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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

**MARCH 2023**

Hi folks,

Pep Guardiola is often in the news for the performances of his team, Manchester City. However, in the middle of February he made news for a different reason: firstly, for an offensive remark he made about Steven Gerrard, and secondly for his rapid and wholehearted apology. He said: "I apologise to Steven Gerrard for my unnecessary and stupid comments... I am ashamed of myself for what I said because he [Gerrard] doesn't deserve it."



*Photo of Pep Guardiola  
Wikipedia image from football.ua*

We're all prone to making daft comments or doing idiotic things. Fortunately, most of us are not subject to media scrutiny, nor do we have to apologise at a press conference. But the stupid things we do and say have consequences for those on the receiving end.

That's really what Lent's about – facing up to the stupid things that we do, and being honest with God about them. That can sound quite intimidating – but it is in God's character to be gracious. What he wants from us is honesty about our shortcomings, without false pretence – what we get from him is not punishment, but restoration, revitalisation and re-ignoration.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy  
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*PS of all his media coverage, making the front page of Spokes is probably the least of his achievements, especially as he is probably an atheist...*

**THANK YOU** for supporting us in 2022 via our collection points to donate 730kg of provisions (as well as £459 collected at our harvest celebrations) for Bridgwater Foodbank. We continue to collect in 2023. There are collection points in **Ashcott, Burtle, Catcott, Edington** and **Shapwick** churches and in **Chilton Polden's** Sunday School Room Porch.

*Most needed are tins of meat, fish, tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, rice and sponge puddings, biscuits and snack bars, toiletries, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, instant coffee, instant mash, jams and spreads and cartons of fruit juice.*



## Men's breakfast

**Saturday 4 March**

The Albion Inn  
(a re-arranged date)

Full cooked breakfast with  
tea, coffee and toast

Our speaker will be  
Eddie Wills  
- a chaplain with the Royal  
Navy based at Yeovilton

## WANTED!

Plants and cuttings for  
Gift Day plant sale for  
St George's Edington  
on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

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## Church Services

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

9.30 *Catcott*  
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

### Lent 2 (Purple)

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Informal Worship

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

9.30 Burtle  
9.30 Edington  
11.00 Ashcott

### Lent 3 (Purple)

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Informal Worship

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

10.00 Shapwick  
10.30 Chilton Polden

### Mothering Sunday (Purple)

Café Church  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

9.30 Shapwick  
11.00 Burtle  
11.00 Edington  
18.30 Ashcott

### Lent 5 (Purple)

Holy Communion  
Informal Worship  
Informal Worship  
Holy Communion (CW)

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

9.30 Catcott  
11.00 Chilton Polden

### Palm Sunday (Red)

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Informal Worship

### Midweek Holy Communion

Wed March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am  
in Edington Church.



### Service of Quiet

Tuesday March  
21st at 7pm in  
Catcott church.

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

## Readings

5<sup>th</sup> March: Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

12<sup>th</sup> March: Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

19<sup>th</sup> March: Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

26<sup>th</sup> March: Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

## Diary of Church Events

### March

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints in aid of the Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Disaster Fund. 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> **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.
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Court Farm, Steel Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HW. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2.
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> **Edington:** Coffee morning at Little Orchard, The Walls, Edington, TA7 9JU. 10.30 to 12 noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle.
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

### April

- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.

### Ashcott coffee morning

In aid of the **Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Relief Fund** on **4<sup>th</sup> March 10-12** in **All Saints Church**. All are welcome.

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