

MARCH 2022

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

The start of March happens to be Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Lent season. This is when many Christians prepare for the celebration of Easter by some small act of partial fasting, such as giving up cake or chocolates. I've never been the most enthusiastic advocate of this aspect of Lent although it is undoubtedly important and valuable if done for the right reasons.

One year I decided that, as I don't generally eat many sweet things, I should give up cake, biscuits and chocolate, and was convinced it would be easy. Until I started it.



Every day that Lent, someone presented me with really good quality cakes or biscuits, usually home-made. It was hard. The only time I succumbed was when a five year-old offered me a chocolate brownie.

The lockdowns and other restrictions during the Covid pandemic have given many of us an enforced fast from things we usually take for granted – such as normal social contact, and singing aloud in church. This has been hard for all of us. However, like any fast – voluntary or compulsory – we gain from it if the deprivation makes us value what we've lost more highly, so that we're less inclined to take these things for granted when normality is restored.

One of the activities at Messy Church this month was to fill a jar with suggestions for 40 acts of kindness during Lent. Given how much involuntary deprivation we've had to endure, perhaps we should take a similar approach to how we celebrate Lent this year?

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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THANK YOU for supporting us in 2021 via our collection points to donate 634 kg of provisions to Bridgwater Foodbank. We continue to collect in 2022. Our current collection points are:

Ashcott Church **Burtle Church Porch**
Chilton Polden Sunday School Room Porch
Catcott Church Porch **Edington Church**



Our next Messy Church in 2022 is on **Saturday 5th March** from 4pm until 6pm in Shapwick Church.

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

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The first in 2022 is on **Sat March 26th**
at 8.45am at the Albion Inn in Ashcott.
The speaker will be Charles Hunt.



WANTED!

Plants and cuttings for St George's
Edington's Gift Day plant sale on 23rd April.

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Church Services in March 2022

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)

Sunday 20 March

Lent 3 (Purple)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Sunday 27 March

Lent 4 Mothering Sunday (Purple)

9.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* Informal Worship

11.00 *Edington* Informal Worship

6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Sunday 3 April

Lent 5 (Purple)

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion

11.00 *Zoom* Informal Worship

Sunday 10 April

Palm Sunday (Red)

11.00 *Ashcott* Holy Communion



Service of Quiet

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

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

Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday March 23rd at
10am in *Edington Church*.

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

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 March

6 March: Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

13 March: Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

20 March: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

27 March: Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35

Diary of Church Events

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.
- 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 **Shapwick** 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study at the vicarage.
- Sat 5th **Chilton Polden:** Used book sale with refreshments and Fairtrade raffle in St Edward's church 10am – 12 noon.
- Sat 5th **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm in the church. Theme of Spring.
- 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 **Shapwick** 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study at the vicarage.
- Friday 11th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Tues 15th **Zoom** 7.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study.
- Wed 16th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Thurs 17th **Catcott:** Coffee morning 10.30 – 12 noon at Littlewood Farm, 2, Scotts Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HX. £2 entry to include coffee and cake. Raffle. Parking at the bottom of the garden.
- Thurs 17th **Shapwick** 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study at the vicarage.
- 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 **Shapwick** 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study at the vicarage.
- Friday 25th **Burtle:** Quiz and meal at the Duck. £14 for tickets from Rosemary on 01278 722321.
- Sat 26th **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Albion Inn at 8.45am. Speaker is Charles Hunt.
- Tues 29th **Zoom** 7.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study.
- Wed 30th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thurs 31st **Shapwick** 2.30pm. 'The Kingdom of God' Bible study at the vicarage.

April

- Wed 6th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Friday 8th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 13th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.