

JULY/AUGUST 2021

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

In early June a local friend texted me to say that a River Warbler had appeared at Ham Wall – the first in England for ten years. It was a Saturday and the sermon still needed to be written, but on Sunday, after the services were over, I ~~speed~~ drove carefully over there. It was a bird you could hear before seeing it – a loud grasshopper-like trill – but it wasn't hard to spot, either, as it had conveniently decided to perch close to the footpath to the Avalon Hide. Even luckier for me – it decided to land on a reed almost opposite where I was standing!

The thought struck me then – what if church were to be more like this? What if we were habitually on the alert for where the Holy Spirit might be particularly evident and acting powerfully? What if we were more like expectant birders responding to a new rarity, going straight to where we might experience more of God's acting in power? Sometimes events do occur which appear to be inspired by the Holy Spirit – will we be among the expectant ones or among the sceptics?



Regular weekly worship is really important – I wouldn't be a vicar if I didn't believe this passionately! (Likewise, rare birds wouldn't be discovered without birdwatchers regularly monitoring their local patches, day by day, week by week!) But I wonder what it would be like if, alongside our regular worship, we were more expectant for God in his grace to act powerfully in unexpected ways, in unexpected places – and then to respond to this with eagerness?

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk



Café Church is back!

at the **Shapwick Cricket Pavilion**
every 3rd Sunday of the month

Next one: **August 15 at 10:30am**

Cream Teas in July



17th July: Cream teas on the lawn at Catcott Burtle Farm, Burtle, TA7 8NE at 2.30pm Please call Rosemary to book on 01278 722321.

24th July: Cream teas at Holywell House, Holywell Road, Edington, TA7 9 LB from 3 to 4.30pm. Please call Rosie on 01278 722208 to book.

Booking is required due to the current restrictions.

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Church Services in July and August 2021

Sunday 4 July – Trinity 5 (Green)

- 9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (*Patronal and new organ dedication*)
11.00 Informal Worship via Zoom

Sunday 11 July - Trinity 6 (Green)

- 9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion
11.00 *Edington* Informal Worship
11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship
11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship with baptism

Sunday 18 July – Trinity 7 (Green)

- 11.00 *Shapwick* Informal Worship
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Sunday 25 July – Trinity 8 (Green)

- 11.00 *Burtle* Informal Worship
11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship
6.30 *Edington* Holy Communion

Sunday 1 August – Trinity 9 (Green)

- 9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion
11.00 Informal Worship via Zoom

Sunday 8 August – Trinity 10 (Green)

- 11.00 *Edington* Holy Communion

Sunday 15 August – Trinity 11 (Green)

- 10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion
11.00 *Shapwick* Café Church

Sunday 22 August- Trinity 12 (Green)

- 11.00 *Burtle* Holy Communion

Sunday 29 August – Trinity 13 (Green)

- 11.00 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Midweek Holy Communion

Weds 10am 28 July and 25 August in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tues July 20 and August 17 at 7pm in **Catcott** church.

This will be a quiet space for contemplative reflection for about 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 July and August

4 July: Acts 9:32-43

11 July: Acts 12:1-18

18 July: Mark 6:30 – 44

25 July: Mark 6:45 - 56

1 August: Acts 15:1-21

8 August: Acts 16:16-40

15 August: Acts 16:6-15

22 August: Acts 17:16-34

29 August: Acts 18:1-17

Diary of Church Events

July

- Saturday 3rd **Chilton Polden:** Jolly Jumble. Villagers are invited to display unwanted items for sale on tables outside their houses then people circulate around the village making purchases, paying an amount that they think an item is worth. The proceeds are then donated either to a charity or the church funds.
- Sat 3rd/Sun 4th **Catcott:** St Peter's Gift Day. 10 – 4pm. Church will be open and refreshments will be served outside.
Also patronal service and dedication of the new organ at 9.30 on Sunday 4th.
- Saturday 17th **Burtle:** Cream teas on the lawn at Catcott Burtle Farm, TA7 8NE at 2.30pm. Please call Rosemary to book on 01278 722321.
- Saturday 24th **Edington:** Cream Tea 3-4.30pm at Holywell House, Holywell Road, TA7 9LB. Bring and Buy and Raffle. Please call Rosie on 01278 722208 to book.
- Wednesday 28th **Catcott:** Coffee morning 10.30 – 12 noon at Buck Furlong Farm, Manor Road, Catcott, TA7 9HT.

August

- Saturday 7th **Burtle:** 'Pip 'n' Jay' Classique Car Road Run for church funds at 11am. £30 to enter to include a bacon bap at the start and cream tea to finish. Contact Rosemary Tucker on 01278 722321 or rosemary.tucker@btconnect.com for tickets and details.
- Saturday 14th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Church House, The Walls, TA7 9JU. 10.30 – 12 noon. £1. Bring and buy and raffle.

Important information about all our church services

We regret that due to the current restrictions all churches will be unheated and well ventilated, so please dress appropriately. Masks must be worn and there will be no singing until the restrictions have been lifted.