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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

FEBRUARY 2023

Hi folks,

We Brits have an amazing capacity to talk about the weather – and it’s hardly surprising given how unexpectedly eventful it often is! Today, as I write, a double-decker bus turned over near Cannington because of the ice on the roads; and there’s lots of flooding in the area, most obviously south of the Poldens.

Our lives can be like that as well – the unexpected weather in our lives can change things dramatically. For example, it could be a health crisis, a death in the family or a job change – or something entirely external, like the current cost-of-living crisis having a big impact on someone.

That’s why a relationship with God can be really important. God never promises us an easy life (despite what we’d like to think) – but he does promise to be with us in the crises, and to help us navigate the problems that we have. If this is something which you’d like to find out more about for yourself, I’d be delighted if you’d like to get in touch!

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy
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*Flooding between West Lyng and North Curry,
Jan 16, 2023. Drone photo ©Dan Smith*

Events in Ashcott in February

The Ashcott Big Breakfast

Sat **11 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.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Bake

Tuesday **21 Feb** 10 -12 noon.

Ashcott Village Hall Committee room.

Pancakes with

choice of fillings.

Tea/coffee. Raffle.



Men's breakfast

Saturday 18 February

Venue TBD

(Contact Rich)

Full cooked breakfast with
tea, coffee and toast

Our speaker will be

Eddie Wills

- a chaplain with the Royal
Navy based at Yeovilton

Ann Cattermole RIP

At the end of January, our former lay reader, Ann Cattermole, passed away. She had served the Polden Wheel Churches with great dedication for many years, including being a churchwarden and bellringer in Shapwick. Recently, she moved her spiritual home to the Roman Catholic church in Glastonbury.

Church Contacts

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Church Services

Sunday 5th February 3rd before Lent (Green)

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

Sunday 12th February 2nd before Lent (Green)

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion
9.30 *Edington* Holy Communion
11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship with Baptism

Sunday 19th February Sunday Next Before Lent (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday

7.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion

Sunday 26th February Lent 1 (Purple)

9.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion
11.00 *Burtle* Informal Worship
11.00 *Edington* Informal Worship
6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Sunday 5th March Lent 2 (Purple)

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

**Midweek Holy
Communion**
Wed Feb 22nd at 10am
in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tuesday February
21st at 7pm in
Catcott church.

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

Readings

5th Feb: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12[13-16]; Matthew 5.13-20
12th Feb: Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-34
19th Feb: 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9
22nd Feb: 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6,16-21
26th Feb: Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

Diary of Church Events

February

- Wed 1st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 8th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 10th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Sat 11th **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.
- Wed 15th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 18th Men's breakfast. Venue TBD (contact Rich). Speaker will be Eddie Wills, Chaplain with the Royal Navy, Yeovilton
- Tues 21st **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 22nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 24th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Westleigh, Brook Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HG. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2.
- Sat 25th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Kootya, Broadway, Edington. 10.30 to 12 noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle.

March

- Wed 1st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 8th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 10th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Fri 10th **Burtle:** Quiz and social evening at the Duck at 7pm. Tickets £15 to include supper. Available from Café Burtle or from Rosemary on 01278 722321.

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