

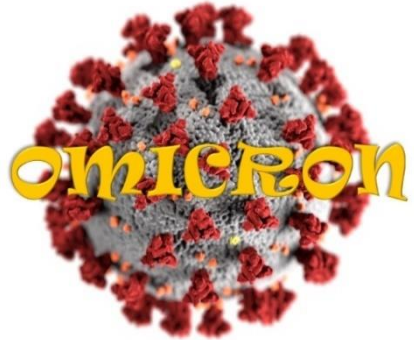
FEBRUARY 2022

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

We're beginning to see the first glimmerings of the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. The omicron variant is genuinely weaker than others, and we might be seeing signs of the virus becoming – in years to come – like a bad cold. Meanwhile, a friend of mine (who was anti-vax) is on life support – a stark reminder of the current seriousness of the disease.



As we emerge from the pandemic, there will be plenty of discussion about whether the right decisions were taken by the Government, by the Church of England and by other organisations. At the moment there's a lot of attention on what was or was not happening at the Prime Minister's house in Downing Street, and whether he himself was involved. This is not about whether the right policies were being taken in combatting the virus, but about the integrity of those making the rules.

If those making the rules then break them flagrantly, it seriously undermines the confidence of the wider population. People will be less inclined to follow the rules, giving the police a harder job enforcing the rules while at the same time being disillusioned by the double-standards of policy-makers. It then becomes part of a downward spiral. The personal integrity of lawmakers is therefore absolutely vital.

Fortunately, our relationship with God does not depend on fallible human beings – because God is utterly trustworthy, no matter what our personal circumstances. If our lives have an anchor in God, then we can withstand the storms of life.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk



Our first Messy Church in 2022 is on

Saturday 12th February
from 4pm until 6pm
in Shapwick Church.

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

Bible study on
The Kingdom of God

Tuesdays at 7:30pm via Zoom from Jan 25th
Thursdays at 2:30pm in-person from Jan 27th
Contact Rich for more details

The poster features a background image of a golden wheat field under a blue sky with white clouds. The text is in yellow and white.

The Ashcott Big Breakfast

Sat 12 Feb 9-11 am

Ashcott village hall

£7 (children

half price)

for full English,

cereals, juice and as much

coffee and toast as you want. All welcome.



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Church Services in February 2022

Sunday 6 February 4 before Lent (Green)

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion

11.00 *Zoom* Informal Worship

Sunday 13 February 3 before Lent (Green)

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

4.00 *Edington* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 20 February 2 before Lent (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Sunday 27 February Sunday Next before Lent (Green)

9.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* Informal Worship

11.00 *Edington* Informal Worship

6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Wednesday 2 March – Ash Wednesday

7.30 *Edington* Holy Communion

Sunday 6 March Lent 1 (Purple)

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion

11.00 *Zoom* Informal Worship

Sunday 13 March Lent 2 (Purple)

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

4.00 *Edington* Holy Communion (CW)

Please note that all churches will be well ventilated so please wear warm clothing.

Midweek Holy Communion

**Weds February 23rd at
10am in Edington Church.**



Service of Quiet

**Tuesday February 15th at
7pm in Catcott church.**

This will be a quiet space
for contemplative
reflection for half an hour.

To access our Zoom services, please visit the Polden Wheel website and complete the online form. You will then be added to the list for future services.

Readings for February

6 February: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

13 February: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

20 February: 1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50; Luke 6.27-38

27 February: 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2; Luke 9.28-36(37-43a)

Diary of Church Events

February

- Tues 1st **Zoom** 7.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study.
- Wed 2nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thurs 3rd 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study. Venue to be arranged.
- Tues 8th **Zoom** 7.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study.
- Wed 9th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thurs 10th 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study. Venue to be arranged.
- Sat 12th **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £7 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.
- Sat 12th **Shapwick** Messy Church. 4-6pm.
- Tues 15th **Zoom** 7.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study.
- Wed 16th **Catcott:** Coffee morning 10.30 – 12 noon at 8, Hector Road, Catcott, TA7 9HL. £2 entry to include coffee and cake. Raffle.
- Wed 16th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thurs 17th 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study. Venue to be arranged.
- Sat 19th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Holywell House, Hollywell Road, TA7 9LB. 10.30 to 12 noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle.
- Tues 22nd **Zoom** 7.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study.
- Wed 23rd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thurs 24th 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study. Venue to be arranged.

March

- Tues 1st **Ashcott:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Bake in Ashcott Village Hall Committee room 10.00am -12.00 noon. Pancakes with choice of fillings. Tea/coffee. Raffle.
- Wed 2nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 9th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Friday 11th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.