
29 March: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

Midweek Holy Communions

Wednesday 25 March in
Edington School Room at
10.00am followed by
coffee.

Thursdays 5 and 19
March at All Saints
Church, *Ashcott* at 10am.
All are welcome.

St. Edward's, Chilton Polden Farewell Service and lunch for Reader Jan Jones

15th March

St. Edward's, Chilton Polden are holding
a special farewell service at **10.30am**,
followed by a bring and share lunch at
Chilton Polden Village Hall for Reader
Jan Jones to wish her farewell after 24
years of serving the Polden Wheel.
For details contact Anne Lush on 01278
722408.

World Day of Prayer 2020



'Rise, Take Your Mat and Walk'
March 2020 – Zimbabwe
This year's service will be held on
Friday 6th March at 7.30pm
in *Shapwick* Church.
For more details contact Alison on
01278 723736.
All are welcome.

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion

April 9 at 7pm in
Shapwick Church.



Tickets £10
Contact Anne Lush on
01278 722408 to book.



Everyday Faith Everywhere

Tuesdays in Lent at 7.30
March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
At *Shapwick* Church

The Lent course this year is based on the
Everyday Faith Campaign to help people find
and follow God in everyday life.

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