

## Diary of Church Events

### January

- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> **Catcott:** Afternoon tea for Andrew Gordon Clark to thank him for his service to the church on his retirement from organ playing duties at Littlewoods Farm, Scotts Lane, Catcott TA7 9HX at 3 pm. Please RSVP to Martin Melia 01278 722808. All welcome.
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £8 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at 15, Steel Lane, TA7 9HW. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2 plus raffle.
- Wed 31<sup>st</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

### February

- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome



**JANUARY 2024**

Hi folks,

Last January, we ran the course **Invitation to Explore** for the first time. I had been a bit anxious beforehand about whether it would work: but we had ten guests to our first session, and similar numbers for the other two. We're therefore running it again: and because of how well it worked last time, I'm confident that it will be an enjoyable experience for all our guests this time!

The aim of the course is to provide an opportunity for guests to begin to explore for themselves whether Christianity might be relevant and true. We begin with a full meal. We then have a short video (about 10 minutes), which has been set in a local context (a key feature of the course!). We then have a time of discussion afterwards. The three sessions are called "Is it relevant?"; "Is it true?" and "What's in it for me?"

So – if this course appeals to you in any way, do come. If you just want to try the first session before committing to anything more, that's fine as well. Please let me know beforehand, though, so that the caterers can have a reliable set of numbers.

Every blessing,  
Rich Tweedy

A poster for the 'Invitation to Explore' course. The background is a scenic view of a green valley with a church in the distance. The text is in yellow and white. The main title is 'Invitation to Explore'. Below it, it says 'Shapwick Church' and 'Thursdays, 7pm'. The dates '11, 18 &amp; 25 January' are listed, followed by 'with full meal'. To the right, it says 'A gentle introduction to Christianity, set in a local context.' and 'Is it relevant? Is it true? What's in it for me?'. At the bottom right, it says 'To book, email Rich: vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk'.

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Thank you once again for supporting the Foodbank collections over 2023. Through our Harvest Festival Collections we were able to send in a cheque for £445.50 and our Goods Collection for the year totalled 725 kg. We continue to collect in 2024 via the collection points in our churches.

### The Ashcott Big Breakfast

Sat 20 Jan 9-11 am  
Ashcott village hall

£8 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want. All welcome.



### St Peter's Church, Catcott

Friday 19 Jan 3pm  
Afternoon tea for Andrew Gordon Clark to thank him for his service to the church at **Littlewoods Farm, Scotts Lane, Catcott TA7 9HX.** Please RSVP to Martin Melia on 01278 722808. All welcome.



## Church Services

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| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | <b>Epiphany (White)</b>                   |
| 9.30 <i>Catcott</i>                    | Holy Communion (BCP)                      |
| 11.00 <i>Chilton Polden</i>            | Informal Worship                          |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | <b>Baptism of Christ (White)</b>          |
| 9.30 <i>Burtle</i>                     | Holy Communion                            |
| 11.00 <i>Ashcott</i>                   | Informal Worship                          |
| 4.00 <i>Edington</i>                   | Holy Communion                            |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>  | <b>Epiphany 3 (White)</b>                 |
| 10.00 <i>Shapwick</i>                  | Café Church                               |
| 10.30 <i>Chilton Polden</i>            | Holy Communion                            |
| 4.00 <i>Catcott</i>                    | Baptism                                   |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent (Green)</b> |
| 9.30 <i>Shapwick</i>                   | Holy Communion                            |
| 11.00 <i>Burtle</i>                    | Informal Worship                          |
| 6.30 <i>Ashcott</i>                    | Holy Communion                            |
| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent (Green)</b> |
| 9.30 <i>Catcott</i>                    | Holy Communion (BCP)                      |
| 11.00 <i>Chilton Polden</i>            | Informal Worship                          |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>Next before Lent (Green)</b>           |
| 9.30 <i>Burtle</i>                     | Holy Communion                            |
| 11.00 <i>Ashcott</i>                   | Informal Worship                          |
| 4.00 <i>Edington</i>                   | Holy Communion                            |

### Midweek Holy Communion

Wed January 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 10am  
in Edington Church.



### Service of Quiet

Tuesday  
January 16<sup>th</sup> at  
7pm in Catcott church.

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

## Church Contacts

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| Vicar:                         | Rev Rich Tweedy         | 01458 210260                          |
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| All Saints, Ashcott:           | John Harvey             | 01458 210562                          |
| St. Philip & St James, Burtle: | Alison Everett          | 01278 723736                          |
| St Peter's, Catcott:           | Martin Melia            | 01278 722808                          |
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| St George's, Edington:         | Rosie Tilbury           | 01278 722208                          |
| St Mary's, Shapwick:           | Rosemary Hargreaves     | 01458 210533                          |

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## Readings

**7<sup>th</sup> January:** Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12  
**14<sup>th</sup> January:** Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11  
**21<sup>st</sup> January:** Revelation 19.6-10; John 2.1-11  
**28<sup>th</sup> January:** Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Mark 1.21-28